

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
For

96<sup>th</sup> & Keystone Avenue Interchange (Des. No. 0901562)  
Hamilton County, Indiana

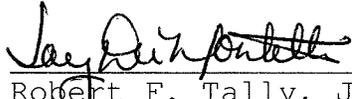
The environmental document was released for public review and comment by public notices dated October 11 and October 18, 2011, and a Public Hearing was held on October 26, 2011. This project provides for construction of a grade separated interchange at 96<sup>th</sup> and Keystone Avenue, to reduce congestion and crashes.

The project will require approximately 14.4 acres of permanent right-of-way, and approximately 0.63 acre of temporary right-of-way. There are no residential relocations, but there are four business relocations. As with all such projects, there will be temporary impacts to businesses, during construction, but FHWA believes there will be an overall benefit to both business and the local community if the construction schedule is accelerate. If the project is to be accelerated, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) 2035 Transportation Plan and 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program will need to be amended to reflect the updated schedule. There will be an additional opportunity for public comment during the amendment process in accordance with the IMPO Public Participation Plan. There are no impacts to wetlands or 4(f) protected resources.

The FHWA has determined that this project, as identified in the Environmental Assessment, will have no significant impact on the natural and human environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the environmental assessment and Public Hearing transcript that have been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of these documents.

March 5, 2012

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Date

  
for Robert F. Tally, Jr., P.E.  
Division Administrator



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575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254  
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March 5, 2012

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Mr. Ben Lawrence  
Environmental Policy Manager  
Environmental Services  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 North Senate  
IGCN Room N642  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Enclosed are the signature page and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the 96<sup>th</sup> & Keystone Interchange in Hamilton County, Indiana (Des. No. 0901562). Public comment encouraged FHWA to approve the environmental document as an environmental assessment, in lieu of a categorical exclusion. The content needed to support an environmental assessment was included in the environmental document that was released for public review and comment, and FHWA has concluded the project qualifies for a finding of no significant impact.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this finding, please contact Larry Heil at 317-226-7480 or [larry.heil@dot.gov](mailto:larry.heil@dot.gov).

Sincerely yours,

For Robert F. Tally, Jr. P.E.  
Division Administrator

Enclosure



*Indiana Department of Transportation*

County Hamilton / Marion Route Keystone Ave. / 96<sup>th</sup> St. Des. No. 0901562 Project No. 0901562

FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM**  
GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Road No./County:	Keystone Avenue and 96 <sup>th</sup> Street / Hamilton and Marion Counties
Designation Number:	0901562
Project Description/Terminal:	The south-north leg of the proposed project would extend along Keystone Avenue from a point approximately 400 ft. north of the northern I-465 ramp terminals to 99 <sup>th</sup> Street. The west-east leg of the proposed project would extend from approximately 594 ft. west of Haverstick Road to approximately 300 ft. east of Priority Way West Drive.

After completing this form, I conclude that this project qualifies for the following type of Categorical Exclusion (FHWA must review/approve if Level 1 CE):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exclusion, Level 2 – The proposed action meets the criteria for Categorical Exclusion Manual Level 2 - table 1, CE Level Thresholds. Required Signatories: ESM (Environmental Scoping Manager).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exclusion, Level 3 – The proposed action meets the criteria for Categorical Exclusion Manual Level 3 - table 1, CE Level Thresholds. Required Signatories: ESM, ES (Environmental Services).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exclusion, Level 4 – The proposed action meets the criteria for Categorical Exclusion Manual Level 4 - table 1, CE Level Thresholds. Required Signatories: ESM, ES, FHWA.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Assessment (EA) – EAs require a separate FONSI. Additional research and documentation is necessary to determine the effects on the environment. Required Signatories: ES, FHWA.

Note: For documents prepared by or for Environmental Services, it is not necessary for the ESM of the district in which the project is located to release for public involvement or sign for approval.

Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3-2-12  
 ESM Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 ES Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Jay D. Montelle 3-5-2012  
 FHWA Signature Date

Release for Public Involvement \_\_\_\_\_ Date 09/15/11  
 ESM Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
BT 9-15-11  
 ES Initials Date

Certification of Public Involvement \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/28/11  
 EXAMINER Manager, Public Hearings Signature Date

Note: Do not approve until after Section 106 public involvement and all other environmental requirements have been satisfied.

Reviewer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9-15-11  
 Name and organization of CE/EA Preparer: Chad E. Costa / RW August 2011

This is page 1 of 44 Project name: Keystone Avenue and 96<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Date: 09/12/11