

FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Road No./County:	North (N.) Hamburg Road (Rd) /Franklin
Designation Number(s):	1703013
Project Description/Termini:	Bridge Replacement of Franklin County Bridge 31 over Bull Fork Salt Creek on N. Hamburg Rd, 2.9 miles (mi.) south of Stipps Hill Rd, from 510 feet (ft) north to 515 ft south of the center of the bridge


X	Categorical Exclusion, Level 2 – Required Signatories: INDOT DE and/or INDOT ESD
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 3 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD
	Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA
	Environmental Assessment (EA) – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA
	Additional Investigation (AI) – The proposed action included a design change from the original approved environmental document. Required Signatories must include the appropriate environmental approval authority

Approval

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INDOT DE Signature and Date	INDOT ESD Signature and Date

FHWA Signature and Date	

Release for Public Involvement

 _____ INDOT DE Initials and Date	2022.06.24 10:32:00 -04'00' _____ INDOT ESD Initials and Date	
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Certification of Public Involvement

INDOT Consultant Services Signature and Date

INDOT DE/ESD Reviewer Signature and Date:

Name and Organization of CE/EA Preparer:

Laura Rogers, SJCA Inc. (SJCA)

Indiana Department of Transportation

County FranklinRoute N. Hamburg RdDes. No. 1703013

Part I – Public Involvement

Every Federal action requires some level of public involvement, providing for early and continuous opportunities throughout the project development process. **The level of public involvement should be commensurate with the proposed action.**

Does the project have a historic bridge processed under the Historic Bridges PA*? Yes No
If No, then:
Opportunity for a Public Hearing Required?

*A public hearing is required for all historic bridges processed under the Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement between INDOT, FHWA, SHPO, and the ACHP.

Discuss what public involvement activities (legal notices, letters to affected property owners and residents (i.e. notice of entry), meetings, special purpose meetings, newspaper articles, etc.) have occurred for this project.

Notice of entry letters were mailed to potentially affected property owners near the project area on January 21, 2020 and September 14, 2021, notifying them about the project and that individuals responsible for land surveying and field activities may be seen in the area. Sample copies of the notice of entry letters are included in Appendix G1-G3.

The project will meet minimum requirements described in the current *Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Public Involvement Manual*, which requires the project sponsor to offer the public an opportunity to submit comments and/or request a public hearing. Therefore, a legal notice will appear in a local publication contingent upon the release of this document for public involvement. This document will be revised after the public involvement requirements are fulfilled.

Public Controversy on Environmental Grounds

Discuss public controversy concerning community and/or natural resource impacts, including what is being done during the project to minimize impacts.

At this time, there is no substantial public controversy concerning impacts to the community or to natural resources.

Part II - General Project Identification, Description, and Design Information

Sponsor of the Project: Franklin County Board of Commissioners INDOT District: SeymourLocal Name of the Facility: N. Hamburg RdFunding Source (mark all that apply): Federal State Local Other*

*If other is selected, please identify the funding source: _____

PURPOSE AND NEED:

The need should describe the specific transportation problem or deficiency that the project will address. The purpose should describe the goal or objective of the project. The solution to the traffic problem should NOT be discussed in this section.

Need: The need for this project is due to the advanced deterioration of Franklin County Bridge 31. The existing structure exhibits substantial deterioration to the deck, wearing surface, superstructure, substructure, and channel protection. According to the October 28, 2021 Bridge Inspection Report (Appendix I9-I15), the deck has damage and deterioration, including seepage and leaching, and holes are opening up in the wearing surface. The superstructure has spalls, exposed rebar, and exposed strands. The substructure is showing signs of cracking, cracked footings, and a failed wingwall on the southeast quadrant. The footings of the structure are

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