



**STATE ROAD 11**

# **Public Information Meeting**

July 29, 2021

South Harrison Community Center





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## WELCOME

- David Goffinet – Public Involvement Lead
- Terry Summers – INDOT Project Manager
- Annie Walker – INDOT Communications Director
- Tony McClellan – INDOT Deputy Commissioner
- Steve Fleming – Project Manager
- Nick Batta – Deputy Project Manager (Roadway Design Lead)
- Mark Riehle – Bridge Design Lead
- Nikki Patke – Project team
- Matt Riehle – Environmental Team
- Peter Putzier – Environmental Team



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## AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Project History
- Project Description
- Typical Section
- Project Timeline
- Development Process
- Engagement Process
- Ongoing Efforts
- DRAFT Purpose & Need
- Stay Engaged
- Next Steps



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## PROJECT HISTORY

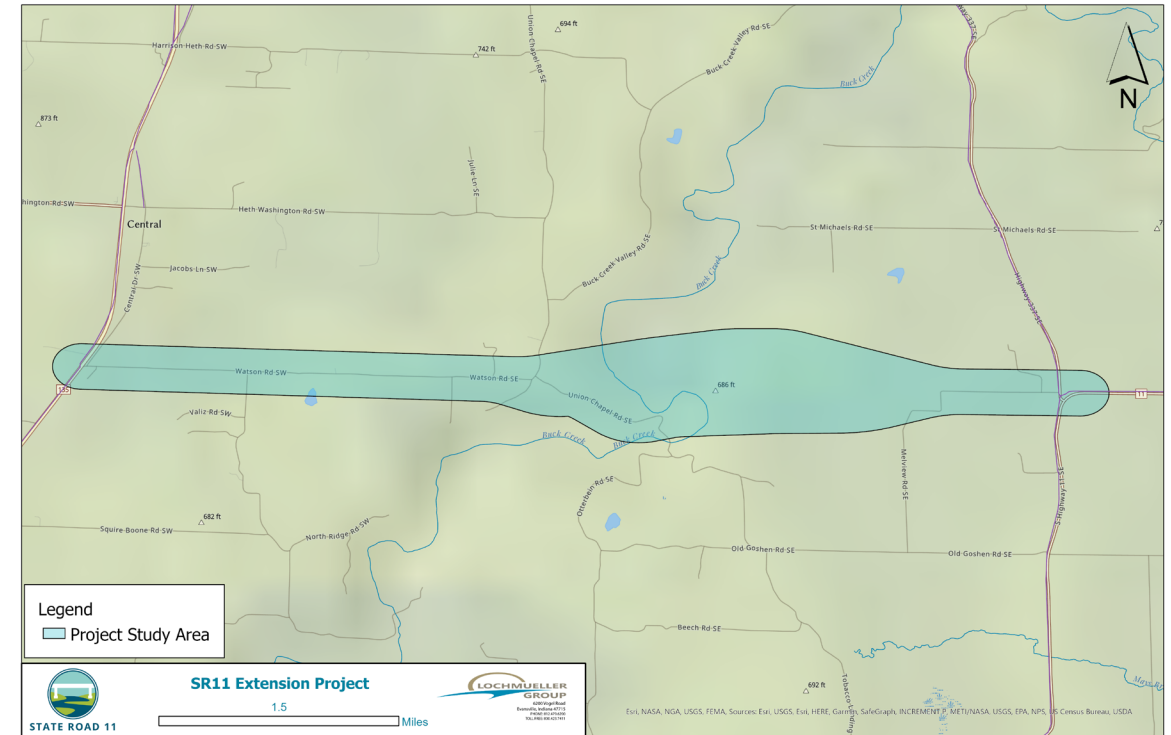
- Long Range Transportation Plans (2003 & 2019)
  - Identified need for improved east/west connectivity in South Harrison County
  - Identified Watson Road Project as Major Transportation Improvement Need
- February 2020 Relinquishment Agreement
  - Conversations w/ INDOT Seymour District over several years
  - INDOT fund environmental study, design, acquisition and construction of SR 11 extension
  - County taking over maintenance of 31 miles of low-volume state highway facilities (portions of SR 111, SR 11, and SR 337)



