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To: Hamilton County Drainage Board

Re: Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31 Reconstruction

Attached are petition, plans, and other information for the proposed reconstruction of the Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms of the Williams Creek Drain, for the U.S. 31 Road Project. The reconstruction was petitioned by the Indiana Department of Transportation. During the road reconstruction, the Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher Arm and Meridian Suburban Arm will be affected and those changes are as follows:

**Meridian Suburban Arm**

**Tottenham Drive Realignment**

The project will reconstruct a portion of Williams Creek Drain, Meridian Suburban Arm. The reconstruction will start at a point 216 feet north of existing structure 3 on the Meridian Suburban Section 1 area, where a new manhole will be set on the existing drain, labeled as Str. 2303 in the US 31 road plans. The remaining 188 feet of 12" pipe to original drain Str. 2 will be removed; along with 46 feet of 12" RCP and 217 feet of 12" pipe to original drain Str. 1 will be removed, totaling 451 feet. The new drain will start from 2303, being 9 feet of 12" RCP to Str. 2302, then 21 feet of 12" RCP to Str. 2301, and then 5 feet of 12" RCP to Str. 2300. This is as shown on sheets 36, 53, and 61 of the U.S. 31 construction plans having project number 1296427, contract number IR-34750, and dated July 23, 2012. The total length of new drain shall be 35 feet.

**Pipe Outlet Realignment**

The project will reconstruct a portion of Williams Creek Drain, Meridian Suburban Arm. The reconstruction will start at a point 102 feet south east of existing structure 6 on the Meridian Suburban Section 1 area, where the new end of the existing tile will be discharged in to the U.S. 31 road side ditch. The remaining 135 feet of 30" pipe to the original outlet point will be removed. The new drain will start from the new tile end, being 35 feet of open ditch, and then turning south as another 180 feet of open ditch, with this arm ending at the thalweg of the open ditch running westerly. This is as shown on sheet 82 of the U.S. 31 construction plans having project number 1296427, contract number IR-34750, and dated July 23, 2012. The total length of new drain shall be 215 feet.

The total length of new drain shall be 250 feet. The 586 feet of original drain as describe above shall be vacated. This proposed reconstruction will result in a decrease of 336 feet in total length of the Meridian Suburban Arm.

**Vernon Asher Arm**

The project will reconstruct a portion of Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher Arm. The reconstruction will start at Sta. 19+08 of the Meridian Highlands/Meridian Meadows Arm, and remove 548 feet of open drain to the existing culvert under U.S. 31. The new drain will also start at Sta. 19+08 of the original drain and run as open drain 540 feet to Str. 170, then 359 of open ditch though Str. 170, then 238 feet of open drain in the existing channel to the west ROW line of U.S. 31. Also included is the removal of 105 feet of open drain on the south arm from the east ROW line of U.S 31, which is about 345 feet downstream of Structure 220, to the end of the existing culvert under U.S. 31, which is being replaced with 38 feet of open drain from the same starting point to Str. 170, merging with the other open drain described above at Str. 170. This is as shown on sheet 82 to 84 of the U.S. 31 construction plans having project number 1296427, contract number IR-34750, and dated July 23, 2012. The total length of new drain shall be 1,175 feet. The 653 feet of original drain as describe above shall be vacated. This proposed reconstruction will result in an increase of 522 feet in total length of this arm.

The project also intercepted the original 1939 Vernon Asher 16" tile at approximately Sta. 42+99, per the original 1939 legal description, with the new open drain described above, at approximately 355 feet north of Str. 170. The original tile will be vacated from Sta. 42+99 to Sta. 48+72, the original 1939 terminus, with the original tile now draining to the new open regulated drain and providing an outlet point for parcel 16-13-02-00-00-018.000, owned by Delta Faucet Company. This will remove 573 feet of tile from the original Vernon Asher Arm.

The total length of new drain shall be 1,175 feet. The 1,226 feet of original drain as describe above shall be vacated. This proposed reconstruction will result in a decrease of 51 feet in total length of the Vernon Asher Arm.

**Project Summary:**

The total change to the Williams Creek Drain length is a decrease of 387 feet as a sum of all the changes to the Meridian Suburban Arm, and the Vernon Asher Arm.

The cost of the reconstruction is to be paid by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

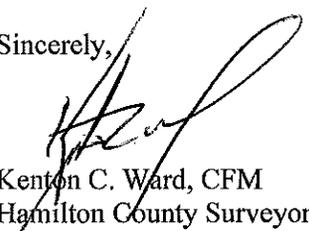
Since the petitioner is the Indiana Department of Transportation and is being performed under public bid process, no bond is required for the relocation/reconstruction work.

The easement for this drain shall remain the existing statutory 75' from the centerline of the tile or the top of bank of the open ditch, as per IC 36-9-27-33. This reconstruction of the regulated drain will relocate or add additional easement with the ROW. Work will be completed in the easement of the following parcels:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Tottenham Drive	City of Carmel
U.S. 31 ROW	Indiana Department of Transportation

I recommend the Board set a hearing for this proposed drain reconstruction for January 25, 2016.

