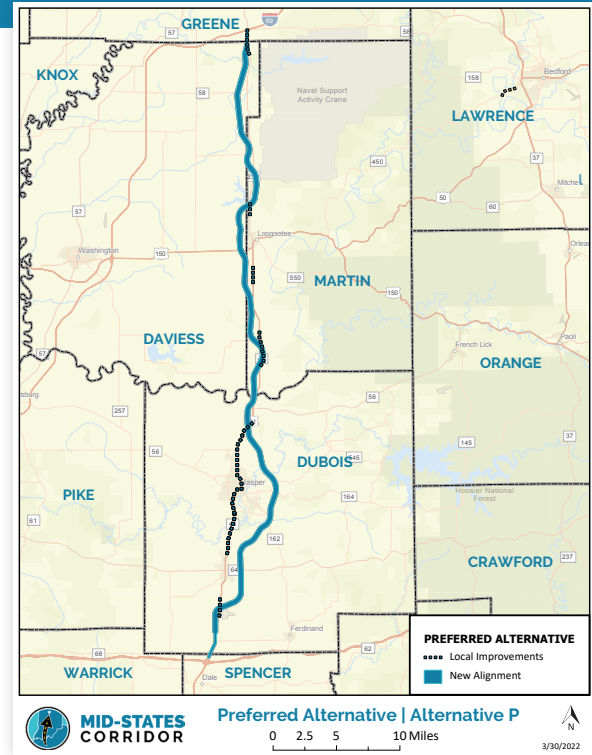




Preferred Alternative



The Mid-States Corridor Project examines an improved highway connection in southern Indiana. The Preferred Alternative identified in the DEIS is Alternative P. Alternative P improvements extend 54 miles from I-64/US 231 to I-69 at the existing US 231 interchange.

- Begins at I-64/US 231 interchange
- Travels east of Huntingburg and Jasper
 - Avoids developed areas near those cities
- Runs generally parallel to existing US 231
 - West of US 231 in Martin and Daviess counties
- Includes western bypass of Loogootee
- Avoids West Boggs Lake to the east
- Ends at I-69 interchange at US 231
- Includes 9 local improvements along existing US 231



Purpose and Need






The Purpose of the Mid-States Corridor project is to provide an improved transportation link between the US 231/SR 66 intersection and I-69 (either directly or via SR 37) which:

-  Improves business and personal regional connectivity in Dubois County and Southern Indiana
-  Improves highway connections to existing major multi-modal locations from Southern Indiana





Basis for Selection of Preferred

- Among alternatives adequately addressing Purpose and Need (Alternatives P, M and O)
 - Lowest impacts to environmental resources
 - Lowest cost among the three alternatives
- Comparably low level of impacts to several key resources
 - Smallest impacts to wetlands
 - No impacts to karst features

Next Steps

-  Project Team will consider all comments
-  Refinements may be made to the Preferred Alternative
-  Preparation of Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
-  FEIS will include response to comments
-  Tier 2 studies will follow

Still to be Determined

-  Right of way has not been determined with Preferred Alternative being a 2,000-foot corridor
-  Alignments of 200-500 feet won't be determined until Tier 2 studies
-  Timetable for Tier 2 studies still to be determined/each to take about 2 to 3 years to complete
-  Timing for US 231 improvements to be determined

Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

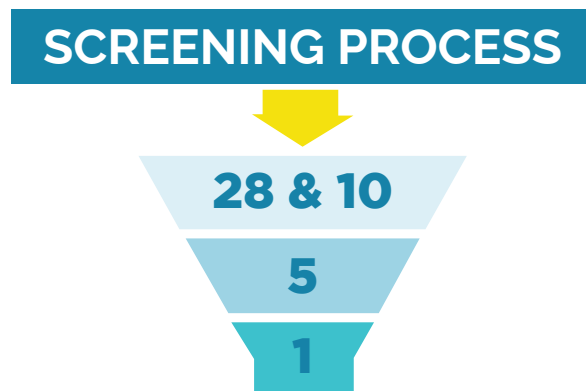
The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is a detailed document that summarizes the Mid-States Corridor project's study process, analysis and findings. The DEIS assesses the benefits, impacts and costs of the alternatives. It includes the basis for the selection of the preferred alternative and key commitments associated with the project.



Where We Started

The Project Team evaluated multiple corridors: northwest directly to I-69, north directly to I-69 and northeast to I-69 via State Road 37. These corridors are in a 12-county study area.

Dozens of potential Preliminary Alternatives were considered with 28 Preliminary Alternatives and 10 Routes screened. Five routes were carried forward for detailed study: Alternatives B, C, M, O and P.

