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Hi Ben! Yes, I'm working with our team to complete the environmental and historical studies for the intersection, bridge, and pedestrian improvements along US 31 through Franklin, which is being designed by Crossroad Engineers. One culvert under US 31 will also be replaced as part of the project. The environmental document will be submitted to the Indiana Dept of Transportation (INDOT) for review within the next week. Once the document is released by INDOT for public review, the City and INDOT will host a public hearing, which will present the project, impacts to surrounding resources, and proposed right of way acquisition, and will offer the public the opportunity to provide comments either in person at the hearing during the public comment period or in writing via email or letter. You can also provide comments via phone. All comments will be addressed and included in the final environmental document.

I'll forward your email and contact info to my team so you can be included in the email distribution of the public notice announcing the hearing date and time. I anticipate it to be sometime in June. You'll also receive a hard copy of the notice in the mail. The environmental document and project plans will be available at a public viewing location (likely at the public library in Franklin) and online-that location info will be in the public notice.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions. Thanks for reaching out!

Erin Mulryan Director of Environmental Services

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From: Ben Briggeman <ben@beckautomotive.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:07 AM **To:** Erin Mulryan <emulryan@sjcainc.com>

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Hi Erin!

I am Katy Prestel's younger brother Benjamin. Mike said that you know all the details of what is going to happen in front of my property at 3070 N Morton Street (US 31) in Franklin. I would be interested in knowing what to expect and a timeline of events if possible?

Any information is appreciated!

Thank you!

Ben Briggeman President Briggeman Beck INC Dba: Beck Automotive 317-736-8800

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – DES # 1800082, 2001610, 1800272 Proposed corridor improvement project on US 31 in the City of Franklin, Johnson County

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This project plans to construct reduced conflict intersections (RCIs), including restricted crossing U-turn (R-CUT) and median U-turn (MUT) intersections, throughout the section of US 31 included in this project. One signalized green-T style intersection will be constructed at S. Main St. At this intersection, S. Main St and northbound US 31 will be controlled by a traffic signal while southbound US 31 flows freely. An acceleration/merge lane will be constructed on southbound US 31 for traffic turning left from S. Main St. RCIs are intersections that rely on Uturns located in medians past the intersection to complete certain left turn and through movements. In R-CUT intersections, left turns will be allowed from US 31 to cross streets, but traffic from cross streets will only be allowed to turn right onto US 31. Left turns onto US 31 and continuing on the same cross street by traveling through the intersection will be restricted by a concrete median. R-CUT intersections will be constructed at Nineveh Rd, Franklin Lakes Blvd/South St, King St, Mallory Pkwy, Westview Dr/N Main St, Earlywood Dr, and Christian Blvd/Oakville Blvd. Two intersections, Jefferson St and Commerce Dr, will allow left turns from the cross street to US 31, but left turns from US 31 will be restricted. In MUT intersections, left turns from all approaches of the intersection will be restricted by a vegetated median. MUT intersections will be constructed at all other intersections in the project. Traffic loons will be constructed opposite each dedicated U-turn location. A traffic loon is pavement that is constructed outside of normal traffic lanes to allow for larger vehicles to safely make a U-tun on a divided roadway. New curb and gutter will be installed along the roadway throughout the entire project. Roadside drainage will collect in new gutters and curbside inlets adjacent to the roadway, then collect in a combination of shallow ditching and storm sewers.

Improvements to non-motorized and pedestrian infrastructure in the project area will be made by adding new infrastructure that ties into the existing network of multi-use trails and sidewalks. On the east side of US 31, a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail will be constructed beginning at the terminus of an existing trail on the north side of S. Main St. On the west side of US 31, a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail will be constructed starting in the northwest corner of the US 31 and Nineveh Rd intersection. Both trails will extend north to the end of the project area. New ADA compliant curb ramps will be constructed at all intersections throughout the project. Pedestrian handrails will be installed to the outside of the multi-use trails along areas where steep roadside

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At the structure carrying US 31 over Canary Ditch (Structure No. 031-41-03534, Des 1800272), this project will replace the existing structure with a new 3-sided concrete structure with a height of 16 feet, a width of 23 feet, and a length of 164 feet. New wingwalls will be constructed in all corners of the structure. Riprap will be installed as needed for erosion control.