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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

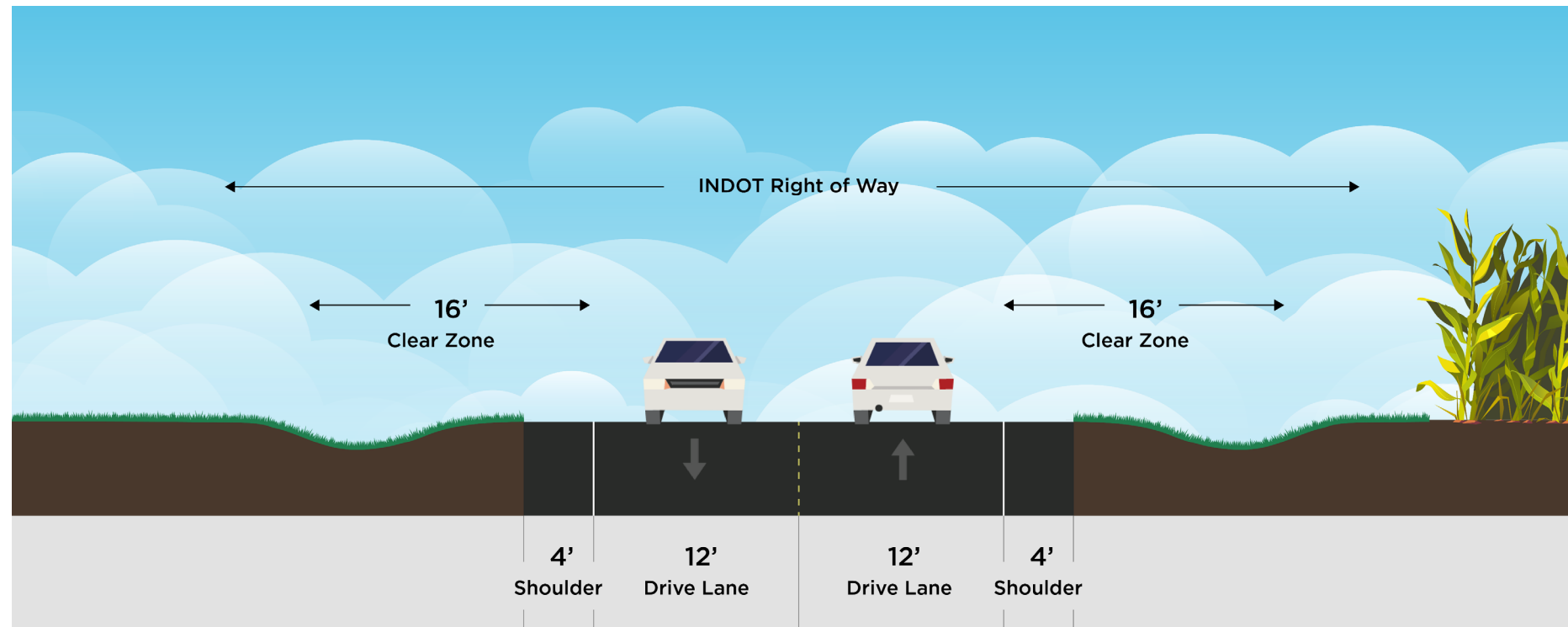
- Western extension of SR 11 from the intersection of SR 337, SR 11, and Melview Road to SR 135 in South Harrison County





