



The I-69 Evansville to Indy Study

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I-69 DISCUSSION PAPER POSTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Purpose and Need discussion paper invites public comment via meetings, logging on to www.I69indyevn.org or calling 1-877-INDYEVN

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Transportation announced today that the discussion paper focusing on the Purpose and Need Statement for the Evansville-to-Indianapolis study is available for public review. The document is posted on the project's Web site – www.I69indyevn.org.

A Purpose and Need Statement is the first step in preparing an environmental impact statement. It defines the basic goals of the project and evaluates the needs the project is intended to address. It also provides a consistent set of criteria for evaluating existing conditions and for measuring the ability of each alternative to achieve the project's objectives. In a sense, the Purpose and Need Statement is the first major building block – the foundation – of the study.

The Purpose and Need Statement for this study is being developed in two stages to maximize opportunities for public input. The documents being released at this stage define the project's overall goals and establish the factors that will be used to evaluate existing conditions and measure the performance of various alternatives. These documents will be the primary focus of the upcoming round of public meetings.

The meetings' schedule and locations are:

- Jasper, Monday, Aug. 28, 2000; Jasper High School, 1600 St. Charles St., from 6 to 9:30 p.m.
- Vincennes, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2000; Lincoln High School, 1545 South Hart St. from 6 to 9:30 p.m.
- Indianapolis, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000; Decatur Middle School, 5108 S. High School Road, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

