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This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: County Line Road Added Travel Lanes, Marion and Johnson Counties (Des. No. 2002553; DPW Project ST-45-067)

Dear Consulting Party (see attached list),

The City of Indianapolis, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), proposes to proceed with the County Line Road Added Travel Lanes Project (Des. No. 2002553). ASC Group, Inc. is under contract with HNTB, which is under contract with the City of Indianapolis, to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process requesting comments associated with this project. We are requesting comments from you in your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

The proposed undertaking is on County Line Road, and begins 0.30 mile west of Morgantown Road and extends east to SR 135/Meridian Street in Marion and Johnson counties, Indiana. It is within Wayne Township, Maywood USGS Topographic Quadrangle, in Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 28, Township 14 North, Range 3 East.

County Line Road is classified as a two-lane primary arterial roadway through the majority of the project corridor. The road expands to five lanes (two lanes in each direction with a turning lane to Meridian Street) between South Illinois Street and SR 135. The majority of the project area does not have pedestrian facilities, curb and gutter, or shoulders. Sidewalks, curb and gutter, and shoulders are only associated with the five lane section of County Line Road between South Illinois Street and Royal Meadow Drive.

There are two major intersections along County Line Road within the project limits: Morgantown Road and Railroad Road/Peterman Road. The Morgantown Road intersection is controlled by a traffic signal and has left turn lanes in all directions. There is a steep hill on County Line Road just west of this intersection, with an existing roadway grade of approximately 9 percent.

The Railroad Road/Peterman Road intersection is controlled by a 4-way stop sign, with a single approach lane from all four directions. The Indiana Railroad has a single-track rail line immediately adjacent to Railroad Road/Peterman Road, with an at-grade crossing of County Line Road less than 50 feet west of the intersection. The crossing has overhead flashers but no gates.

The existing structure over Pleasant Creek Run (Structure No. 49-4503F) is approximately 650 feet east of the Morgantown Road intersection. It is a 3-span concrete box beam bridge approximately 135 feet in length. The second existing structure over Buffalo Creek (Structure No. 49-4510F) is located just west of Leisure Lane on County Line Road. It is a 3-span reinforced concrete slab approximately 81 feet in length.

The proposed project includes County Line Road being expanded to a five-lane road (two 11 foot lanes in each direction and a 13 foot two-way left turn lane) with a 10-foot multi-purpose trail on the north side, 6-foot grass buffers on either side and a 6-foot sidewalk on the south side of the roadway. The two existing bridges will also be replaced to accommodate the additional travel lanes. The proposed bridge structures will accommodate the proposed roadway with the only modification to the typical section being that the grass buffers will be 2 feet per side within the bridge structure limits. The project will also construct stormwater detention, enclosed stormwater system, and address the sharp vertical curve at Morgantown Road.

The purpose of the South County Line Road project is to address capacity deficiencies, improve east-west mobility, and improve safety within the corridor. The need for this project is the existing and future capacity restrictions as the projected traffic demands will exceed the capacity of the existing two-lane configuration. Additionally, there are no pedestrian or bicycle facilities associated with the existing roadway which is in a high density residential area.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic and archaeological properties. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you are hereby requested to be a consulting party to participate in the Section 106 process. Entities that have been invited to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for this project are identified in the attached list. Per 36 CFR 800.3(f), we hereby request that the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) notify this office if the SHPO staff is aware of any other parties that may be entitled to be consulting parties or should be contacted as potential consulting parties for the project.

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. At this time, no cultural resource investigations have occurred; however, the results of cultural resource identification and evaluation efforts, both above-ground and archaeological, will be forthcoming. Consulting parties will receive notification when these reports are completed.

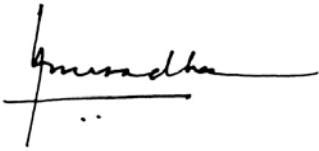
Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party, or if you do not respond, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project. If we do not receive your response in the time allotted, the project will proceed consistent with the proposed design and you will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes. Tribal consulting parties may enter the process at any time and are encouraged to respond to this notification with any comments or concerns at their earliest convenience.