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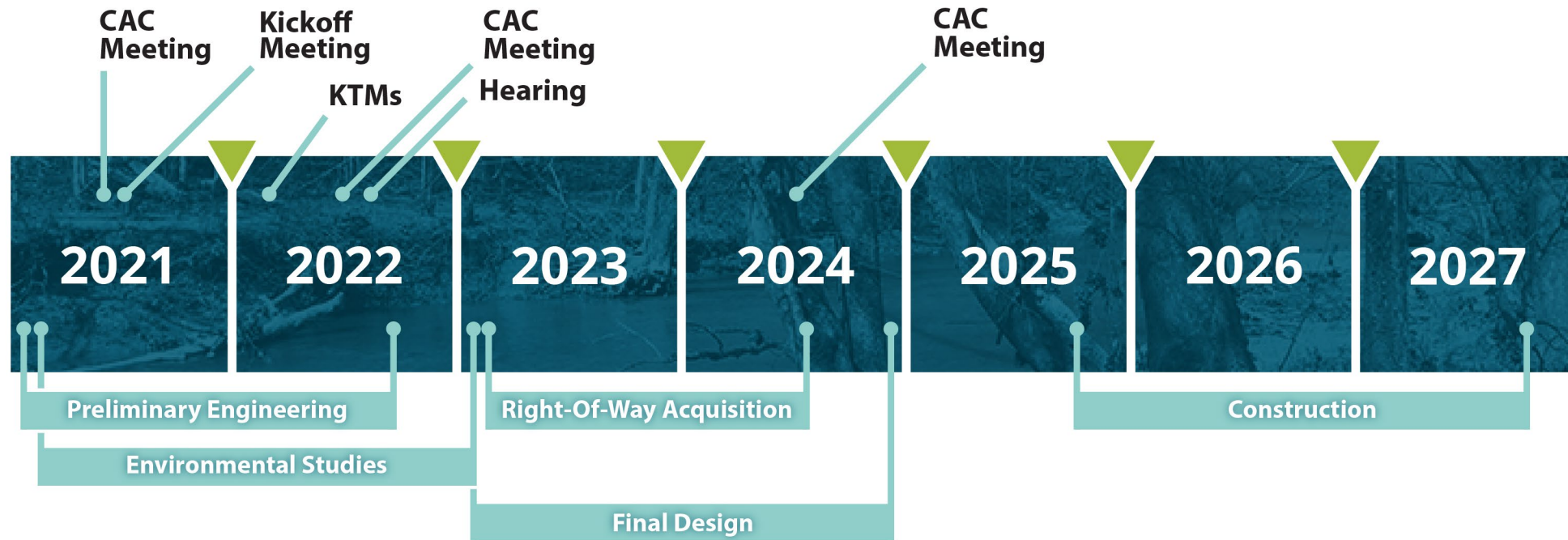
## TYPICAL SECTION





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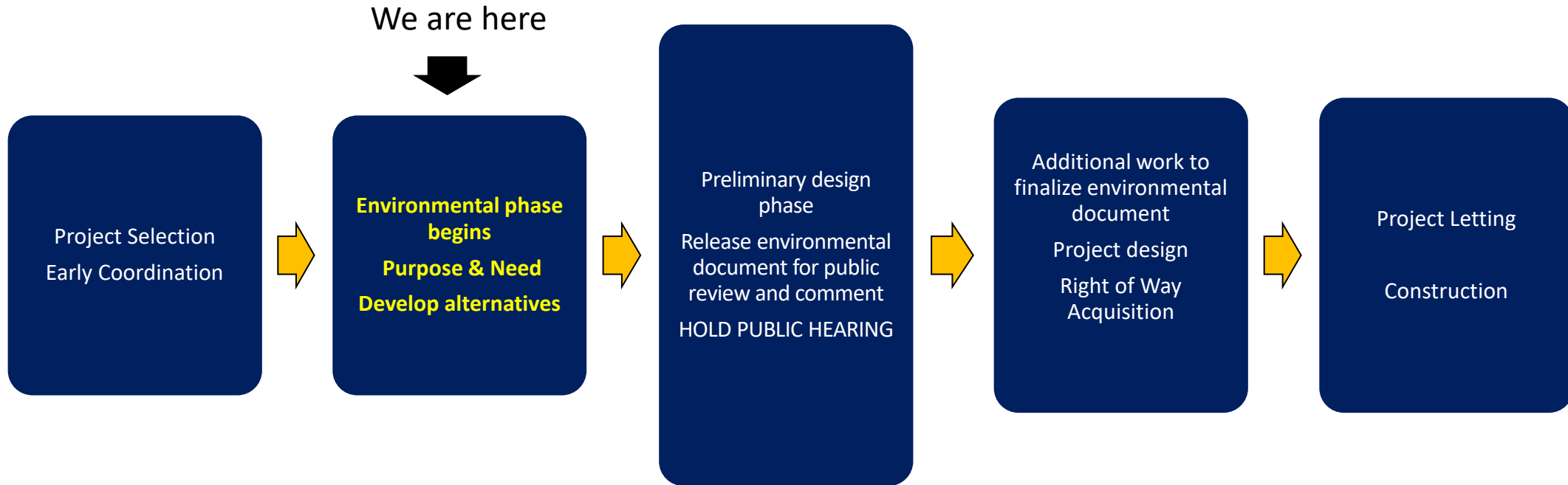
## PROJECT TIMELINE





