On April 15, 2022, the Indiana Department of Transportation announced that Route P has been preliminarily selected as the route for the Mid-States Corridor highway. Route P generally follows US 231 north from I-64, bypassing Jasper and Huntingburg to the east and Loogootee to the west, ending at the I-69/US 231 interchange. It would be built as a wholly “new-terrain” highway covering 54 miles. Whether this new highway is built as a four-lane expressway or two-lane road would be determined in the second phase of project planning, known as Tier 2.

Route P does not have the same level of environmental harm as Routes O and M, but it is still a very damaging and poorly justified project.

Here’s more about Route P and its impacts on the region’s communities, its farms, forests, rivers and streams, homes and businesses.

Local businesses in Jasper, Huntingburg, and Loogootee will lose access to commuters and travelers who now use US 231.

Even though Route P generally performs better in meeting the project’s core goals—increased accessibility to major business markets; more efficient truck travel; and increased access to multimodal centers—than other routes, its benefits are very limited and narrowly focused on truck travel. The maximum travel time savings from Jasper to Indianapolis is 5 minutes off of a 143-mile trip. Travel time reductions to other destinations are even less. Overall, Route P will reduce total truck hours by only 1%, compared to not building a new-terrain highway.

Route P would add little in meeting other goals, such as improved safety in the 12-county study region, or improvement of the local or regional economies. Reduced vehicle crash costs were only measured for the local road improvements that are included in the project. The predicted potential economic improvements, such as better access to the workforce for regional employers, higher population growth, or a reduction in poverty, are not compared to other existing or potential strategies such as improvements in housing, workforce development, or quality of life, which may cost less or come with less environmental and private property damage.

In other words, Route P’s main benefit is as a truck/freight corridor, and even for this benefit Route P does not perform very well.

Please urge INDOT, Governor Holcomb and your state and federal legislators to

**X REJECT** any new-terrain routes for the Mid-States Corridor, and

**✓ INSTEAD** focus transportation improvements on making our existing roads and bridges safer and more efficient and expanding access to alternatives such as pedestrian/bicycle lanes and trails, rural transit, and intercity bus and rail service.

---

**TOTAL COST**

$735 million to $1.05 billion

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TOTAL RIGHT OF WAY</th>
<th>POTENTIAL RELOCATIONS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2,500 acres to 3,200 acres</td>
<td>(homes, farms, businesses taken) 109 to 149</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FARM ACREAGE LOST</th>
<th>FORESTLAND LOST</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1,354 to 1,832 acres</td>
<td>629 to 923 acres</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FLOODPLAIN AREA LOST</th>
<th>WETLANDS LOST</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>419 to 607 acres</td>
<td>39 to 56 acres</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

STREAM MILES ALTERED OR DAMAGED 8 to 11 miles

Source: Mid-States Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement (www.midstatescorridor.com/deis)
HOW TO COMMENT

Send written comments to:
Mid-States Corridor Project Office
Vincennes University
Jasper Campus Administration Building
Room 216
850 College Ave.
Jasper, IN 47546

Send email comments to:
info@MidStatesCorridor.com

Send copies of your comments here:
Honorable Eric Holcomb
Governor, State of Indiana
317-232-4567
www.in.gov/gov/ask-eric/

Senator Mike Braun
www.braun.senate.gov/contact-mike
317-822-8240

Michael Smith
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
michael.smith@indot.in.gov

Jermaine Hannon
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division
Jermaine.Hannon@dot.gov

Rep. Shane Lindauer
Indiana House of Representatives
H63@iga.in.gov

Sen. Mark Messmer
Indiana State Senate
Senator.Messmer@iga.in.gov

Comment deadline for the Mid-States Corridor is
JUNE 14, 2022

Find more information and comment online here:
midstatescorridor.com/deis/