For questions concerning specific project details, you may contact Leah J. Konicki of ASC Group, Inc. at 317-915-9300, ext. 103, or lkonicki@ascgroup.net. All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to ASC Group, Inc. at the following address:

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Topographic map showing project area

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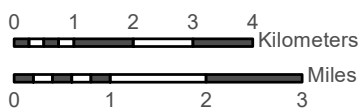
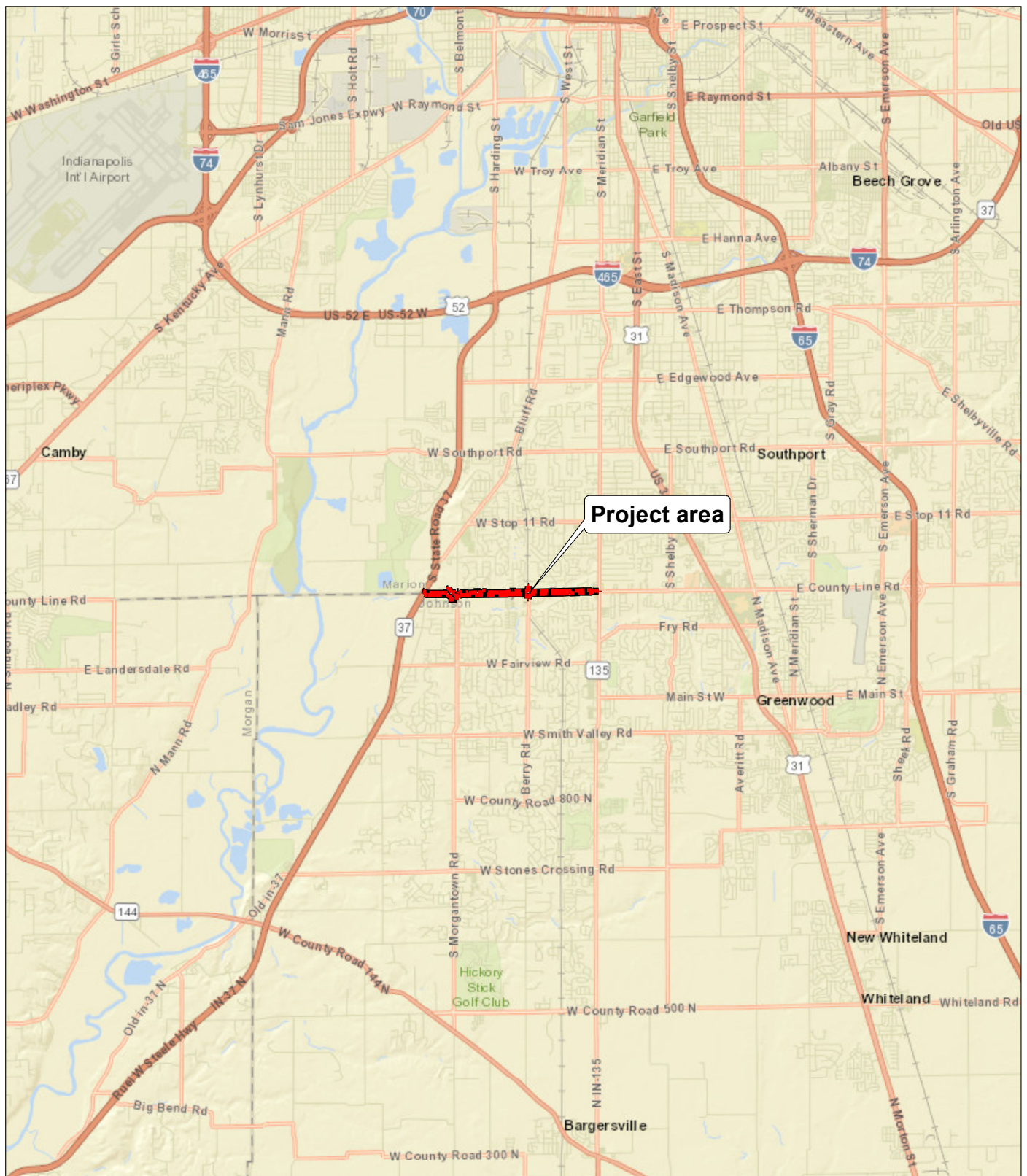
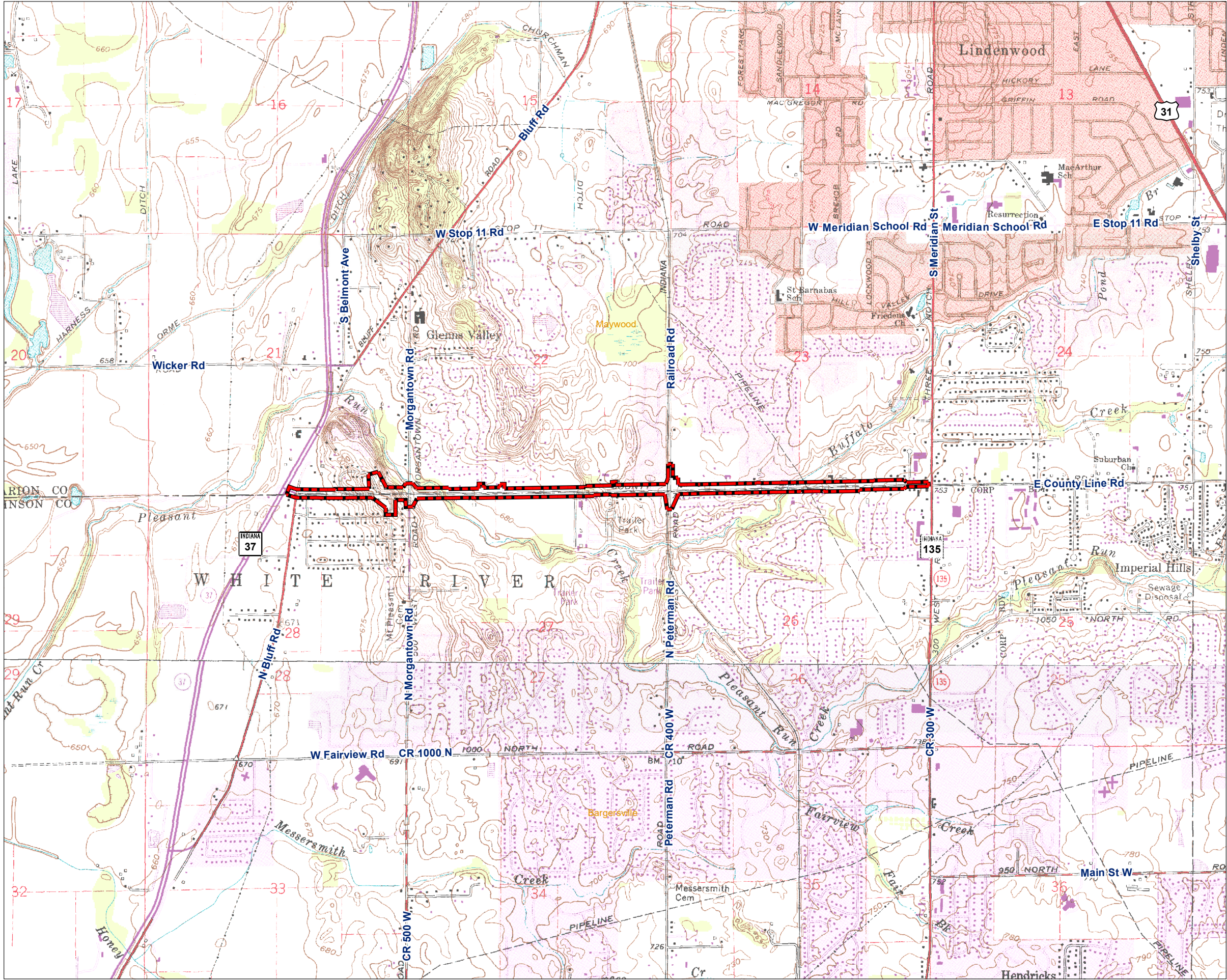


Figure 1

Portion of the ESRI World Street Map showing the vicinity of the project area.

Base: ESRI World Street Map



Project area boundary

Base: USGS Bargserville and Maywood, Indiana,
7.5' series quadrangles



0 200 400 600 800 1000 Meters
0 600 1200 1800 2400 3000 Feet

USGS Topographic Map

Portions of the 1992 Bargserville and 1998 Maywood, Indiana, quadrangles(USGS 7.5' topographic maps) showing the project area for the South County Line Road Project (Des. No. 2002553).

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Marion and Johnson Counties, Indiana
Des. No. 2002553, DPW Project ST-45-067
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