

DES. NO. 1702837
LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The City of Plymouth and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are planning to proceed with the rehabilitation of a pedestrian footbridge (Bridge No. 5) connecting East LaPorte Street over the Yellow River in the City Plymouth in Marshall County, Indiana. The footbridge is located approximately 360 feet west of Liberty Street and connects East LaPorte Street to River Park Square.

The purpose of this project is to extend the useful life of the structure to 30 years and decrease the lateral deflections that can occur on the bridge. The need for the project stems from the deteriorated condition of Bridge No. 5 and the significant lateral deflections the bridge experiences.

The preferred alternative for the project will involve replacing the timber decking with new composite decking. The existing floorbeams and stringers will also be replaced. All exposed steel components will have any pack rust removed and then cleaned and painted. The project will also involve updating the bridge approaches for better pedestrian access. New lighting will be installed along the railing and along the truss members of the bridge for pedestrian safety. This lighting will be installed in a way that it can be removed if needed. Existing bank protection on the east bank of the Yellow River will be removed and replaced with new riprap. Additionally, new riprap will be placed around each bridge pier and along the cut bank along the west side of the Yellow River. The project will also involve the clearing of 14 trees within the project area.

No new permanent or temporary right-of-way will be required. No relocations will occur as a result of the project.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) requires the closure of the pedestrian path across the structure during construction. A pedestrian detour utilizing Liberty Street, Garro Street, and River Street will be established. Access to all drives will be maintained during construction. The detour is expected to last approximately 12 months.

This project will impact a total of 79.3 linear feet (0.1 acre) of the Yellow River. The cost associated with this project is approximately \$1,990,450.00 which includes preliminary engineering and construction with both federal and local funds anticipated to be used. This project is being processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 document due to impacts to Cultural Resources.

The preliminary design plans and the CE-2 are available for review at the following location:

City of Plymouth website – <http://www.plymouthin.com>

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact City Attorney for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Sean Surrisi at (574) 936-6717 or at cityattorney@plymouthin.com. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the City Attorney.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Chris Kunkel at 317-334-6818 or at ckunkel@lochgroup.com on or before

February 19, 2021. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed by contacting Chris Kunkel.

This notice is published in compliance with Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.11(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.