

NOTICE OF LOCAL TRAX PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Indiana Department of Transportation and City of Wabash will host a public open house to inform residents and solicit feedback about the proposed Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation project.

An in-person public open house will be hosted on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Theater in the fourth-floor ballroom. This update will include the chosen location, design updates, schedule updates and discussion. Project representatives will be prepared to discuss right of way, appearance of the new structure, drainage, traffic and schedule.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility by addressing the adverse effects of the current at-grade crossings. By constructing a bridge to carry the motorists and pedestrians over the railroad, safety is greatly improved by reducing the potential for train, vehicle and pedestrian collisions while simultaneously providing unobstructed north-south access, reducing delays in emergency response times.

The project study area includes Wabash Street to the west, the Wabash River to the east, Elm Street to the north and E. Main Street to the south. Six “build” alternatives and one “no build” alternative were analyzed. The engineers report updated in June 2020 determined that constructing the overpass at East Street best met the purpose of the project. The City and INDOT have proposed closing the railroad intersections at Spring, Huntington and Thorne streets once construction is complete. Special consideration was given to minimize impacts to cultural and historic resources.

There will be temporary and permanent right-of-way that will be acquired for this project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023 or 2024.

Additional project information is available at www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject. Those who wish to submit questions in advance can do so on the webpage and/or via the City’s social media accounts: Facebook @WabashIndiana85 and Instagram @wabashindiana.

The public open house will follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance for health and safety protocols. Project team members may wear face masks and/or coverings and attendees are encouraged to do so. Face masks, hand sanitizer and access to hand washing facilities will be provided. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to, including monitoring the number of attendees participating to comply with local regulations.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and with advance notice, INDOT can provide accommodation for persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services such as sign language interpretation, large print materials and/or other related services. If you are an individual with a disability or represent an ADA stakeholder group and require accommodation related to participating at the public open house, you are encouraged to contact Erin Pipkin at erin@compassoutreachsolutions.com or (317) 966-7301.