

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the City of La Porte and La Porte County have jointly retained the engineering/design firm Lochmueller Group to propose solutions to reduce the amount of heavy truck traffic in downtown La Porte and

WHEREAS, Lochmueller's recommended alternatives for a "bypass" – see enclosed graphic – tend to utilize little to no existing roadways but rather propose expensive 'greenfield' alternatives that would require acquisition/condemnation of numerous homesteads and farms at an estimated expense of some \$150-\$180 million and create significant disruption for homeowners, farmers and business owners in the proposed corridors, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Commission to allay concerns expressed by residents, farmers and business owners who fear condemnation proceedings in the case of landowners in the proposed routes or dilution of value in the case of those whose properties would border or be adjacent to the planned corridors, and

WHEREAS, we wish to formally request that the Lochmueller Group study a far less intrusive plan that would simply see some improvements to existing Boyd Boulevard (without widening) – which was constructed in the early 1970's as a bypass around La Porte – and then to utilize Boston Street (recently widened and improved by the City of La Porte) as a northerly route off of Lincolnway going north to Larson becoming Genesis Drive and then past Rose Industrial Park to then utilize existing Severs Road in its *current* two lane configuration – rather than widening any of these existing roads to four lanes, and

WHEREAS, we believe this option would accommodate some diversion of truck traffic from downtown La Porte (leaving local deliveries) and accomplish what is needed without the massive disruption and distress to local homeowners, business owners and farmers with property both north of Lincolnway in Center Township and to the southeast of Lincolnway in Pleasant Township, who fear losing their properties to eminent domain or significant devaluation,

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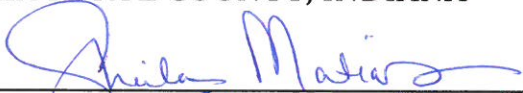
NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners expressly rejects the current recommended alternatives by Lochmueller Group and requests intensive study on the use of existing roadways to divert truck traffic from downtown La Porte – specifically:


1. Make improvements to the surface and substructure of Boyd Boulevard without any widening or additional property required.
2. Make improvements to the surface and substructure of Severs Road for truck traffic (similar to its current use for truck traffic to and from Rose Industrial Park) without widening Severs Road to four lanes.


This Board will NOT support the highly intrusive and expensive greenfield routes proposed by Lochmueller Group and instead supports reasonable improvements to the surface and sub-structures of Boyd Boulevard and Severs Road in their *current* two-lane configurations *without* the need for widening or further property condemnation or acquisition.

All of which is resolved this 6th day of July, 2022

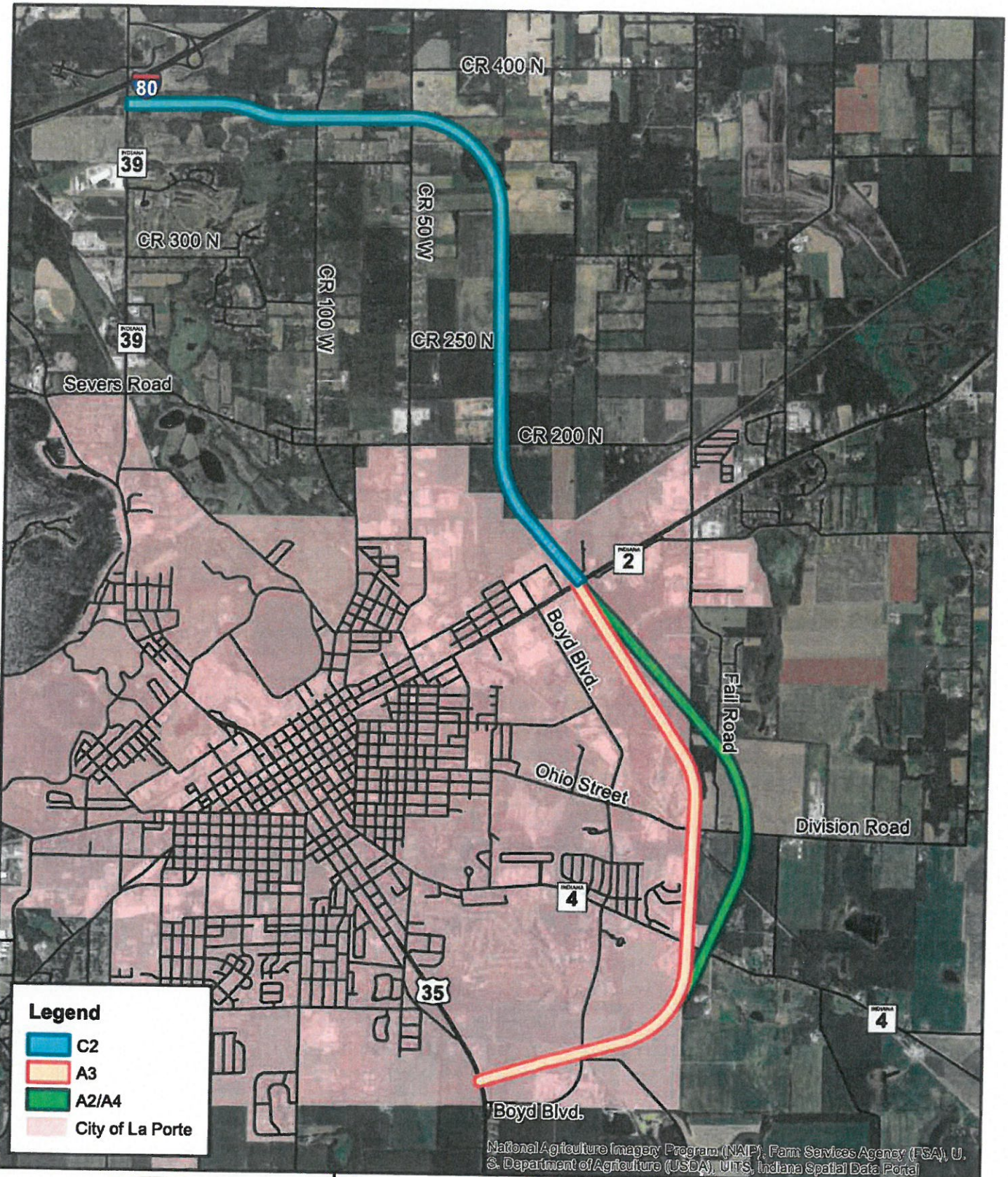
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National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP); Farm Services Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), UITS, Indiana Spatial Data Portal

Legend

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- A3
- A2/A4
- City of La Porte

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Recommended Alternatives
 Des. No. 1592338
 Alternatives Analysis

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County: LaPorte
 Township: Center, Kankakee, Scipio & Pleasant
 State: Indiana

LaPorte North-South Connector
 US 35 to SR 39
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