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I-69 Section 6 Hosts Public Meetings May 18 and 19, Open House and Public-Comment Sessions Included

INDIANAPOLIS (May 6, 2015) – The Indiana Department of Transportation announced today it will host two public meetings in the coming weeks to share information and collect public comment on the transportation needs and route alternatives being considered in the environmental-impact study for Interstate 69 from Martinsville to Indianapolis, known formally as Section 6.

The first meeting will take place on May 18 at Center Grove North Middle School, 202 N. Morgantown Rd. in Greenwood. The second meeting will occur on May 19 at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St. in Martinsville. Doors will open for both meetings at 5:30 p.m. with an open house session, followed by a formal presentation and public comment session in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings will cover two important project topics: the draft purpose and need and conceptual alternatives. The draft purpose and need describes the transportation-related needs that the project is designed to address. It establishes the basis for developing a range of reasonable alternatives in the environmental-impact study and assists in the identification and eventual selection of a preferred alternative.

The conceptual alternatives being considered for the project are based upon INDOT project-team analysis of the feedback previously collected from the public and resource agencies in February 2015.

Written comments, special accommodations

The public may submit advance comments prior to the meeting. Those comments can be submitted using the comment form at www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm and by contacting I-69 Section 6 directly at 317-881-6408 or section6pm@indot.in.gov. The public can also visit the I-69 Section project office located at 7847 Waverly Road, Martinsville, IN 46151. The office will be open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed on state holidays. The deadline for public comments for this phase of the project is June 2, 2015.

Special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Anyone with such needs should contact Rickie Clark, INDOT's office of public involvement, at 317-232-6601 or rclark@indot.in.gov.

Surveying begins along S.R. 37

Property owners and motorists may see an increasing variety of environmental field work in the coming weeks along S.R. 37 between Martinsville and Indianapolis as part of the second phase of the environmental-impact

study. Letters were mailed to impacted property owners in February before the field work began. Landowners are welcome to request photo identification showing the I-69 logo before surveyors enter private property.

About I-69

The new Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana, and will connect an entire region with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare.

The 142-mile I-69 corridor is divided into six sections. The first three sections opened for business in November 2012, saving motorists more than 30 minutes of travel time between Evansville and Crane. I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington is expected to open to traffic by the end of this year. I-69 Development Partners is rehabilitating and upgrading the existing State Road 37 between Bloomington and Martinsville into I-69 Section 5.

In fall of 2014, I-69 Section 6 resumed the second phase (Tier 2) of a two-part environmental-impact study that began in 1999 to determine a selected route for I-69 Section 6. The second phase, required by federal law, will study the route aligned with State Road 37, which was selected in 2004 during the first phase (Tier 1) of the environmental study. Due to the potential for significant impacts or changed conditions since 2004, this second phase will study a range of different routes.

For more information about the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project, visit www.i69indyevn.org

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