



**DES. # 2001784, 2001789, 2001790**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT**

The Town of Monroeville is developing plans for new sidewalks, a new trail, and a new trail bridge over Flatrock Creek between the intersection of Barnhart St and SR 101/Main St and the American Mitsuba Corporation facility. The project is located in Monroe Township, Allen County.

The need for these projects is due to a lack of pedestrian connectivity and alternative transportation routes (i.e. bike routes) to and from residences, the Monroeville Conservation Club, town-owned property along Flatrock Creek, and a large local employer, the American Mitsuba Corporation, in the Town of Monroeville. No sidewalks or curb ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) currently exist along Barnhart St or Ohio St within the project area. Additionally, there are no pedestrian facilities connecting the Monroeville Conservation Club to residences and other town pedestrian facilities along SR 101/Main St and Barnhart St, or downtown Monroeville, which disrupts the overall connectivity and walkability of the town. The purpose of these projects is to improve pedestrian connectivity and address the lack of ADA-compliant connectivity between residents on the northern end of town, existing adjacent pedestrian facilities in the town, the Monroeville Conservation Club, downtown Monroeville, and the American Mitsuba Corporation.

Under Des. 2001784, the scope of work includes the installation of 6-foot-wide concrete sidewalks along the south side of Barnhart St from SR 101/Main St to Ohio St and along Ohio St from Barnhart St to approx. 270 feet south of Barnhart St. New ADA-compliant curbs and ramps will also be installed in the southwest and southeast quadrants of the intersection of SR 101/Main St and Barnhart St to connect to the existing sidewalk. These sidewalks will provide connectivity to existing sidewalks at the intersection of Barnhart St and SR 101/Main St. The Des. 2001784 sidewalks project also includes concrete driveway reconstruction and reseeded after construction.

The proposed scope of work also includes the installation of a new 10-foot, paved multi-use trail (Des. 2001789) and a new trail bridge over Flatrock Creek (Des. 2001790), with a 4,300-foot alignment from the Monroeville Conservation Club (at 206 Ohio St) to the middle entrance of the American Mitsuba Corporation, a large local employer located at the intersection of Monroeville Rd and Monroeville Industrial Service Drive/CMA Drive. The new trail and bridge project under Des. 2001789 and 2001790 will also include new permanent lighting installations and ADA-compliant curb ramps, providing connectivity to the new sidewalks along Ohio St and Barnhart St. A boardwalk of approximately 122 linear feet consisting of pressure-treated lumber will also be installed along the extension of a 12-inch diameter drainage pipe that conveys stormwater runoff under Monroeville Industrial Service Drive/CME Drive.

The project requires approximately 1.56 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.0004 acre (18 square feet) of temporary right-of-way. No relocations of businesses or residences will occur. The maintenance of traffic for the project will require a short-term closure of the existing sidewalks along SR 101/Main St and Barnhart St. Construction is anticipated to begin Fall 2022.

The construction cost is estimated at \$1,077,306, with 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. Approximately 107 square feet, or 0.0025 acre, of wetlands will be permanently impacted. No impacts will occur to Flatrock Creek. The trail and bridge are designed to minimize impacts to wetlands and Flatrock Creek to the greatest extent possible. Of the 3.13 acres of total area disturbance, approximately 0.236 acre of trees will be cleared. Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

- Town of Monroeville website: <https://www.monroevillein.com/trails-project>
- Allen County Public Library – Monroeville Branch, 115 Main St, Monroeville, IN 46773

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed; please contact Sawyer Patrick, 317-566-0629, or [spatrick@sjcainc.com](mailto:spatrick@sjcainc.com). A hard copy of the CE document can be mailed to interested parties upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Sawyer Patrick, Environmental Scientist & NEPA Preparer, SJCA Inc, 9102 N. Meridian St, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260, 317-566-0629, or [spatrick@sjcainc.com](mailto:spatrick@sjcainc.com). Please submit any comments on or before Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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 the Town of Monroeville for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Employee in Responsible Charge (ERC) Dan Reinhart at 260-577-8201 or via email at [dreinhar08@hotmail.com](mailto:dreinhar08@hotmail.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 ERC Dan Reinhart at 260-577-8201 or via email at [dreinhar08@hotmail.com](mailto:dreinhar08@hotmail.com).

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 Procedures Manual* implemented Summer 2021.