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Public Meetings about I-69 Purpose and Need Set for Next Week

INDIANAPOLIS – The next round of public meetings on the I-69 Evansville-to-Indianapolis Study will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft Purpose and Need Statement.

The meetings' schedule and locations are:

- **Monday, Aug. 28, 6 p.m.; Jasper High School, 1600 St. Charles St., Jasper.** Directions: From I-64, take state Route 231 north into Jasper. At the traffic signal at Schuetter Road, turn left (west) and travel one mile to St. Charles Street. Turn left (south) onto St. Charles. The school will be on your left.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m.; Lincoln High School, 1545 South Hart St., Vincennes.** Directions: From state Route 41, take the Hart Street exit. Turn right (north) onto Hart Street and continue one mile. The school will be on your right.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 30, 6 p.m.; Decatur Middle School, 5108 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis.** Directions: From I-465 on the city's southwest side, take state Route 67 south. At the first traffic signal, turn left (east). The school will be on your right.

Each meeting will follow a set format. At 6 p.m., members of the study team will give a brief overview of the discussion paper and technical reports addressing purpose and need. Then individuals can address the assembly to offer suggestions regarding the Purpose and Need Statement. Each speaker is limited to two minutes, and the order in which people speak will be assigned randomly using a lottery system. Starting at 7:30 p.m., members of the study team will be available for one-on-one discussions for those who prefer not to speak to the entire group. Public comments may continue during this period if necessary. The meetings will end at 9:30 p.m.

A Purpose and Need Statement defines the basic goals of the project and evaluates the needs the project is intended to address. It also provides a consistent set of factors for evaluating existing conditions and for measuring the ability of each alternative to achieve the project's objectives. A 17-page discussion paper, a two-page summary and technical reports addressing purpose and need are posted on the project Web site (www.I69indyevn.org) and will be available at the public meetings.

INDOT has commissioned the new study to look at a broad range of alternatives to provide a transportation link between Indianapolis and Evansville, including new-terrain routes, upgrading U.S. 41 and Interstate 70, and not building a highway at all.

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