

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Kennedy Avenue from US 30 to Main Street, in Town of Schererville, Lake County
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The Town of Schererville will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022, (at 6:00 pm – doors open at 5:30 pm)** located in the Town of Schererville, Town Hall, Council Chambers at 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN, 46375.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed reconstruction of Kennedy Avenue from US 30 to Main Street for an approximate length of 2.46 mile. The project is located in Sections 4, 9 and 16 of Township 35 North, Range 9 West in Lake County.

The project involves the widening and reconstruction of Kennedy Avenue from approximately US 30 to Main Street, addition of left turn lane for Eastbound US 30 at Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Joliet Street from Kennedy Avenue to 160 ft east of existing Kennedy Avenue, realignment of existing Kennedy Avenue 225 ft north of Joliet Street, cul-de-sac construction of existing Kennedy Avenue at Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Junction Avenue and Pennsy Greenway Trail from 500 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to 2,000 ft east of Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Public Works Drive/Kaeser Boulevard from 450 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to Kennedy Avenue, Division Street from Kennedy Avenue to 260 ft east, grade separation to carry Kennedy Avenue over the Norfolk Southern and Canadian National Railroads, cul-de-sac construction of Scherland Drive at Kennedy Avenue, Oak Street from 360 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to 260 ft east of Kennedy Avenue, widening for the addition of a second left turn lane for eastbound Main Street at Kennedy Avenue. The project includes concrete multi-use path and sidewalk, replacement of existing traffic signals at US 30, Division Street, and Main Street, a new traffic signal at Oak Street, roadway signing, pavement marking, and maintenance of traffic.

Portions of Kennedy Avenue will be widened and reconstructed to reduce delays, improve connectivity, capacity, access management, and pavement conditions.

There are 34.51 acre of proposed permanent right-of-way and 1.20 acre of temporary right-of-way acquisition for this project. Right-of-way acquisition acreage may change depending on property research findings and/or final proposed improvements. Relocations are anticipated for 40 residential and 6 business properties.

The proposed improvements will impact existing wetland areas. The anticipated wetland impacts are approximately 5.548 acres and 856.5 linear feet of stream impacts.

There will be a short presentation by the design consultant, DLZ Indiana, LLC and an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed improvements.

The environmental document, design plans, and public hearing packet on the project are available for reviewing ahead of time in the following offices:

1. <https://www.schererville.org/town-government/administration/KennedyAve>
2. Town of Schererville Town Hall, Administration Office, 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN 46375, Phone # (219) 322-2211 ext. 1323
3. Lake County Public Library, Dyer-Schererville Branch, 1001 West Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN 46375, Phone # (219) 322-4731

4. Emailing a request to: KennedyEA@dlz.com

All interested persons may express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Trisha Nugent, PE, Project Manager at DLZ Indiana, LLC, 900 Ridge Road, Suite L, Indiana 46321, or email at KennedyEA@dlz.com on or before Monday, May 2, 2022.

Any comments or materials received for the record will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary.", approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012.

With advance notice, the Town of Schererville can arrange accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for persons with disabilities and persons requiring auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or materials in large print. Please contact the Town of Schererville Town Manager's Office at (219) 322-2211 ext. 1323.