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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS







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## ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- Community Advisory Committee
- Public Information Meeting
- Kitchen Table Meetings
- Project Website
- Agency Coordination





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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Representative Stakeholders – local officials, farming, emergency services, schools, property owners, utilities, economic development, chamber, tourism (caves), etc.
- Advisory Role to INDOT and Project Team
- Two-way Communication Process
- Local Perspective and Understanding
- First meeting May 26, 2021
- Two additional meetings



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## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

- Share project information
- Talk with project representatives
- Solicit comments to inform decision-making process
- Establish communications channels
- Questions/Answers before and after presentation



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## KITCHEN TABLE MEETINGS

- Face-to-face meetings with potentially-impacted property owners (Study Area)
- Information gathering and sharing
- Establish communications channel as project progresses
- Schedule meetings starting in late 2021 into 2022





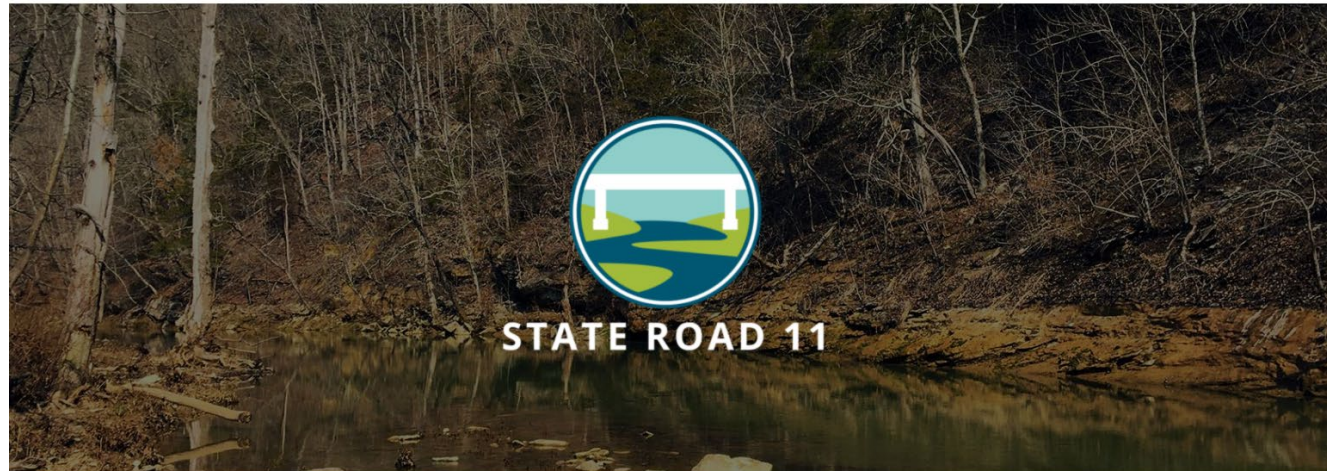
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## PROJECT WEBSITE

<http://www.sr11extension.com>



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### PROJECT OVERVIEW







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## RESOURCE AGENCY COORDINATION