Sincerely,



Kenton C. Ward, CFM  
Hamilton County Surveyor

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HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

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IN RE: US 31 Reconstruction )  
Hamilton County, Indiana )

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PETITION FOR RELOCATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OFFICE OF HAMILTON COUNTY SURVEYOR

Indiana Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Petitioner"),

hereby petitions the Hamilton County Drainage Board for authority to relocate and improve a section of the Vernon Asher Drain, and in support of said petition advises the Board that:

1. Petitioner owns real estate through which a portion of the Vernon Asher Drain runs.
2. Petitioner plans to develop its real estate with roads, buildings, utilities, storm drains, sanitary sewers and other structures.
3. Petitioner's proposed development of its real estate will require relocation and reconstruction of a portion of the Vernon Asher Drain, as specifically shown on engineering plans and specifications filed with the Hamilton County Surveyor.
4. The work necessary for the proposed relocation and reconstruction will be undertaken at the sole expense of the Petitioner and such work will result in substantial improvement to the Vernon Asher Drain, without cost to other property owners on the watershed of the Vernon Asher Drain.
5. Proposed relocation and reconstruction will not adversely affect other land owners within the drainage shed.
6. Petitioner requests approval of the proposed relocation and reconstruction under IC 36-9-27-52.5.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that an Order issued from the Hamilton County Drainage Board authorizing relocation and reconstruction of the Vernon Asher Drain, in conformance with applicable law and plans and specifications on file with the Hamilton County Surveyor.

  
Signed 8-8-12  
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FINDINGS AND ORDER

CONCERNING THE PARTIAL VACATION OF THE

Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms,  
U.S. 31 Reconstruction

Meridian Suburban Arm: 188' of 12" pipe to original Structure 1;  
46' of 12" RCP; 217' of 12" pipe to original Structure 2;  
135' of 30" pipe to original outlet point

Vernon Asher Arm: Station 19+08 to existing culvert under U.S. 31; 105' of  
open drain on the south arm from east right of way of U.S. 31;  
Station 42+99 to Station 48+72

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, the Hamilton County Drainage Board  
has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of  
the Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms,  
U.S. 31 Reconstruction,

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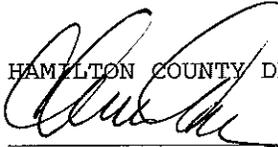
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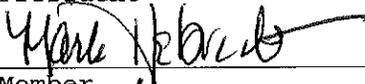
Evidence has been heard. Objections were presented and considered.  
The Board then adopted an order of action. The Board now finds that the costs  
of continued maintenance to the portion of the above drain exceed the  
benefits to the real estate benefited by the portion of the drain to be  
abandoned and issues this order vacating the above section of the Williams  
Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31 Reconstruction,

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HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
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President

  
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Member

Attest: 

STATE OF INDIANA        )  
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON    )

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD  
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE  
*Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31  
Reconstruction*

FINDINGS AND ORDER FOR RECONSTRUCTION

The matter of the proposed Reconstruction of the *Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31 Reconstruction* came before the Hamilton County Drainage Board for hearing on *January 25, 2016*, on the Reconstruction Report consisting of the report and the Schedule of Damages and Assessments. The Board also received and considered the written objection of an owner of certain lands affected by the proposed Reconstruction, said owner being:

Evidence was heard on the Reconstruction Report and on the aforementioned objections.

The Board, having considered the evidence and objections, and, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, did find and determine that the costs, damages and expenses of the proposed Reconstruction will be less than the benefits accruing to the owners of all land benefited by the Reconstruction.

The Board having considered the evidence and objections, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, did adopt the Schedule of Assessments as proposed, subject to amendment after inspection of the subject drain as it relates to the lands of any owners which may have been erroneously included or omitted from the Schedule of Assessments.

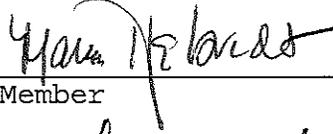
The Board further finds that it has jurisdiction of these proceedings and that all required notices have been duly given or published as required by law.

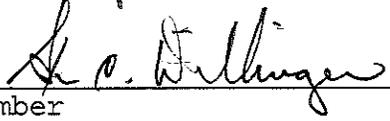
Wherefore, it is ORDERED, that the proposed Reconstruction of the *Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher and Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31 Reconstruction* be and is hereby declared established.

Thereafter, the Board made inspection for the purpose of determining whether or not the lands of any owners had been erroneously included or excluded from the Schedule of Assessments. The Board finds on the basis of the reports and findings at this hearing as follows:

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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Member

  
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Member

ATTEST:   
Executive Secretary

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF

*Williams Creek Drain, Asher & Meridian Suburban Arm  
U.S. 31 Reconstruction*

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Williams Creek Drain, Asher & Meridian Suburban Arm, U.S. 31 Reconstruction** on **January 25, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

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STATE OF INDIANA     )  
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON )                   DRAINAGE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF **Williams Creek Drain, Vernon Asher &  
Meridian Suburban Arms, U.S. 31 Reconstruction**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting **January 25, 2016** adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article VIII of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code as amended within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the findings and order shall become conclusive.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

BY: Christine Altman  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh  
SECRETARY