It is anticipated that the project will require 6.8 acres of new permanent right-of-way (ROW) in order to construct traffic loons and the multi-use trails and to make improvements to the storm drainage system. A total of 6.37 acres of temporary ROW will be required to grade roadside ditches to ensure positive drainage and to reconstruct cross street approaches. A small amount of permanent and temporary ROW will be acquired from properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). From the Tearman Motel, 0.091 acre of temporary ROW will be acquired, and from the Daily Journal Building, 0.086 acre of temporary ROW and 0.022 acre of permanent ROW will be acquired. While no ROW will be acquired from the Greenlawn Cemetery (NR-2278), which is listed on the NRHP, a small amount of land associated with the Cemetery will be converted to a transportation use in order to widen the approach of South St. The Tearman Motel, the Daily Journal Building, and Greenlawn Cemetery are resources afforded protection under Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act, which includes protections for parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic resources. Coordination with INDOT and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) determined that this project will temporarily occupy the Tearman Motel property and a de minimis finding was issued for the Daily Journal Building and Greenlawn Cemetery. No relocations of residents or businesses will be required for this project. Some entrance/exit drives to businesses will be relocated or removed. Three streams are present in the project area: Youngs Creek, an Unnamed Tributary (UNT 1) to Youngs Creek, and Canary Ditch. No work will take place in Youngs Creek; therefore, no impacts to Youngs Creek are anticipated. Approximately 3 linear feet of UNT 1 to Youngs Creeks will be permanently impacted in order to replace the small drainage structure from which the stream originates. Approximately 217 linear feet of Canary Ditch will be permanently impacted by replacing the structure and placing riprap in the stream for erosion control. Approximately 27 linear feet of Canary Ditch will be temporarily impacted in order to place a temporary dewatering system. A total of 15 wetlands, totaling 1.42 acres in area, were identified within the project area. A total of 0.982 acres of wetlands will be impacted by this project in order to install new storm sewer, to construct the new multi-use trails, to construct traffic loons, and to re-grade ditch flowlines. A total of 1.88 acres of trees will be removed in order to complete this project.

The total cost estimate for the project, including construction, right-of-way, and engineering, is currently \$50,137,974. The project is scheduled for letting in December 2022. The maintenance of traffic will include an alternate detour route using I-65 and I-465 for through traffic on US 31. For local traffic, US 31 will remain open for the duration of construction. Construction will take

place in phases with a total of 6 phases planned. Construction is expected to begin in March 2023 and extend until August of 2025. Safety signage will be placed along the route and provisions will be made for access by local traffic and will be posted. School corporations, local officials, and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction.

The FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document. No significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment were found during the creation of this environmental document.

Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:

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In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed upon request.

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With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearing process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact the INDOT Project Manager Terry Summers at tsummers@indot.in.gov or 812-524-3749.

