



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – DES# 1700022** **Intersection Improvement at U.S. 231 at Cline Ave., St. John, Lake County**

**May, 2023**

The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) LaPorte District held a public hearing on March 9, 2022 regarding a proposed roundabout intersection improvement project at U.S. 231 and Cline Ave. in St. John, Lake County. The public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase and per federal requirements outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the project is to improve safety at the intersection by reducing frequency and severity of crashes.

The INDOT preferred alternative proposes to convert the existing signalized intersection into a two-lane roundabout, with two approaches in each direction for U.S. 231 traffic and one in each for Cline Ave. The lanes will be 10 ft. wide with 10 to 24-ft truck aprons. The storm sewer network will be improved and reconfigured to accommodate the project and move water around the proposed roundabout. Permanent lighting will be reconfigured to fit the new intersection layout. The maintenance of traffic plan for this project will be separated into two phases. During phase one, east-west traffic on US 231 will remain open, while Cline Ave will be closed to north-south traffic. A detour using local routes following 101st Ave., Parrish St., and 117th Ave., will be implemented. This detour is approximately 4.6 miles long and will add roughly five minutes to the average commute. Phase two involves full closure of the intersection and utilization of a detour. The detour will use US 231, US 41, US 30, and SR 55. It will be approximately 16 miles long, and will add 10.5 miles to the average daily commute.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of INDOT's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the official INDOT public hearing held at the Suncrest Church in St. John, INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in late 2024 to early 2025. Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, will remain available for public inspection on-line via the project webpage at <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/us-231-at-cline-ave-intersection-improvement/>. Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact the INDOT Customer Service Center at 1-855-463-6848 or [indot@indot.in.gov](mailto:indot@indot.in.gov).

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