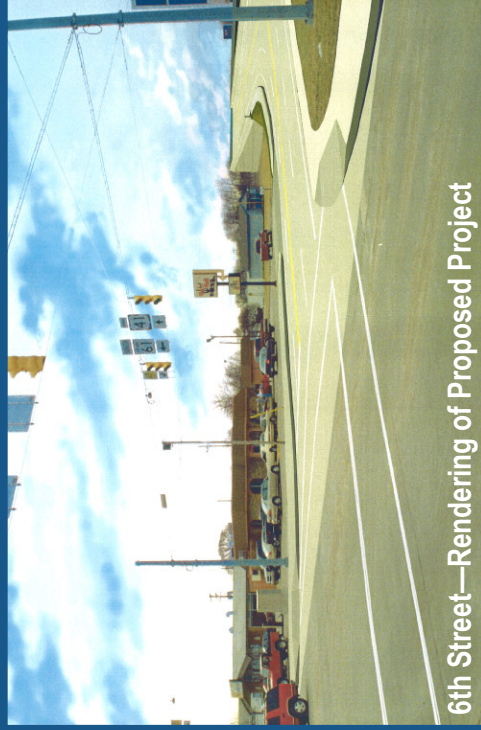
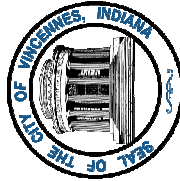


6th Street—Current Configuration



6th Street—Rendering of Proposed Project



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### WHO?

Project Oversight- A Project Management Team comprised of representatives from The City of Vincennes, the Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation are the decision-making body for the project. This group works with the technical staff of Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC (BLN), the Indianapolis-based engineering firm that is responsible for project management and the design of the bridge.

### WHAT & WHEN?

Sixth Street- Design for the Sixth Street project is currently under development. The anticipated date to authorize funds for construction is June 2011. Visual elements such as landscaping and lighting are under consideration and advanced right-of-way acquisition discussions are also underway with a timetable for construction estimated to begin in October, 2011 and be completed by 2013.

Hart and Fifteenth Streets- No specific design details exist for the Hart Street and Fifteenth Street spot improvements other than conceptual. Additional structure design details, right-of-way needs and historic preservation plans would be developed during the ensuing environmental phase.

### How?

Community Involvement- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been developed and consists of area residents that include a diverse representation from local governments, the local police and fire departments and neighborhood organizations. The CAC will review design work and provide valuable input from the community at large as the project progresses. The first CAC meeting was held on July 23, 2009. In addition, several Public Meetings will also be scheduled and advertised in the local news media to provide everyone an opportunity to get information and provide input. The first Public Information meeting is tentatively planned for the fall of 2009.

### How Much?

The estimated cost of the proposed improvement at Sixth Street is \$13,000,000.00 (2009 dollars).

## THE 6TH STREET PROJECT

The proposed project involves new bridge construction and grade separation associated with three separate rail line crossings located within the City of Vincennes. The spot improvements focus on the separation of grades at the existing CSX Railroad intersections with Sixth Street, Hart Street and Fifteenth Street. There are currently no bridge structures at any of these three locations.

The need for the project arises from the large number of at-grade railroad crossings that cause traffic delays. These delays have a negative impact on economic productivity and emergency response times. The division of neighborhoods disrupts traffic circulation patterns and reduces the quality of life. The high potential for train/vehicle collisions, potential impacts of a hazardous material spill, and negative impact on emergency service operations are all safety concerns that must be considered. In the short-term, the construction of the grade separation structures at Sixth Street, Hart Street and Fifteenth Street will address the most serious of the train/vehicle conflict points. In the long-term, the circulation plan will lay the foundation for the future reduction of other train/vehicle conflicts and identify potential future projects.

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

**Sixth Street**— The proposed project will replace three at-grade railroad crossings on Sixth Street with one structure. This bridge will consist of four lanes bordered by curb and sidewalks on each side. Emphasis on the use of context sensitive solutions will ensure the look of the structure is consistent with that of the existing neighborhood. The new construction will require the acquisition of approximately 4.2 acres of permanent right-of-way.

**Hart and Fifteenth Streets**- Presently, conceptual plans exist for these two areas of the project. The city has reviewed and approved a proposed typical section for each location which would consist of two lanes bordered by curb and gutter and sidewalks on either side. Unlike Sixth Street, the existing horizontal tangent alignment of Hart Street and Fifteenth Street will be maintained and the vertical alignment will be on a 5.0% (maximum) grade over the railroad tracks.



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## DECADES OF DREAMING...



The City of Vincennes has worked for several years to secure funding to transform 6th Street into an uninterrupted roadway across the railroad tracks. Partial funding has been secured and this project is now moving forward. Due to the nature of the project, the government requires extensive environmental measures to take place before approving the 6th Street project for construction. Right now, the engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC (BLN) is working to complete the environmental study and submit the necessary forms to the State and Federal government for approval. While the environmental work is being completed, BLN is also busy designing the new 6th Street Bridge that will allow passage from one side of the City to the other, regardless of the train schedule.

This informational bulletin will be sent out periodically as this project progresses. Because projects of this type can take some time to complete, the goal of this literature is to keep residents informed as to its progress. Additionally, a website is being developed to provide more in-depth information about how the new 6th Street will transform the City of Vincennes.

Questions regarding environmental aspects of this project can be addressed to the Environmental Analysts at BLN: 317-849-5832. Ask for Jeff Vlach or Elayna Stoner Phillips.

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