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Groundbreaking Launches U.S. 33 Realignment Through Goshen

GOSHEN – Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson joined Goshen Mayor Jeremy Stutsman, legislators and local stakeholders to break ground today on the U.S. 33 realignment project, launching the \$18.9 million project through the City of Goshen.

“INDOT’s investment in the new U.S. 33 alignment in Goshen demonstrates the State’s commitment to providing high-quality infrastructure in Elkhart County and across Indiana,” INDOT Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson said. “Once complete, this new alignment will greatly improve traffic flow in the Goshen area – saving time and money for Hoosiers that live, work and do business in this growing community.”

The groundbreaking ushered in construction on the three-year project. Work will re-route U.S. 33 away from the city’s downtown historic district, and include a bridge over the railroad tracks, a bridge over Lincoln and Cottage avenues, and the widening of U.S. 33/Pike Street from S.R. 15/Third Street to the Elkhart River.

““I believe in the Government mandate to continue not only with maintaining and expanding our infrastructure but also continuing to build the quality of place for both our residential and business communities. The US 33 realignment through Goshen is one project that meets all three of those goals,” Goshen Mayor Jeremy Stutsman said.

Once demolition is completed this spring, utility work will begin in preparation for the project. Dirt work will begin off the mainline, along the railroad tracks, while traffic travels on the current U.S. 33.

In 2017, work on the new road segment, new overpasses and widening of U.S. 33/Pike Street will take place. At that time, portions of Pike Street will be closed for up to 185 days. First, Pike Street between Second Street and the Elkhart River Bridge will be closed. Next, Pike Street on both sides of S.R. 15 will be closed for up to 100 days. The closures will facilitate widening and tying in Pike Street to the new alignment.

The contract was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction Co. for \$18.9 million and is expected to be completed following the 2018 Elkhart County Fair.

For photos of the groundbreaking ceremony, visit INDOT Northeast on Facebook and Twitter. For more details about this project, visit fortwayne.indot.in.gov.