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January 30, 2020

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Dual Review Project: I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange Reconstruction Project (Designation (Des.) Numbers (Nos.) 1592385 & 1600808) IDNR DHPA No. 21534 Section 106 Update Memo #9

Dear Consulting Party,

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to proceed with the I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange Reconstruction Project (North Split Project) in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County (Des. Nos. 1592385 & 1600808). HNTB Corporation is under contract with INDOT to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

Project Location

The proposed undertaking includes the I-65/I-70 North Split interchange; south along I-65/I-70 to the Washington Street interchange; the portion of I-65 west of the North Split interchange to approximately Alabama Street (to Illinois Street along 11th and 12th Streets); and, the portion of I-70 east of the North Split interchange to approximately the bridge over Valley Avenue (west of the Keystone Avenue/Rural Street interchange) in downtown Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. It is within Center Township, Beech Grove United States Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic Quadrangle, in Section 36, Township 16N, Range 3E; Sections 1 and 12, Township 15N, Range 3E; and Section 31, Township 16N, Range 4E.

State Certificate Approval Dual Review Process

Please note that per the permanent rule issued by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) effective August 14, 2013 (312 IAC 20-4-11.5), INDOT is requesting that this project be subjected to "dual review"; that is, reviewed by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) simultaneously under 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106) and IC 14-21-1-18 (Indiana Preservation and Archaeology Law dealing with alterations of historic sites and structures requiring a Certificate of Approval).

The following change should be made to the consulting parties list for processing the dual review submission:

• Mr. Gavin Thomas has replaced Mr. Isaac Bamgbose as the Hendricks Commercial Properties representative.

Contact information for consulting parties is included in Attachment A.

Noise Barrier Update

INDOT has carefully considered the results of benefited noise receptor survey responses, concerns from the State Historic Preservation Officer and Section 106 consulting parties, as well as the noise-minimizing elements that will be included in the project ("Next Generation Pavement" grooving, continuous reinforced concrete pavement, jointless concrete bridges, and concrete safety barrier). INDOT is making a preliminary recommendation that Noise Barriers 3E and 3W be constructed. INDOT is making a preliminary recommendation that Noise Barriers 4, 5, and 7 not be constructed. Not constructing Noise Barriers 4, 5, and 7 is considered an avoidance and minimization measure as part of the Section 106 consultation process and mitigation measures for the noise barriers will not be developed unless that recommendation is changed. Please see Attachment B for a map of the noise barrier locations.

The final recommendation will be made in the Environmental Assessment. Noise Barriers 3E and 3W will be re-evaluated during the design phase. If during final design it has been determined that conditions have changed such that noise abatement is not feasible and reasonable, the noise barriers might not be provided.

Design Modifications

Subsequent to the publication of the North Split Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation, there have been some design modifications for the project. The modifications are largely in response to INDOT and FHWA technical review comments or for maintenance of traffic during construction. These modifications are minor in scope and within the existing right-of-way. Due to the nature of the modifications and the existing urban, developed setting, the modifications will not alter the characteristics of a historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. No changes to the effect findings documented in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation are recommended. In the interest of transparency, INDOT and FHWA are describing the modifications for consulting party review and comment. The design modifications are listed below.

Bridge Elevation Changes

The following bridge elevation changes differ from those described in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation. The total anticipated bridge elevation changes, including both the new modifications and those identified previously, are shown in updated Figure 4 from the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation in Attachment C.

- 10th Street The Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation stated the interstate bridges over 10th Street would be four feet taller than the existing bridges. This is correct for the western-most bridge carrying southbound I-65 and westbound I-70 to the collector-distributor road. However, the eastern-most bridge over 10th Street, which carries I-65 northbound, will be nine feet taller than the existing bridge. Nine feet is the maximum difference between the existing and proposed bridges over 10th Street.
- •St. Clair Street The Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation stated the interstate bridges over St. Clair Street would be three feet taller than the existing bridges. This is correct for the eastern-most bridge carrying I-65 northbound. However, the western-most bridge over St. Clair Street, which carries the collector-distributor road, will be five feet taller than the existing bridge. Five feet is the maximum difference between the existing and proposed bridges over St. Clair Street.

