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The New US 31 Hamilton County Project (I-465 to SR 38)

Hamilton County, Indiana

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ABSTRACT: The proposed action is an upgrade of existing US 31 to an access-controlled, six-lane freeway in Hamilton County, Indiana between I-465 North Leg and State Road (SR) 38, with the southern terminus of the project extending to 96th Street. The Preferred Alternative is 13.1 miles long. 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 as an 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. The proposed action will result in the relocation of 65 residences and 49 commercial or other structures. Section 4(f) impacts include one net benefit and two *de minimis* properties. It will require 350 acres of right-of-way. Mitigation is being provided for stream, non-wetland riparian forest (3.2 acres) and wetland (6.77 acres) impacts as part of the project.