
S.R. 10 AND I-65 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT

DEMOTTE, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA
DES. NO. 2000020



PROJECT INFORMATION PACKET



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Environmental Documentation

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has reviewed the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 1 environmental document prepared by American Structurepoint, Inc. for this project and released the document for public involvement on May 7, 2025. The CE evaluates the impact of the State Road (S.R.) 10 and Interstate 65 (I-65) Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2000020) on the natural and human environment. No areas of potentially significant impacts have been identified.

Project Description

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT Northwest District are developing plans for the proposed S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange improvement (Des. No. 2000020) located at the interchange of S.R. 10 and I-65 in DeMotte, Jasper County, Indiana. The project extends along S.R. 10, approximately 0.25 mile west and 0.20 mile east of I-65. The limits also extend approximately 0.05 mile north and south along the northbound and southbound ramp junctions.

The need for the project is evidenced by the number of existing conflict points (25) at the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange. Conflict points are potential areas where the paths of motorists' merge, cross, or otherwise come in close proximity to one another. Additionally, the need for the project is evidenced by the projected design year (2046) level of service (LOS) of F ("unacceptable") at the southbound and northbound I-65 ramp junctions of the interchange. LOS is a scale (A through F) which classifies the operating condition of roads. In general, the operating conditions of intersections are considered to be "acceptable" if found to operate at LOS D or better.

The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of conflict points at the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange, as well as to improve the operating conditions at both the southbound and northbound ramp junctions of the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange by increasing the projected design year (2046) LOS to D or better.

As proposed, the project will convert each of the two existing ramp junctions at the interchange of S.R. 10 and I-65 to single-lane roundabouts. For traffic traveling along S.R. 10, the roundabouts at each ramp junction will eliminate left-turn movements across oncoming traffic when accessing I-65. Traffic traveling eastbound/westbound along S.R. 10 will access the I-65 southbound/northbound on ramps by entering the single lane roundabout and taking the desired exit onto the I-65 southbound/northbound ramp. For traffic traveling along I-65, the roundabouts at each ramp junction will eliminate left-turn movements across oncoming traffic when accessing S.R. 10. Traffic utilizing the I-65 northbound/southbound off ramps will enter the single lane roundabout and take the desired exit to continue east or west along S.R. 10.

The typical section of the roundabout approaches along S.R. 10 will consist of two, 12-foot wide travel lanes (one in each direction) separated by a 2 to 12-foot wide variable raised median.

The typical section of each I-65 on/off ramp junction will consist of one 16-foot wide travel lane. The typical section of the roundabout will consist of an 18-foot wide single lane, circulatory roadway with curb and gutter, a 92-foot wide center island, and a 16-foot wide truck apron.

The new roundabouts will require pavement removal and reconstruction, which will consist of full depth Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) patching, replacement of pavement markings, and removal of overhead signs. Curb and gutter will be installed and the existing guardrail within the project area will be removed and replaced to fit the roundabouts. Additionally, new permanent lighting and riprap drainage turnouts will be installed throughout the project area. No work will occur to the existing S.R. 10 bridge over I-65.

Description of Right-of-Way

The existing right-of-way (ROW) along S.R. 10 extends approximately 190 feet north and south from the centerline of S.R. 10. The ROW also extends approximately 275 feet east and west from the interchange ramps to encompass the entire interchange within existing ROW. The project will occur within the existing ROW. No permanent or temporary ROW will be required for this project. The proposed project will not result in the relocation of businesses, residences, or farms along the project corridor.