Roadway Changes

The following roadway changes differ from those described in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation. Roadway changes are shown on maps in Attachment D.

• Guardrail has been added to the earthen section of the Pennsylvania Street exit ramp from approximately the parking lot west of Delaware Street to Pennsylvania Street (Attachment D-1).

- The proposed edge of shoulder along the earthen section of the Delaware Street entrance ramp will be 2 feet closer to the Saint Joseph Neighborhood Historic District. Guardrail has also been added to this section (Attachment D-1).
- Within the interchange near the bridge over College Avenue, the I-65 northbound ramp shoulder edge will be approximately 12 feet north of what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-2).
- East of Commerce Avenue, the south edge of the I-70 eastbound shoulder will be approximately 10 feet beyond what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-3). The proposed edge of shoulder will now be 830 feet from the closest point of the Indianapolis Park and Boulevard System Historic District. It was shown as 838 feet away previously. The proposed edge of shoulder will now be 526 feet from the closest point of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Historic District. It was shown as 539 feet away previously.
- Near St. Clair Street, the west edge of shoulder for the collector-distributor road will be 1.5 to 2 feet beyond what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-4). In addition, the east edge of shoulder for I-65 northbound will be approximately 4.5 feet beyond what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-4).
- Along the east and west sides of the interstates, from north of Michigan Street to the Ohio Street exit ramp, the edge of shoulders will be 2 feet beyond what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-5). The edge of shoulder will be 2 feet closer to the Lockerbie Square Historic District.
- The pavement along Ohio Street/Pine Street from College Avenue to approximately New York Street will be reconstructed and road alignment shifted slightly to the northwest (Attachment D-6).
- Along the east side of the I-65/I-70 northbound, from south of the Ohio Street/CSX Railroad bridge to southern limits of the project, the east edge of shoulder will be 2 feet beyond what was shown in the Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation (Attachment D-6). The edge of shoulder will be 2 feet closer to the Holy Cross Historic District.

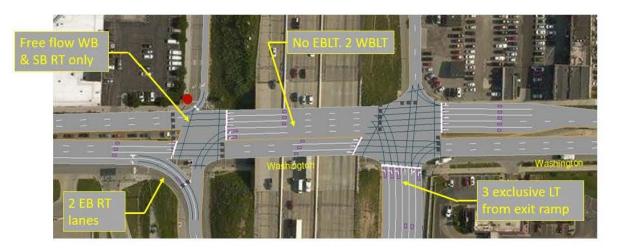
Temporary Maintenance of Traffic Improvements

Temporary improvements will be made at Washington Street and the interstate exit and entrance ramps to improve traffic flow during construction. All work will be within the existing pavement area. No work to outside curbs will be completed. Portions of the concrete triangular median in the southwest quadrant will be removed to allow for an additional entrance lane to the interstate. Lanes will be re-striped and bags will be placed over traffic signal heads. These changes will be removed after construction.

The following changes will occur:

- Motorists on Davidson Street will only be able to turn right onto Washington Street. These traffic signals will be covered with bags, and traffic on Davidson Street will be controlled with a stop sign.
- The eastbound left-turn lane from Washington Street onto Pine Street will be converted into a second westbound left-turn lane from Washington Street to southbound I-65/I-70. This will require removing concrete from the existing concrete triangular median to accommodate dual left turns.
- The right-most through lane for eastbound Washington Street will be converted into a shared through/right lane for entry onto southbound I-65/I-70. This will require removing concrete from the existing concrete triangular median to accommodate dual right turns.
- The existing configuration on the northbound I-65/I-70 exit ramp to Washington Street consists of two left-turn lanes, one shared left/through lane, one shared through/right lane, and one right-turn lane. The shoulders on this exit ramp to Washington Street will be narrowed to accommodate an additional lane on

the ramp. The proposed configuration will include three left-turn lanes, one through lane, one shared through/right lane, and one right-turn lane.



