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Plan News

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



The Indiana Safe Routes To School Partnership will be hosting its 2nd annual statewide Walk and Bike to School Challenge this spring. It will run May 6-17, to include both National Bike to School Day (5/8) and National Bike to Work Day (5/17). There will be additional information posted on the DMMPC website in the weeks to come, but please be sure to start spreading the word. It would be great to see our community participate in this event.

The DMMPC has once again secured booth space for the 2013 Delaware County Fair. We will have staff on hand to promote safe walking and biking to school. Please make plans to attend and stop by our booth to learn more about the benefits of walking and biking to school.

For more information about the Safe Routes To School initiative, please contact MaryAnn Williams at: mawilliams@co.delaware.in.us

MITS UPDATE

MITS has made security improvements at the MITS Transfer Station. The center booth, which provided public messaging and next bus information, blocked the station attendant's view of half the station and so it was removed. The information that had been displayed there is now displayed on the back wall.

MITS provided shuttle service for Muncie Gras on Saturday, March 23rd. The transit service often provides shuttles for major events in Muncie to help move people from available parking into event areas where parking would be problematic.

Ridership on MITS has been steady in 2012-13 near the previous three-year average, which is good during this period of finite transit funding for the general public. MIT Plus, the paratransit service, has remained near its peak, which indicates a strong need among those in Muncie with disabilities and a successful effort to maintain the current level of service toward that need.



NEW FY 2014-17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The DMMPC is in the process of developing a new Delaware Muncie Transportation Improvement Program (DMTIP). There will be two public meetings in mid-April to allow public input toward the draft DMTIP and to provide public input toward long range improvements for an update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

There are existing federal-aid projects carried over from the previous DMTIP with the addition of a few new federal-aid projects. The current DMTIP projects include:

Des #0401076 – Madison Street streetscape and reconstruction from 29th to Walnut with a roundabout at Walnut Street: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0500078 – Bridge #85 Replacement, Strong-800E over Mississinewa River: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0501033 – Neely Avenue reconstruction from New York to Wheeling: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0710089 – Walnut at Riggin Roundabout: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0710092 – Morrison Road reconstruction to 3 lanes plus sidewalk from York Prairie Creek to Keller Road: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0800089 – Macedonia Avenue sidewalk from 26th to 29th: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0901916 – Sidewalks in the Lyndenbrook Area: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #0900990 – Bridge #226 removal, CR 419E over Cardinal Greenway Trail: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #1006112 – Delaware County & Yorktown Sign replacement for FHWA retro-reflectivity standards: construction pending in FY 2014.

Des #1006333 – Muncie Sign replacement for FHWA retro-reflectivity standards: construction anticipated in 2014.

Des #1006111 – Jackson at Nebo Roundabout: construction anticipated in 2014.

Des #0501039 – Nebo Road at SR 332 intersection & corridor improvements and Welcome Center:

Construction planned for FY 2015.

Des #0900596 – River Road bike/ped trail west of Morrison Road: Construction planned for FY 2015.

Des #1006593 – Delaware County Bridge Reinspection Study & Report: work to begin in FY 2015.

Des #0710098 – Bridge #141 Rehabilitation & bike/ped path (Tiger Drive over White River):

Construction planned for FY 2016.

Des #0800295 – Kitselman Trailhead improvements connecting Cardinal & White River Greenways:

Construction tentatively planned for FY 2016.

Des #1173229 – Wheeling Avenue Reconstruction (including sidewalks) from Centennial to McGalliard:

Construction planned for FY 2016.

Des #1173228 – Wheeling Avenue reconstruction to 3 lanes from Riverside to Centennial:

Construction tentatively planned for FY 2016.

The following projects have federal funding, but the specifics still need to be determined:

Des #0501031 – Everett Lane extension from SR 332 to Bethel: FY 2014 PE for determining best Solution.

Des #0501105 – Local routes parallel to US 35-Muncie Bypass study: \$120,000 federal earmark.

Des #0710547 – Federal earmark funding for railroad relocation study: \$150,000.

Des #0901917 – Study & purchase of CSRR Muncie Beltway RW acquisition for trail: \$100,000 (TE funds).

Des #9981920 – Federal earmark remaining from Muncie Downtown rail crossings study: \$50,596.

The City of Muncie has a possible new project under consideration for reconstructing Wysor/Dr ML King Jr Boulevard from Madison to McGalliard. The new project would include upgrading sidewalks. Delaware County will be adding a bridge rehab project for the Tillotson Bridge.

The Muncie Indiana Transit System will continue to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds toward operating assistance, purchasing vehicle replacements, obtaining assistance toward vouchers for Accessible (after hours) Transit trips in Delaware County, and MITS headquarters roof replacement.

UPWP MODIFICATIONS

The 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program was modified to include dollar amounts for the 2014 program year totaling \$331, 256 as shown on the following table. Certain activities were modified to reflect planning emphasis areas identified by the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration including project tracking activities, ADA plans and red flag reports where potential environmental issues are investigated for individual projects.

The complete 2013-2014 UPWP is online at www.dmmmpc.org.

| Program | 2013 PL 80% Federal | 2014 PL 80% Federal | Total PL Funds for 2014 | Local 20% Match | Other Local | Total |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 100 | 1,000 | 119,000 | 120,000 | 30,000 | | \$150,000 |
| 200 | 1,000 | 34,000 | 35,000 | 8,750 | | 43,750 |
| 300 | 500 | 15,000 | 15,500 | 3,875 | | 19,375 |
| 400 | 500 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 1,000 | | 5,000 |
| 500 | 1,000 | 19,000 | 20,000 | 5,000 | | 25,000 |
| 600 | 1,000 | 59,000 | 60,000 | 15,000 | | 75,000 |
| 700 | 1,010 | 81,756 | 82,766 | 20,691 | | 103,457 |
| 800 | | | | | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| 900 | | | | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Total | 6,010 | 331,256 | 337,266 | 84,316 | 160,000 | 581,582 |

AG DAYS

Delaware County has a special 2-day Ag Days event at the Fairgrounds each spring. This year's event was on March 19-20 and was attended by local elementary school students as a field trip. Ag Days is attended by roughly 2000 children accompanied by teachers or parents. The purpose of the event is to educate the public on what part agriculture plays in supporting our daily lives. The Plan Commission Office, as a member of the Delaware County Safe Kids Coalition, participated in AG Days at the Safe Kids booth, which covered issues in poison safety and farm safety.

Poison safety is used to warn parents that young children can accidentally consume adult medicines or poisons if they confuse them with similar-looking candies, food or drinks. The best way to avoid such poisonings is to keep such items out of the reach of young children and teach them to ask an adult before considering consuming anything they haven't been told is safe.

Farm safety is used to remind children that, although the farm can be a fun place to visit, they need to be careful to avoid playing around grain storage or power equipment.

Safe Kids uses a combination of local organizations including hospital departments, Delaware County Health Department, PILOT Club, Muncie Fire Department, the Plan Commission, and others to promote kids safety in a variety of ways, including safer outdoor activities.