

Mid-States Corridor Project

Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Pike and Spencer counties, Indiana

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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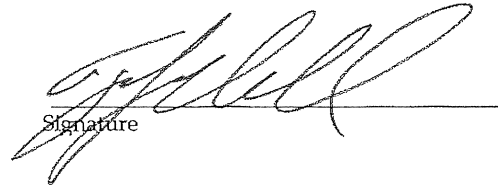
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This is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mid-States Corridor Project in Southern Indiana. The Notice of Intent (NOI) for this project was published in the Federal Register on July 5, 2019. The proposed action connects US 231 at SR 66 in Spencer County to I-69 (either directly or via SR 37, which is an existing four-lane rural principal arterial highway). I-69 continues north to Indianapolis, where it provides north-south Interstate connections to Northern Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. US 231 continues to the south from I-64 as a four-lane rural principal arterial highway. After crossing the Ohio River at Rockport, Indiana it connects with I-165 at Owensboro, Kentucky, which provides north-south Interstate connections to Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Alternatives B, C, P, M and O were analyzed and evaluated for environmental, cultural, social, economic and engineering impacts and benefits. The No-Build alternative also was analyzed using these criteria. Conceptual improvements to existing state highways were identified and analyzed as part of each alternative. Alternative P is identified as the Preferred Alternative. This alternative includes conceptual local improvements to US 231.

Comments on this DEIS are due by May 31, 2022 and should be sent to one of the two contacts listed above. Comments also may be submitted to the project website at <https://midstatescorridor.com/>. Following circulation of the DEIS and consideration of comments received, FHWA will issue a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document, unless statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document.