

## Legal Notice of Public Information Meeting

The City of La Porte and the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday April 13, 2021 regarding the North-South Corridor Project, formerly referred to as the LaPorte Economic Development Corridor and the North-South Connector Project, along the east side of the City of La Porte. The meeting will be held at the La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, IN 46350. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM CST and conclude by 7:30 PM CST. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. The capacity of the meeting will be limited to 100 people. Project team members will wear face masks and project displays will be placed six feet apart. Meeting attendees will be required to wear face masks. Disposable face masks will be provided if attendees do not bring their own mask. Hand sanitizer will be available.

The purpose of this public information meeting is to provide a project update, review the results of the Alternatives Screening Document, and present the Recommended Preferred Alternatives. Since the project is utilizing federal funds, an Environmental Assessment is being prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), with oversight from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is responsible for ensuring the environmental process complies with NEPA.

The proposed project is evaluating potential routes for a new roadway corridor along the east side of La Porte beginning around the intersection of Boyd Avenue and US 35 and extending north to near Interstate 80 (I-80) and State Road 39 (SR 39).

The meeting will be one hour and begin with an informal open house session for 15 minutes, followed by a 25-minute formal presentation, and concluding with a 20-minute informal open house. The informal open house session will provide the public an opportunity to view project maps and displays and to interact with the project team. No formal comment period will occur, however; comment forms will be available for those wishing to provide a comment.

For those unable to attend the in-person presentation session, the presentation will be broadcast live on the City of La Porte's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityoflaporte>) and YouTube Channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa\\_d\\_hFgRVIVMvf-awrmLKg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa_d_hFgRVIVMvf-awrmLKg/videos)). A prerecording of the presentation as well as meeting handouts and displays will be available on the day of the meeting on the project website (<https://www.laportecorridor.com/>).

Project information including the Alternatives Screening Document, the pre-recorded presentation, meeting displays, meeting handouts, and comment forms will be available on the project website (<https://www.laportecorridor.com/>) by the day of the meeting (April 13, 2021).

Comments on the proposed project will be accepted for approximately 30 days after the Public Information Meeting. Comment forms will also be made available at the City Building (801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN 46350) and the County Complex (809 State St, La Porte, IN 46350). Comments can be returned to Ruth Hook via mail at 112 W. Jefferson Blvd, Suite 500, South Bend, IN 46601, or via email

to [rhook@lochgroup.com](mailto:rhook@lochgroup.com). In addition, there will be deposit boxes for the comments at the City and County Buildings. Last day for comments will be May 14, 2021.

Any person with limited internet access may request a hard copy of the project information. Please contact Ruth Hook at [RHook@lochgroup.com](mailto:RHook@lochgroup.com) or at 317-334-6816.

In accordance with the “Americans with Disabilities Act”, if you have disability for which the City of La Porte and LaPorte County would need to provide accommodations pertaining to the accessibility to program documents and participation at the public meeting or if you are a person of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring assistance pertaining to accessing project documents and participating at the public meeting venue, please contact either of the following persons:

- Sarah Nimetz at 219-362-2327 or [snimetz@cityoflaportein.gov](mailto:snimetz@cityoflaportein.gov)
- Jay Sullivan at 219-326-6808 or [jsullivan@laportecounty.org](mailto:jsullivan@laportecounty.org)
- Ruth Hook at 317-334-6816 or [rhook@lochgroup.com](mailto:rhook@lochgroup.com)

This notice is published in compliance with Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.111(h) entitled “Early Coordination, Public Involvement and Project Development,” and the *INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures Manual*, approved by the Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation, on August 16, 2012.