## **Mid-States Corridor Project**

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

## Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation

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This is the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) 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 with I-69 in Greene County. 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. The FEIS identifies Refined Preferred Alternative P (RPA P) as the Preferred Alternative based on analysis and evaluation of costs as well as environmental, cultural, social, economic and engineering impacts and benefits. The No-Build Alternative was also analyzed using these criteria. The Refined Preferred Alternative includes conceptual local improvements to US 231.

Refined Preferred Alternative P is a modification of Alternative P, which was the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS. These modifications provide for four route variations carried forward for Tier 2 studies in Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 4 at Loogootee. Tier 2 studies in SIU 4 will identify a single alignment within one of the four corridors identified in this FEIS. Refined Preferred Alternative P is identified as the Selected Alternative in this FEIS and the accompanying Record of Decision (ROD).