Next Steps

INDOT will review consulting party comments on Section 106 Update Memo #8, Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation, and mitigation ideas. INDOT may modify mitigation ideas based on consulting party comments and will incorporate them into a Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). It is anticipated the Draft MOA will be sent to consulting parties for a 30-day comment period near the end of February 2020. A consulting party meeting is anticipated to be held in March 2020 to discuss the Draft MOA.

Please review the information and comment within 30 calendar days of receipt. For questions concerning specific project details, you may contact Kia Gillette of HNTB Corporation at 317-636-4682 or kgillette@hntb.com. All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to HNTB Corporation at the following address:

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Tribal contacts may contact Shaun Miller at <u>smiller@indot.in.gov</u> or 317-233-6795 or Michelle Allen at FHWA at <u>michelle.allen@dot.gov</u> or 317-226-7344.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Attachment A - Consulting Parties List & Contact Information

Attachment B - Noise Barrier Recommendations Map

- Attachment C Bridge Elevation Changes (Updated Figure 4 from Section 106 800.11(e) Documentation)
- Attachment D Roadway Change Maps

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Attachment A

Consulting Parties List & Contact Information

I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange Reconstruction Des. Nos. 1592385 & 1600808 Consulting Parties List (1/23/2020)

Organization	Contact Name	Title	E-Mail				
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Noise Barrier Preliminary Recommendations Map