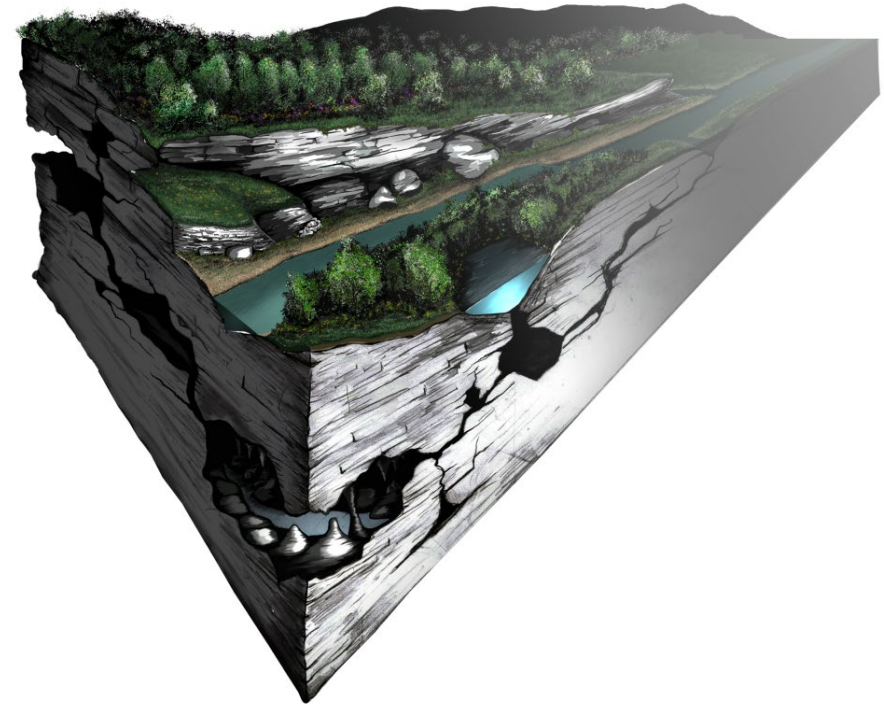
- Agency meetings to affirm and enhance resource information – local, state and federal
- Areas of avoidance and minimization
- Mitigation for impacts
- Section 106: Cultural Resources – above and below ground resources
- Section 7 Consultation: Threatened and Endangered Species
- First meeting in early September 2021



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## ONGOING EFFORTS

- Environmental Studies
  - Karst Investigation – caves, sinkholes, underground water systems, etc.
  - Wetlands Investigation
  - Forested Areas
  - Historic Properties
  - Archaeological Research





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## ONGOING EFFORTS

- Preliminary Engineering
  - Establish preliminary alternatives based on field investigations
  - Survey information
  - Geotechnical analysis
  - Typical sections & design speeds







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## DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

### NEED

- Improve safety, mobility and accessibility in southern Harrison County
  - Safety Concerns: Hilly, narrow, and often winding roadways with multiple 90-degree turns and poor vertical alignments (grade challenges and site distance issues)
  - Transport of agricultural commodities to markets (primarily to the south) is challenged by limited adequate facilities in the southern part of the county
  - Need improved access to schools and recreational opportunities in southern part of county
  - Current roadway network challenges emergency response efforts, especially as it relates to larger events requiring support from multiple groups



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## DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

### PURPOSE

- Provide safer, more direct east/west connectivity in southern Harrison County
  - Provide east/west state highway facility connection that meets current design standards
  - Improve regional connectivity for movement of agricultural commodities to market
  - Improve regional traffic safety in southern Harrison County
  - Improve accessibility for school traffic by providing more direct route and new bridge crossing of Buck Creek
  - Improve accessibility to public facilities (park and golf course)
  - Improve access from SR 337/SR 11 to SR 135 to support future development potential in southern Harrison County



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## STAY ENGAGED

- Visit Project Website
- Sign up for email alerts (via website or sign-in sheet)
- Submit Comment Form(s)





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## NEXT STEPS

- Engage Resource Agencies
- Finalize Purpose & Need
- Establish Preliminary Alternatives
- Continue with Preliminary Engineering – alignment layout, quantity calculations, cost estimates
- Environmental Studies – alternative impact comparisons
- Kitchen Table Meetings
  - Tentatively - late 2021 into early 2022



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**THANK YOU**