



## **LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

DLZ Indiana, LLC (DLZ) is developing plans for proposed Hawpatch Street Reconstruction in LaGrange, Indiana. The project is located in Section 30 of Township 37 North, Range 10 East in LaGrange County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to improve the roadway condition by reconstructing the roadway and to improve safety conditions by realigning the Hawpatch Street/South Townline Road intersection. The project will also provide pedestrian access by installing sidewalk along the whole length of Hawpatch Street. The pavement section will be improved to resist damage due to truck and horse and buggy traffic loadings. The need for the project is due to Hawpatch Street's current PASER rating of 2 due to heavy truck and horse and buggy traffic. The existing sidewalks along Hawpatch Street are in fair to poor condition due to damage by weather, time and vegetation, and do not provide access to portions of Hawpatch Street.

The improvements will consist of the reconstruction of Hawpatch Street between South Townline Road and US 20/Central Avenue with a typical section of two 12-foot lanes of asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk on both sides of the road. The intersection with South Townline Road will be realigned to create a right-angle intersection between the roadways. Additional improvements include installation of a new storm sewer system that will collect drainage from Hawpatch Street and outfall into the existing storm sewer outfalls at Bell street and Seymour Street. The existing street approaches along Hawpatch Street (within the project limits) will be improved by installing new asphalt pavement with curb and gutter along the radii. The total project length is approximately 0.63 miles.

The proposed construction of this project will require 0.83 acre of new permanent right-of-way and 0.67 acre of temporary right-of-way. No displacement of residents or businesses will be involved with this project. There are no wetlands or streams anticipated to be impacted as part of this project.

It is intended to construct this project by closing Hawpatch Street in 2 phases with the dividing point being near the intersection with Orchard Hill Drive. A detour route will be posted. The contractor will be required to maintain access to all properties during construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is 2023.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$3.3 million which includes construction cost with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. On August 13, 2020, INDOT, on behalf of the FHWA, issued a Section 106 finding of "No Adverse Effect" pertaining to historic properties.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review in the following formats:

1. Online – [www.lagrangein.org](http://www.lagrangein.org)
2. Physical – 1201 N. Townline Road

3. Postal Service – Any individual may request the documents to be mailed to their address. To request these documents, please contact Phil LaBrash at [plabrash@dlz.com](mailto:plabrash@dlz.com).

**All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Phil LaBrash, Project Manager at DLZ Indiana, LLC, 825 South Barr Street Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46802, or emailing [plabrash@dlz.com](mailto:plabrash@dlz.com) on or before June 25, 2021.**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you have a disability for which an accommodation needs to be provided, please contact Mr. LaBrash at the address/e-mail listed above by June 22, 2021. 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 Mr. LaBrash at the address/e-mail listed above by June 22, 2021.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, “Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program.”; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, “Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate.”; and 3) The INDOT *Public Involvement Policies and Procedures* approved by the Federal Highway Administration on August 16, 2012.