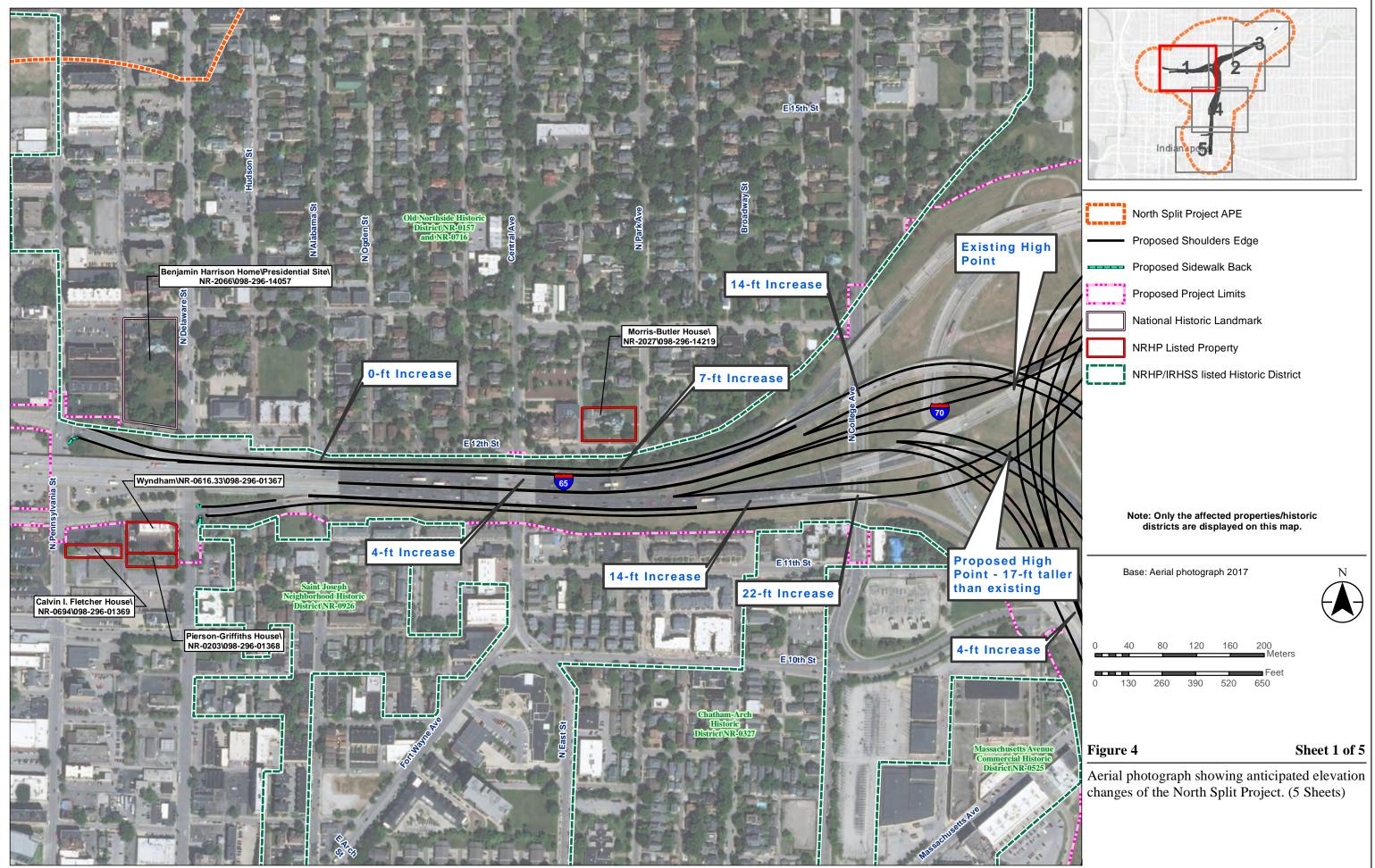


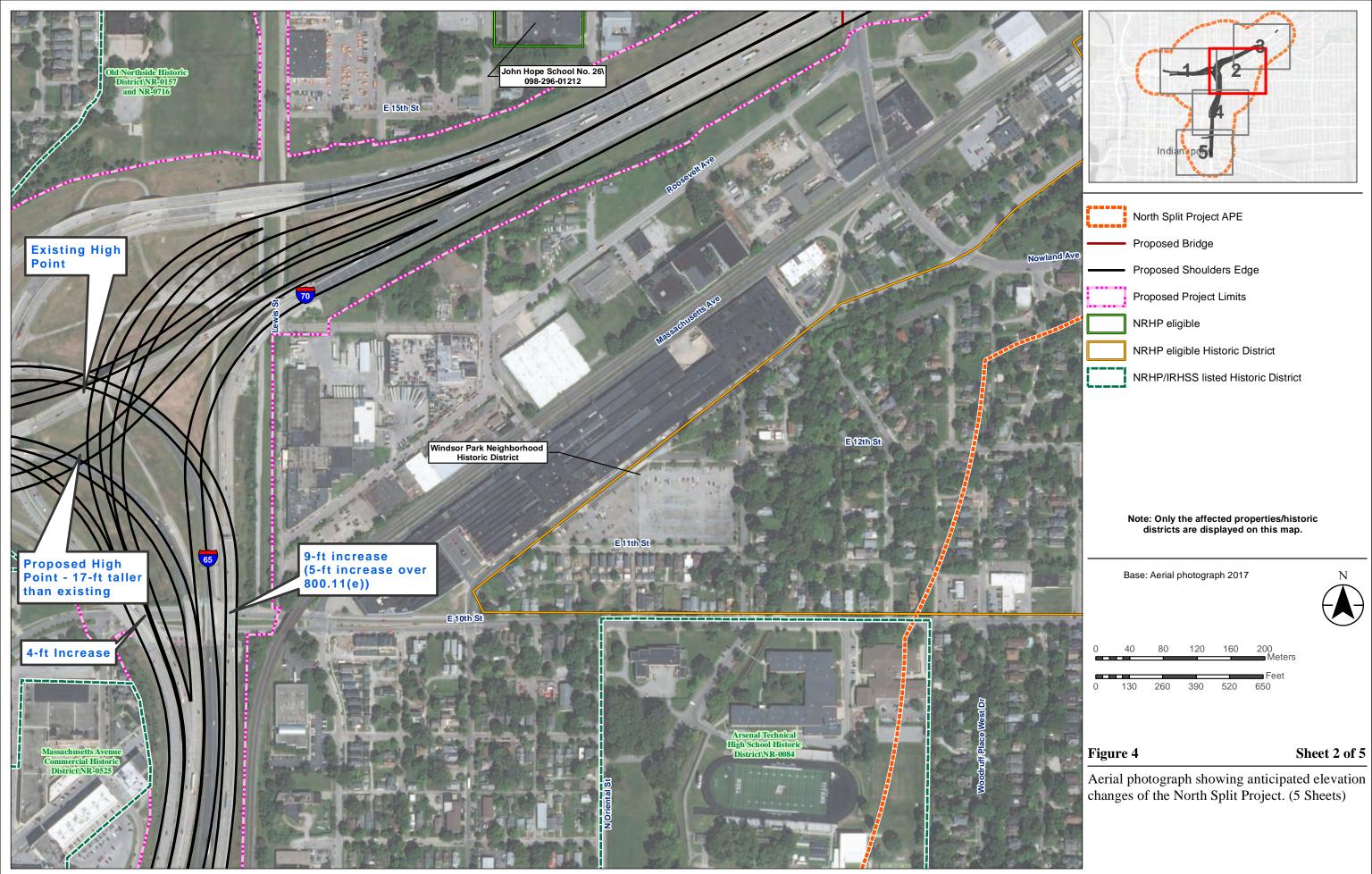


