

INDOT proposes State Road 56 corridor with new two-way turn lane in Scottsburg

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Scott County residents are being asked to comment on any historic “elements” that might be affected should the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) proceed with plans to widen State Road 56 west of U.S. Highway 31 in Scottsburg.

A legal advertisement submitted by a planning/design/engineering company in Indianapolis, Corradino Group L.L.C., related that INDOT proposes to widen the S.R. 56 corridor to include a two-way left turn lane. The new lane will begin at the east edge of the I-65 interchange and continue to U.S. 31, where it will blend with the current left turn lane at the traffic signal.

A similar two-way turning lane has been in place for several years on that section of S.R. 56 west of the I-65 interchange.

The federally-funded project would widen S.R. 56 by eight feet, four feet on both sides, except for 650 feet west of U.S. 31. All widening there would occur to the south, which would allow proper alignment to the U.S. 31 intersection.

S.R. 56’s four existing lanes are now 12 feet wide. In the project, they would be reduced to 11 feet wide to accommodate the new turn lane. Existing curbs and gutters would be replaced.

No residential or commercial relocations are anticipated. A narrow strip of right-of-way will be obtained by the State of Indiana from each side of S.R. 56 for the project.

The public’s view is being sought about the effect of the proposed project only as to its historic elements, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Persons concerned with historic impact must reply no later than July 28 to: David Cleveland, Corradino L.L.C., 200 South Meridian Street, Suite 330, Indianapolis, IN 46225.

Cleveland may also be contacted by calling toll-free at 1-800-291-8242 or by fax at 1-317-488-2373.