



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: August 1, 2021

Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) public hearing regarding the proposed Intersection Improvement project located at US 24 and SR 19 in Miami County.

The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for this project.

There are several ways your comments may be presented this evening and following tonight's public hearing. You may submit comments in the following manner:

1. **Complete** a comment form and return it to an INDOT representative attending the public hearing tonight. Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and included in your information packet.
2. **E-mail** comments to design consultant Project Manager, Rich Connolly (rconnolly@HNTB.com).
3. **Mail** comments to Rich Connolly, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
4. **Participate** as a speaker during the comment session following tonight's presentation.

Please **submit** comments (or have comments postmarked) by **September 2, 2021**. Comments will be reviewed and considered as part of the INDOT decision making process.

Project information such as the project plans, the environmental document and the project information sheet are available to view here tonight; however, should you wish to reference this information following tonight's public hearing they are accessible via the Fort Wayne District webpage. (www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm)

Questions? Contact INDOT Customer Service at 1-855-INDOT-4-U (1-855-463-6848) or INDOT4U@indot.in.gov.

The Fort Wayne District is responsible for maintaining 4,799 lane miles of state roads, 525 lane miles of interstate, 1,238 large culverts, 742 state bridges, 143 snow routes, 459 traffic signals, 217 flashers, 60,000 road signs, and 1,200 panel signs.

There are four sub-districts (Bluffton, Elkhart, Fort Wayne and Wabash) and 17 counties (Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley and parts of Blackford, Fulton, and Jay) within the Northeast District.

Public Hearing Agenda

Project Open House
Project Team Introductions
Formal Presentation
Public Comment Session

All substantive comments received prior to, during and following the public hearing will be evaluated and responded to in writing within subsequent project documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public hearing process and describe project decisions reached following careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

The project team will be available in the display area to explain project details and address questions prior to and following the public hearing.

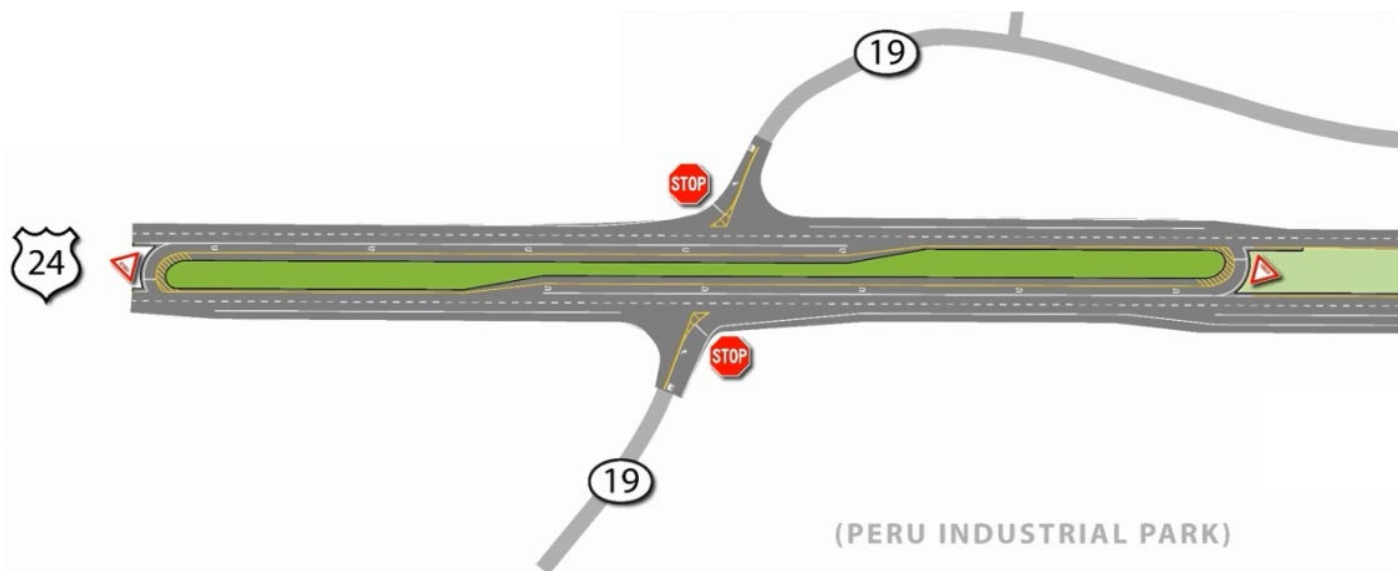
The preliminary project plans and draft environmental document are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Peru Public Library, 102 E Main Street, Peru, IN 46970
- INDOT District Webpage: www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm

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Thank you for attending tonight's public hearing.

US 24 / SR 19 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT - MIAMI COUNTY, IN DES. 1700089



PROJECT DETAILS

The purpose of this project is to address the severity of right-angle crashes at the US 24 and SR 19 intersection. The proposed improvements include constructing a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) with a closed median at the US 24 and SR 19 intersection, closing Lovers Lane on the north side of US 24, closing the US 24 median at the Lovers Lane intersection, and converting Lovers Lane on the south side of US 24 into right in/right out access only.

During construction, US 24 and SR 19 will remain open to traffic. Phase 1 of construction will include a shoulder closure along westbound US 24 for the removal of Lovers Lane access to SR 19. Phase 2 of construction will include lane restrictions along US 24 while the proposed median U-turns are constructed. Phase 3 will close the existing median crossovers at SR 19 and Lovers Lane. One lane of traffic in each direction of US 24 will be provided at all times.

No right-of-way is anticipated in order to construct the proposed project improvements.

PROJECT NUMBERS: 1700089
PROJECT STATUS: In Design
ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START: Spring 2022
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: Approx. \$2M



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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INDOT's mission is to collaboratively plan, build, and maintain safe and innovative transportation infrastructure that enhances quality of life, drives economic growth, and accommodates new modes of transport.



Welcome!

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are studying an intersection improvement project at US 24 and SR 19 in Miami County, Indiana. This public hearing is being held to provide project information and gather input from those interested in the project.

Meeting Agenda

- 5:00 PM: Doors open to the public and stations open to speak with project representatives
- 6:00 PM: Presentation

Why is this project necessary?

The project is needed to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at this intersection.

What will this project include?

The proposed project is anticipated to include the following:

- Reconfigure the US 24 and SR 19 intersection into a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) with a closed median
- Close Lovers Lane north of US 24

What has been done to date?

A draft environmental document has been prepared and is available for public comment. The environmental document discloses all natural and community resources in the project area and evaluates impacts associated with the project. Additionally, preliminary engineering analysis is complete, and plans are available for review.

What's next?

The following phases of development are ongoing:

- Final Environmental Document
- Final Road Design
- Utility Coordination

Input received at tonight's event and throughout the comment period, along with input from resource agencies, community leaders, and the public, will be used to guide further design of the project. The identification of the preferred alternative will be documented in the project's Environmental Document.

Anticipated project milestone dates include:

- Approved Environmental Document – Spring 2021
- Under Construction by Spring 2022*

*Per current schedule, subject to change.

Project Map



How can I provide feedback?

We understand that any proposed solution to the community's transportation needs must address concerns from local stakeholders. Our process is driven by continuous outreach to engage the community throughout the development of the project. This public hearing is an opportunity for interested persons to review the preliminary project information. Questions or comments can be submitted throughout the development of the project via the following:

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