

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Porter County will hold a Public Information Meeting for the Willowcreek Road Extension Project on **TUESDAY, November 15, 2022, at the Porter County Expo Center, 215 East Division Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383.**

The format of the meeting will feature a formal short presentation to begin at 5:30 PM with an informal open house session starting immediately following the formal presentation. The open house session will provide the public an opportunity to view project maps and displays and to interact with the project team.

The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the project. The public will be afforded the opportunity to provide comments on the information presented at the meeting. Additionally, the meeting presentation and exhibits will be posted online the day of the meeting at www.willowcreekextension.com and comments can be submitted through that website as well. The website will continue to be updated with information regarding this Public Information Meeting.

The proposed project would begin at US 30, approximately 0.38 mile east of CR 725 W, continue north for approximately 1.45 miles before curving slightly northeast and continuing for approximately 0.85 mile where it will align with Jones Road. The alignment will continue along the current Jones Road alignment crossing over the Chicago, Fort Wayne & Eastern Railroad line (CFWER) and Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSR) tracks. The roadway then curves slightly east, away from the Jones Road alignment and continues north until tying into the existing intersection of Willowcreek Road and CR 700 N. The Willowcreek Road extension, will improve regional connectivity and operational traffic flow by providing a direct north-south route in Porter County, generally between US 30 (Valparaiso-Merrillville corridor) and Portage.

The purpose of this project is to improve operational traffic flow along the corridors in west central Porter County by providing an improved, direct north-south route generally between downtown Valparaiso and downtown Portage. In addition, the project would also provide west central Porter County communities with direct access to I-80/I-90 and the I-90 toll road, and new access to undeveloped and under-developed areas of west central Porter County. The need for this project is evidenced by delays experienced by vehicular traffic, as a result of congestion and lack of system linkage, along multiple surrounding corridors generally located within west central Porter County. Specifically, these corridors include CR 475 W, CR 500 W, SR 130, and US 6.

Please direct any questions or comments concerning this project to Mr. Scott Farrell, American Structurepoint, Inc., 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 or at (317) 547-5580, or by email at sfarrell@structurepoint.com.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have disability for which Porter County would need to provide accommodations pertaining to the accessibility to program documents and participation at the public meeting or if you are a persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring assistance pertaining to accessing project documents and participating at the public meeting venue, please contact Scott Farrell, American Structurepoint, Inc., using the contact information above.