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Surya Inc	Scott Swartz Funeral Home LLC	City of Franklin Parks & Recreation Department
501 S Morton Street	300 S Morton Street	70 E Monroe Street
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City of Franklin	Daniel R & Deana L Brown	Pjay Three Inc
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CGE LLC	Terri Keefer	William Blocher
635 W Jefferson Street	601 W Jefferson Street	751 W Jefferson Street
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David M & Anne M Doyle	Ronald C O'Connor	Necla Erdini-Rasor
755 W Jefferson Street	797 W Jefferson Street	798 W Jefferson Street
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Shawn & Valerie Crane	Kenneth W & Mardis Angelette D Hughes	Camelot Company LLC
756 W Jefferson Street	750 W Jefferson Street	724 W Jefferson Street
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Camelot Company LLC	CVS Pharmacy #6663	Johnson County Farm Bureau Inc
10 N Morton Street	11 N Morton Street	99 N Morton Street
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Greenwood Investment Properties LLC	Marilyn Wells	Hubert & Patricia Ann Hayes
701 W Madison Street	751 W Madison Street	773 W Madison Steet
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John K Limp	Wright's Car Wash Inc	Joppa Inc
799 W Madison Street	102 N Morton Street	748 W Madison Street
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Joseph Hohmann	DH Services LLC	DH Services LLC
750 W Madison Street	796 W Madison Street	798 W Madison Street
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Franklin Gas Inc	Larry Buck	William Hughey
125 N Morton Street	648 W Madison Street	600 W Madison Street
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Kah V LLC	Connie J Zellars & Ginger L Sinex	Joppa Inc
155 N Morton Street	154 N Morton Street	751 W King Street
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John K & Jeannie M Dickerson	Avery L & Frances James	Ralph Edward Hommel
200 N Morton Street	720 W King Street	738 W King Street
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Susan Blythe	Morgan Epp	Stephen R & Rosa L Heiny
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R W & Leisa J Lindsey	Demetrius Van Cleave	Bonded Oil Company
780 W King Street	798 W King Street	701 W Adams Street
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Center 31 LLC C/O Karma Vape 225 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Center 31 LLC C/O American Rental 201 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Rich Grant 646 W King Street Franklin, IN 46131
William C Van Cleave	Wilhelmi Brothers LLC	Daniel K & Deborah Myers
600 W King Street	295 N Morton Street	649 W Adams Street
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Rams LLC 601 W Adams Street Franklin, IN 46131	Carolyn Ann Guidry & Portia Denise Neal 278 N Vaught Street Franklin, IN 46131	4 Star Holding Co Inc C/O Pep Boys 320 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
Michael S & Tedna Bleke	Hi-Way Lanes & Sports Bar	Mac's Convenience Stores LLC
760 W Adams Street	400 N Morton Street	648 W Adams Street
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Ritters Frozen Custard	Bud & Bloom Florist	Franklin Insurance
351 N Morton Street	355 N Morton Street	355 N Morton Street
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Franklin Community Multi School Building Corp	Horizon Bank	Pizza Hut
998 Grizzly Club Drive	420 N Morton Street	440 N Morton Street
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Donald A & Carol S Napier C/O Dairy Queen 480 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Johnson County Health Department 460 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Wendy's 490 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
Advance Auto Parts	Applebee's Bar & Grill	Bob Evans
600 N Morton Street	700 N Morton Street	900 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
La Cocina Mexican Restaurant 912 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Subway 924 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Sport Clips Haircuts of Franklin at Canary Creek Shoppes 952 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
Jimmy Johns	Kroger Limited Partnership	Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
980 N Morton Street	970 N Morton Street	986 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
Meineke Car Care Center	Arby's	Marshalls
990 N Morton Street	1400 N Morton Street	1010 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
Ross Dress for Less	Shoe Dept. Encore	PetSmart

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National Bank of Greenwood C/O PNC Bank 1500 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Goodwill Store 1530 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Burger King 1079 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
Exnil LLP C/O Youth Connections 1195 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	White Castle Indiana LLC 1129 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	McDonald's Real Estate Company 1139 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
Tractor Supply Co	Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park	Brad D & Michelle L Hubler
1540 N Morton Street	1172 N Main Street	1550 N Morton Street
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Union Bank & Trust Co C/O Chase Bank 1600 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Penn Station East Coast Subs 1143 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Sun Tan City 1149 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
K & B Real Estate Holdings Inc	Auto Zone Inc	Taco Bell of America Inc
1189 N Morton Street	1421 N Morton Street	1579 N Morton Street
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Paul & Christie Dillow	Indy Smoke Time	AT&T Store
1599 N Morton Street	1707 N Morton Street	1711 N Morton Street
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Domino's Pizza	T5 Franklin LLC	Enzo & Angelo Inc
1713 N Morton Street	1795 N Morton Street	1700 N Morton Street
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Key Bank	Kroger Fuel Center	The UPS Store
1750 Northwood Plaza	1858 Northwood Plaza	1880 Northwood Plaza
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Hobby Lobby	Great Clips	Rent-A-Center
1700 Northwood Plaza	1712 Northwood Plaza	1740 Northwood Plaza
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Check Into Cash	Athens Restaurant	Great Wall Restaurant
1924 Northwood Plaza	1800 Northwood Plaza	1840 Northwood Plaza
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Dollar General	El Pueblo Mexican Restaurant	Coffman's Flower Studio
1872 Northwood Plaza	1904 Northwood Plaza	1944 Northwood Plaza
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Noble Roman's Craft Pizza & Pub	Mercy Firearms	Franklin North Village Apartments Inc
1900 Northwood Plaza	1976 Northwood Plaza	57 Schoolhouse Road
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Franklin North Village Apartments Inc	Franklin North Village Apartments Inc	Stephen C & Gloria A Davis
56 Schoolhouse Road	60 Schoolhouse Road	1805 N Main Street
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Thomas R & Lissa B Crowder	Jodi Wickliff	William Cochran & Laura Wilson
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David Lee & Mary Anne Newton Joint Revocable Trust 1831 N Main Street Franklin, IN 46131	CSMA BLT 1839 N Main Street Franklin, IN 46131	Xavier Michael Sanford 1847 N Main Street Franklin, IN 46131
Jennifer Branham	Kelly J Edwards	Samuel R & Kelly J Shepherd
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Matthew Glenn	1Homerent LLC	Cheryl L Sweeney Halik
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Terry L & Kimberly B Clarkson 2001 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Cedar Lane Family Dentistry PC 850 Cedar Lane Franklin, IN 46131	Immediate Care Center & Occupational Health Center 2085 Acorn Boulevard Franklin, IN 46131
Crane Federal Credit Union	Steak N Shake Operations Inc	Wal-Mart
2028 N Morton Street	2088 N Morton Street	2125 N Morton Street