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

The MOT plan will include a full closure of S.R. 10 between the southbound and northbound ramp junctions with detour routes. The southbound and northbound on and off-ramps will remain open during construction in a temporary right-in/right-out (RIRO) configuration. Traffic originating east of I-65 traveling west along S.R. 10 or northbound on I-65 intending to continue west on S.R. 10, will be detoured along I-65 northbound for approximately 11 miles to cross at the S.R. 2 over I-65 interchange, then directed south along I-65 back to S.R. 10. The westbound detour will be a total of 22 miles with an additional travel time of approximately 30 minutes. Traffic originating west of I-65 traveling east along S.R. 10 or southbound on I-65 intending to continue east on S.R. 10 will be detoured along I-65 southbound for approximately 10 miles to cross at the S.R. 14 over I-65 interchange, then directed north along I-65 back to S.R. 10. The eastbound detour will be a total of 20 miles with an additional travel time of approximately 25 minutes. Temporary pavement along the southbound and northbound on/off-ramps will be required for MOT to route traffic around the closures and detours. The on/off-ramps will be temporarily widened to a width of approximately 18 feet along the outside shoulders while new pavement is being constructed where required for the roundabouts. Emergency vehicle access to I-65 will be maintained by completing a U-turn at the median breaks on either side of I-65. The MOT is scheduled to be in place for approximately nine months. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Project stakeholders including local school corporations(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to construction.

Project Schedule

Milestone	Completed/Expected Dates
Environmental Document Released for Public Involvement	May 7, 2025
Public Comment Opportunity	November 5, 2025 to December 4, 2025
Anticipated Construction Start	Spring 2026

Estimated Project Cost

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$4,222,000, which includes design and construction costs. Both federal and state funding will be used.

Water Resources

A Wetland Delineation Report and Waters Report was approved by INDOT Ecology, Waterway Permitting, and Stormwater Office (EWPSO) on February 13, 2024. It was determined that one wetland, Wetland A, totaling 0.005 acre, is located within the project area. Wetland A lacks a surface connection to a Waters of the US. Therefore, Wetland A is anticipated to not be considered a jurisdictional Waters of the US; however, INDOT is requesting that the USACE take jurisdiction of the wetland. The USACE makes all final determinations regarding jurisdiction.

Wetland A is located in the southeast quadrant of the S.R. 10 and I-65 interchange and is wholly contained within the project area. No permanent or temporary impacts to Wetland A are anticipated as a result of the project due to its location outside the construction limits. Therefore, no impacts are expected.

Terrestrial Habitat

Approximately 3.97 acres of total terrestrial disturbance will occur in order to facilitate the proposed interchange improvement. No tree clearing will be required for the project.

Cultural Resources

On May 22, 2024, American Structurepoint, Inc. determined that this project falls within the guidelines of Category A, Type 2 under the Minor Projects Programmatic Agreement (MPPA). On May 22, 2024, the INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) confirmed all work on the interchange improvement project will take place within previously disturbed soils; in that manner, it meets the intent of MPPA Category A-2. They also noted that it is INDOT CRO's opinion that reconfiguring and updating the lighting as part of the intersection improvement/modification fits under MPPA Category A-2.

Category A, Type 2 covers *All work within interchanges and within medians of divided highways in previously disturbed soils.*

For more information regarding the project plans and potential impacts of the proposed project, please refer to the CE document, which is available at the following locations:

1. In-person at the hearing
2. Roselawn Library, 4421 S.R. 10, Roselawn, IN 46372
3. INDOT Northwest District, 315 East Boyd Boulevard, LaPorte, IN 46350
4. Online at the INDOT Website – bit.ly/I65SR10

There are several ways your comments may be submitted 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 a project team member at the hearing. Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and also included in your information packet.
2. **Participate** as a speaker during the comment session following tonight's presentation.
3. **E-mail** comments to Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at psamra@structurepoint.com.
4. **Mail** comments to Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.
5. **INDOT Customer Service** at 1-855-INDOT-4-U (1-855-463-6848) or indot4u.com

Submit comments (or have comments postmarked) by December 4, 2025. Comments will be reviewed and considered as part of INDOT decision making process. Questions? Contact Preeti Samra, American Structurepoint, Inc. or INDOT Customer Service at 1-855-INDOT-4-U (1-855-463-6848) or indot4u.com.

Comment Sheet

Please provide your comments, concerns and/or suggestions regarding the proposed S.R. 10 and I-65 Interchange Improvement Project (Des. No. 2000020) located in DeMotte, Jasper County, Indiana. Your comments are important to us, and we sincerely appreciate your time and participation. Please submit comments by **December 4, 2025**. Comments may be mailed, faxed, or emailed:

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