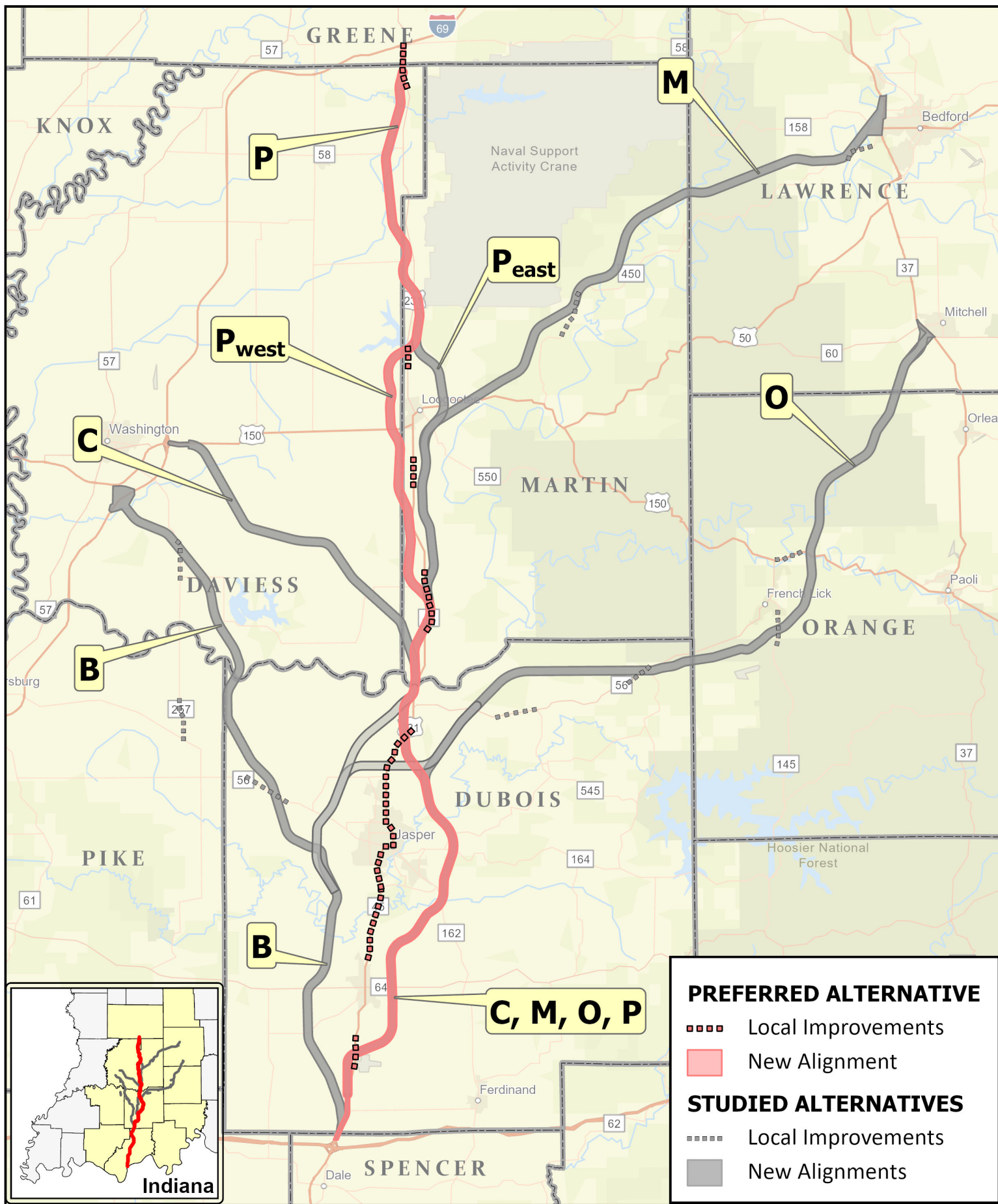


Adjustments Made

The COVID-19 pandemic that hit in March 2020 led to a deliberate pause in the study process to reflect the limited opportunities to interact with the public and uncertainty with possible impacts to transportation funding. When the Project Team resumed its detailed analysis nearly a year later, several adjustments were made.

- Removed freeway alternatives from consideration
- Deferred facility-type decision to Tier 2 studies
- Considered combinations of alignments (east-west) and facility types
- Considered upgrades to existing state facilities, like US 231
- Resumed in-person project office hours (and by appointment)





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Mid-States Corridor Alternatives

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DEIS Comment Period

April 15 – June 14

The study analysis is detailed in DEIS chapters and appendices. The DEIS is available online and at several locations in the area.



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MidStatesCorridor.com/DEIS



Copies available at several locations.

Public hearings are being held near Crane, IN and in Jasper, IN.

Tuesday, April 26

WestGate Academy (Crane)
13598 East WestGate Drive
Odon, IN

Thursday, April 28

Jasper Arts Center
951 College Avenue
Jasper, IN

The hearings are 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m. A public comment period will follow the presentation. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person, and speakers will need to sign up on the night of the hearing prior to the comment period.



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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET (and by appointment)

DEIS Locations

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at several locations.

- Mid-States Project Office
- INDOT offices
 - Vincennes Office, 3650 Old US Hwy 41, Vincennes, IN
 - Central Office, 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN
- Area Libraries listed below

Area Libraries

- **Bedford Public Library:** 1323 K St.
- **Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library:** 125 S. Franklin St.
- **Dubois Branch Library:** 5506 E. Main St.
- **Ferdinand Branch Library:** 112 E. 16th St.
- **Huntingburg Public Library:** 419 N. Jackson St.
- **Jasper-Dubois County Public Library:** 100 3rd Ave.
- **Lincoln Heritage Public Library:** 105 Wallace St.
- **Loogootee Public Library:** 504 Park St.
- **Melton Public Library:** 8496 W. College St.
- **Mitchell Community Public Library:** 804 W. Main St.
- **Monroe County Public Library:** 303 E. Kirkwood Ave.
- **Orleans Town and Township Public Library:** 174 N. Maple St.
- **Ottwell Town Library:** 2301 N. Spring St.
- **Pike County Public Library:** 1008 E. Maple St.
- **Shoals Public Library:** 404 High St.
- **Spencer County Public Library:** 210 Walnut St.
- **Washington Carnegie Public Library:** 300 W. Main St.