

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – DES. NO. 2200176
I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project, Lebanon, Boone County, IN**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will convene a public information meeting for the I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2200176) on **Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Lebanon High School, 510 Tiger Way, Lebanon, IN 46052. Please enter through Athletics Entrance (Door 5).** The format of the meeting will feature a formal short presentation to begin at 7:00 PM with an informal open house session starting immediately following the formal presentation. The open house session will provide the public an opportunity to view project exhibits and displays, as well as interact with the project team. **The purpose of the public information meeting is to obtain the public's views regarding the proposed project.**

Please note that the content and discussion at this meeting will only be regarding INDOT's I-65 and US 52 Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2200176).

The need for the proposed project is evidenced by the lack of access due to the partial I-65/US 52 interchange that only provides I-65 northbound to US 52 westbound access and US 52 eastbound to I-65 southbound access. I-65 traffic must utilize the SR 47 and SR 32 interchanges to reach the areas east and west of I-65 near the US 52 interchange, as well as utilize less direct routes through low-speed residential areas and downtown Lebanon. Additionally, increased traffic congestion is expected due to the planned LEAP Innovation and Research District being developed east and west of I-65, north of Lebanon, that is anticipated to be a large traffic generator and includes the Eli Lilly and Company campus that is anticipated to be constructed by 2025. Due to the increased traffic congestion from this development, the I-65/US 52 interchange under existing conditions is expected to operate at a level of service (LOS) F (unacceptable) in the 2035 and the 2045 (design year) AM peak hours. LOS is a scale (A through F) which classifies operating conditions of roads. In general, the operating conditions of roads are considered acceptable if found to operate at LOS D or better.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide improved mobility and direct access to the areas east and west of I-65, north of Lebanon, as well as increase the LOS of the I-65/ US 52 interchange to LOS D or better.

Additionally, the meeting presentation and exhibits will be posted online prior to the meeting at the project's website (www.52at65.com) and comments can be submitted through the website as well. INDOT respectfully asks that all comments be submitted by October 2, 2023.

With advance notice, INDOT can provide special accommodation for persons with differing abilities, limited English speaking ability, and/or persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodations be needed please contact Sarah Everhart, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or email severhart@structurepoint.com by August 28, 2023.

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