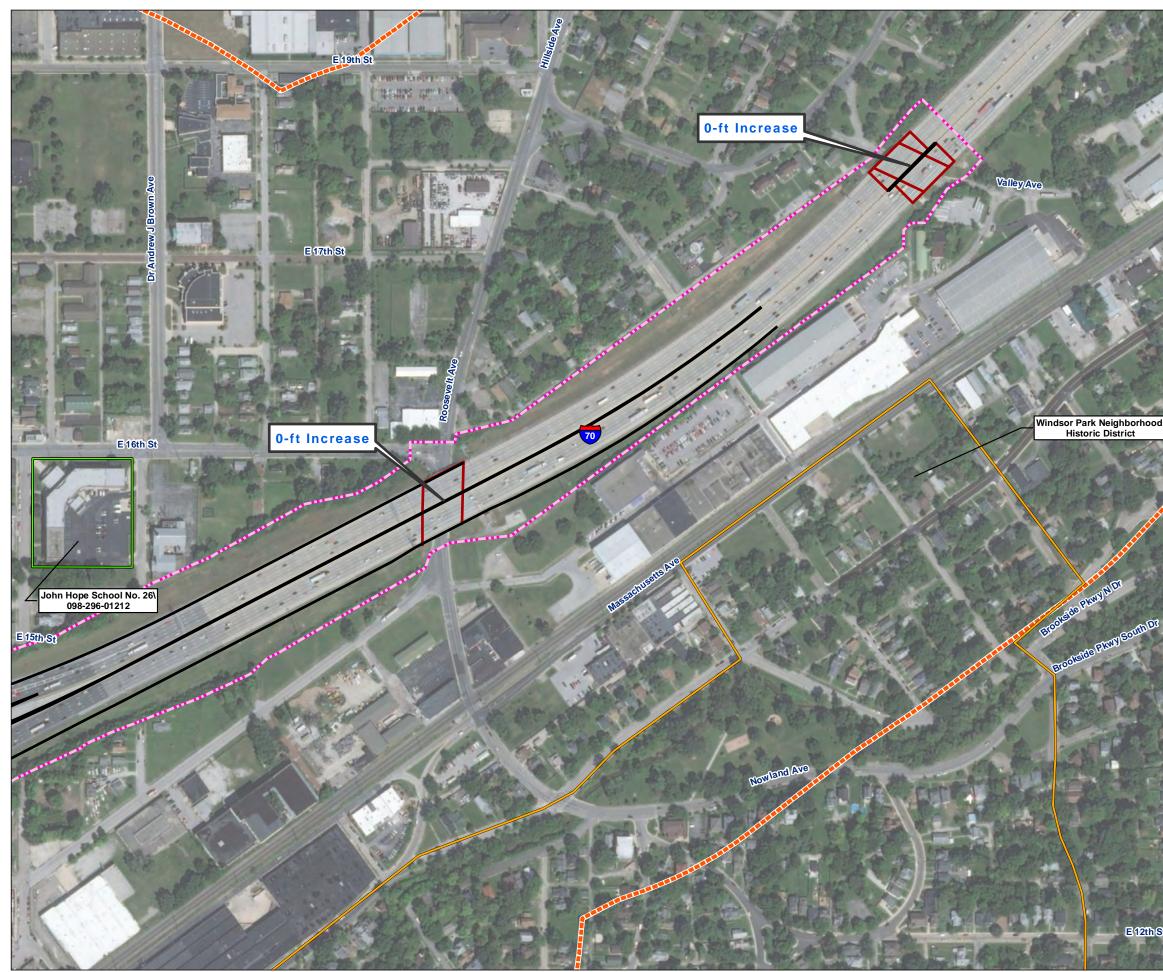
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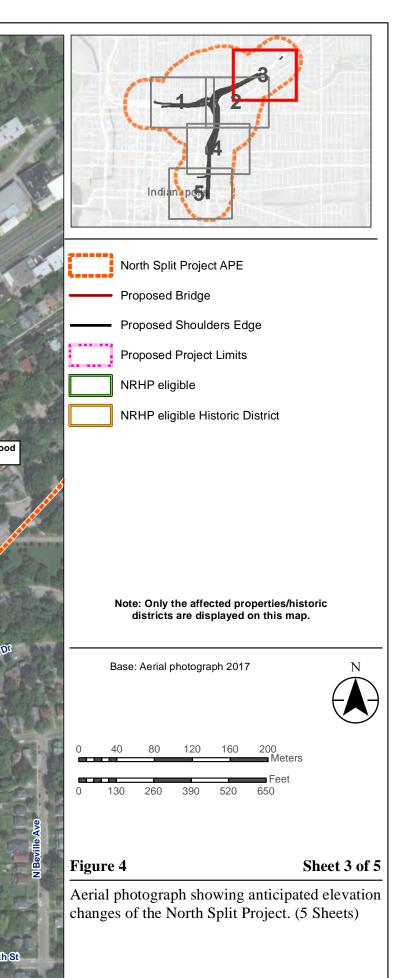
