

NEWS FROM NIRPC

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NIRPC to Hold 30-Day Public Comment Period on I-65 Added Travel Lanes

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will hold a 30-day public comment period on three documents related to a proposal from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to build additional travel lanes on I-65 between State Road 2 and State Road 10. The public comment period will commence on March 16, 2016 and end on April 15, 2016. Public comment will be gathered on Amendment #2 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Companion Update, Amendment #17 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, and a new Air Quality Conformity Analysis which includes this project. The propose project segment will add to the previously approved added travel lanes on I-65 between US 30 and State Road 2.

As part of the public comment period, a public meeting will be held as follows:

- March 31, 2016: Lowell Public Library, 1505 E Commercial Avenue, Lowell, IN, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Comments can also be submitted until April 15, 2016 in the following ways:

- Email: comments@nirpc.org
- Phone: 219-763-6060, ext. 160
- United States Postal Service: NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

All comments received during the 30-day public comment period will be compiled into a public comment report and responded to. This report will be made available to the public and distributed to the relevant NIRPC committees prior to any action on these items.

Information on this project is posted on NIRPC's website at www.nirpc.org. Requests for alternative formats may be directed to Mary Thorne by calling 219-763-6060, ext. 131, or by email at mthorne@nirpc.org. TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711.

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