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Public Information Meeting on the Michigan Blvd. Rehabilitation Project

The Michigan City Board of Public Works will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council chambers at 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana.

Mayor Oberlie stated, "The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the proposed Michigan Blvd. Rehabilitation Project. The section of East Michigan Blvd. that will be reconstructed begins at the intersection with U.S. Hwy. 12 and proceeds southeast to a point 450 feet east of the intersection with Carroll Avenue, a distance of 1.86 miles in Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana."

AmericanStructure Point representatives will explain the various improvements under consideration. The project is being designed as a 4-lane, urban minor arterial capable of serving 2030 traffic volume projections. The proposed mainline roadway will include four, 11-foot-wide lanes, two in each direction, with a raised median separating each direction, two, 5-foot-wide bicycle lanes, one in each direction, with concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on each side of the roadway. The proposed design will provide an asphalt milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway with new pavement markings. Improvements will include the removal of on-street parking, where feasible, and the addition of landscape features and plantings along the median and outside curbline. The existing traffic signals at 8th Street, Poplar/Vail Streets, School/Hendricks Streets, Woodland Avenue, and Carroll Avenue will be replaced with new signal equipment and new street and pedestrian lighting will be added throughout the corridor. The proposed project will not require any additional permanent right-of-way or temporary right-of-way to be constructed.