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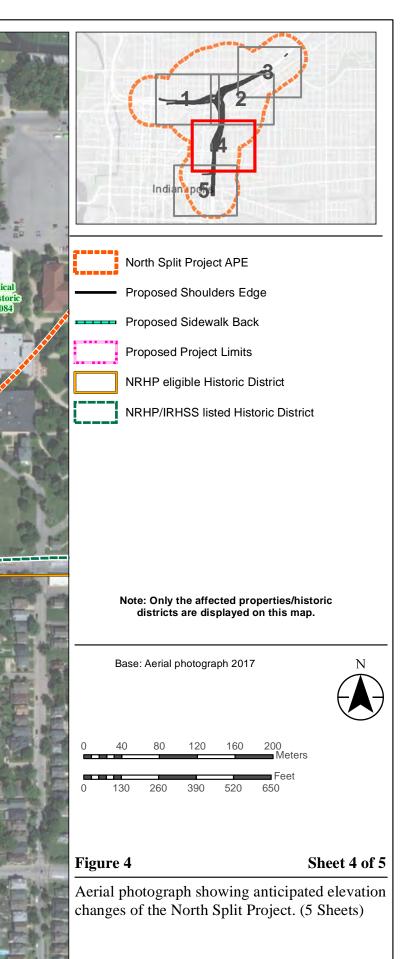


