



# OHIO RIVER CROSSING

Indiana and Kentucky are committed to improving the I-69 corridor by creating an I-69 Ohio River Crossing between Evansville and Henderson.

## 2017 Progress Report

The states have reinitiated a study of the I-69 corridor, required under the National Environmental Policy Act. The study is expected to be complete by late 2019. It will identify the route, bridge location and funding solutions for a new I-69 Ohio River Crossing.

### Progress to Date

Early 2017



- I-69 ORX Project Team began work in earnest.
- Project offices opened in Evansville and Henderson.
- Project website and social media sites launched.

- Five broad corridors identified for new I-69 Ohio River Crossing.
- Meetings held with advisory committees, local leaders and other stakeholders to gather their input.
- Public open houses held in Evansville and Henderson.



Spring 2017

Spring/Summer 2017



- Corridors assessed to determine which will move forward for additional study.
- Field work, engineering analyses and traffic modeling began.
- Feedback gathered from public, agencies and stakeholders.

- Level 1 screening process completed, and a short list of three corridors for the I-69 ORX identified.
- Public open houses held in Evansville and Henderson.
- Additional meetings held with advisory committees and other stakeholders.



Summer 2017

Fall 2017



- Detailed alternatives are being developed for each corridor.
- Field work and engineering analyses continue.
- Traffic forecasting and preliminary design work are underway.

### What's Next



This Winter

Open houses to discuss alternatives being developed.



Fall 2018

Preferred alternative is identified, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is published. Public Hearings held on DEIS.



Fall 2019

The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision are expected.

# WHAT IS A DEIS?

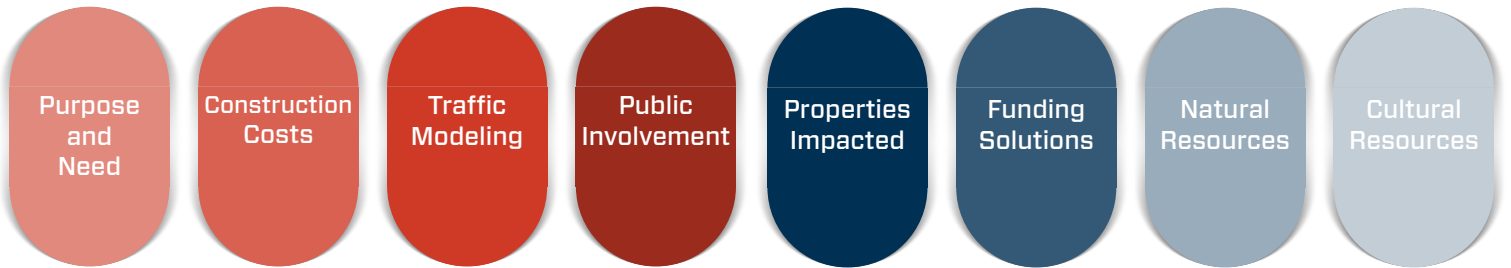
A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is required by the National Environmental Policy Act for large, federally-funded projects such as I-69 ORX.

The detailed document will include a full description of the affected environment, a range of reasonable alternatives and an analysis of the benefits and impacts of each alternative.

The DEIS is a tool for decision making. The information gathered will allow executive leadership in both states to make an informed decision to deliver an I-69 ORX.



## DEIS Considerations



## Short List of Corridors

West Corridor 1

West Corridor 2

Central Corridor 1



Greatest potential of meeting project's purpose and need to:

- Complete the I-69 connection between Indiana and Kentucky
- Improve long-term cross-river mobility
- Reduce congestion and delay
- Improve safety

The Project Team is developing alternatives for each corridor. Detailed alternatives will include bridge configuration, right of way limits, range of impacts, expected costs and possible funding options.

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