

## New US 31 Hamilton County Project (I-465 to SR 38), Hamilton County, Indiana

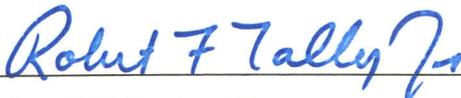
### SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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The US 31 Improvement Project is located in Hamilton County, Indiana between I-465 North Leg and State Road (SR) 38, a distance of approximately 12.5 miles. It traverses the City of Carmel, Clay Township, the City of Westfield, and Washington Township. Transportation improvements to US 31 from I-465 to SR 38 are needed for traffic capacity and safety needs. US 31 is designated as a "Statewide Mobility Corridor" and important "Commerce Corridor" by the State of Indiana. It is also part of the National Highway System (NHS). Improvements to the US 31 corridor between I-465 and SR 38 have been identified in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on an analysis of impacts to natural resources, agricultural land, community resources, and the ability to satisfy the purpose and need, the Major Moves Alternative (a variation of the original F4 Alternative from the 2003 Draft Environmental Impact Statement which utilizes the existing US 31 alignment), has been identified as the preferred alternative. This Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) is meant to serve as a supplemental document to the original DEIS published in 2003. Following the upcoming SDEIS public comment period, an alternative will be selected and presented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Comments on this SDEIS are due by July 25, 2008 and should be sent to Pankaj Desai, INDOT US 31 Project Facilitator, 100 North Senate, Room N955, Indianapolis, IN, 46204. Comments may also be submitted through the New US 31 Hamilton County Project website at <http://www.us31hamiltoncounty.in.gov>. A public hearing will be held on June 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dale E. Graham Auditorium, Carmel High School, 520 East Main Street, Carmel, Indiana.