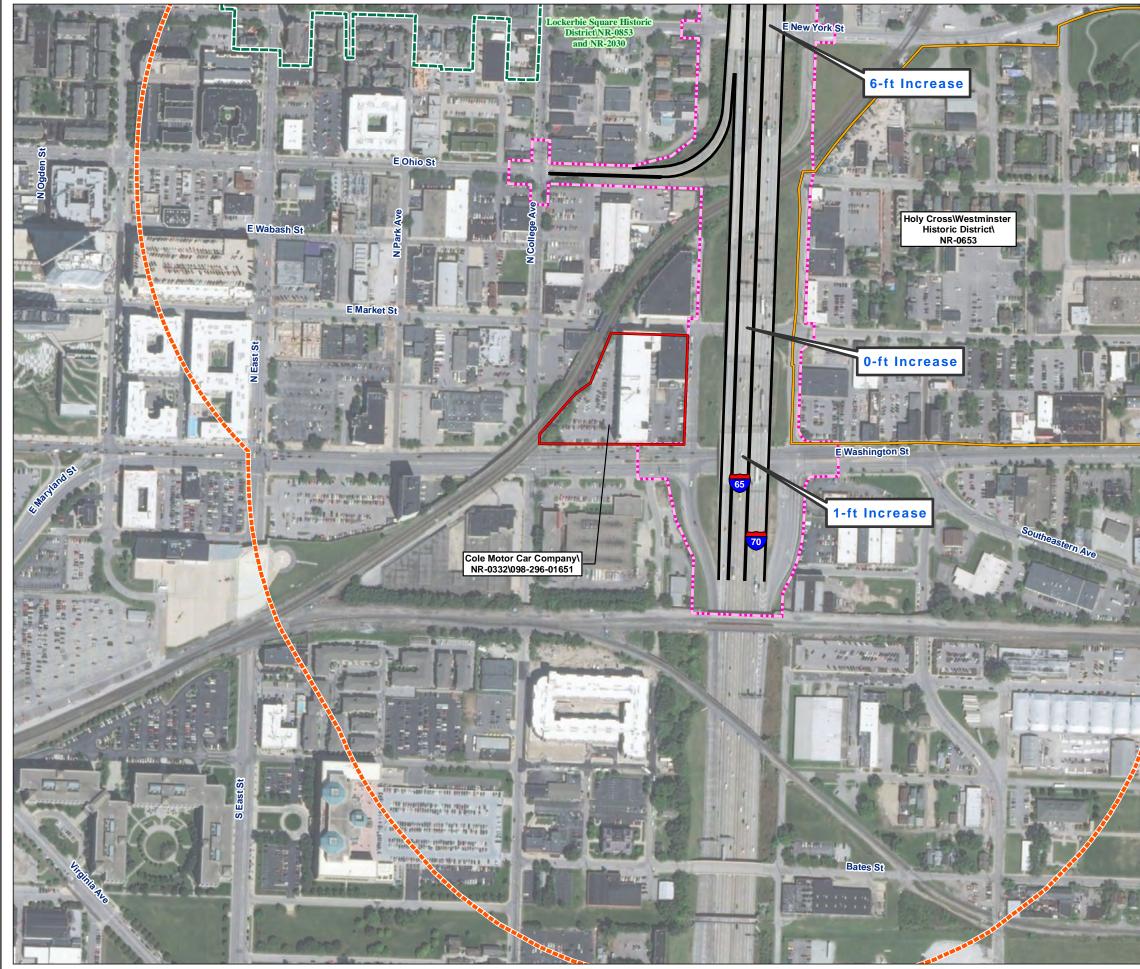














Aerial photograph showing anticipated elevation changes of the North Split Project. (5 Sheets)

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Roadway Changes Maps