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Hubler Ford Franklin 2140 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131 2088 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131

Samir LLC 2151 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131 Morton Family Dental Care 2179 N Morton Street, Suite A Franklin, IN 46131

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Game Stop	Verizon Wireless	First Merchants Bank
2179 N Morton Street	2199 N Morton Street	2259 N Morton Street
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Starbucks	Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers	Buffalo Wild Wings
2279 N Morton Street	2306 N Morton Street	2330 N Morton Street
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Meijer Stores	Meijer Stores	McAlister's Deli
2354 N Morton Street	2390 N Morton Street	2378 N Morton Street
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Chili's Grill & Bar	BMO Harris Bank	Pad Commercial LLC
2299 N Morton Street	2389 N Morton Street	2490 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
KFC	Arathi Krishnan	Franklin Dental
2401 N Morton Street	2421 N Morton Street	2441 N Morton Street
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Whiteland Congregation Jehovah Witness Trustees 2508 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131	Randy's U Store It Inc P.O. Box 196 Shelbyville, IN 46176	Public Service Company of Indiana Inc 2515 N Morton Street Franklin, IN 46131
KYB Americas Corporation	Foxes Den Self Storage	KYB Manufacturing North America Inc
2575 N Morton Street	2660 N Morton Street	2625 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
Franklin Skate Club	Larry A Williams	Enterprise Rent-A-Car
2680 N Morton Street	2690 N Morton Street	2770 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
Glenna Carol Blackwell	Eugene Bray	Crescent Electric Supply Company
2800 N Morton Street	2820 N Morton Street	2765 N Morton Street
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Appliance Network, LLC	Plumbers Supply Holdings LLC	Elwood Staffing
2777 N Morton Street	2785 N Morton Street	2797 N Morton Street
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131

Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home, Inc	Franklin Police Department	Franklin City Court
2898 N Morton Street	2801 N Morton Street	2851 N Morton Street
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Matthew C Kwiatkowski	Coffeys Auto Enhancement	Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
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Clean-N-Go Car Wash	David W & Nancy Dowden	American Outdoor Advertising Company LLC
3060 N Morton Street	2095 Fairway Lakes Drive	2786 Elginfield Road
Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Columbus, OH 43220
Koenig Equipment Inc	T Thompson Properties LLC	Storage Express Holdings LLC
1280 Sloan Drive	1193 W Stones Ridge Court	P.O. Box 70
Franklin, IN 46131	Greenwood, IN 46143	Bloomington, IN 47402
Gateway Services	Access Johnson Co Public Transit	Spencer A Tarr
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Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131	Franklin, IN 46131
Franklin Church of Christ	JRM Associates LP	Franklin Senior Living LLC
3600 N Morton Street	6848 N CR 250 E	1375 Nicole Drive
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NOJO Corporation	Don H Tieu & Anne H Nguyen	Michael & Judy Fishbaugh
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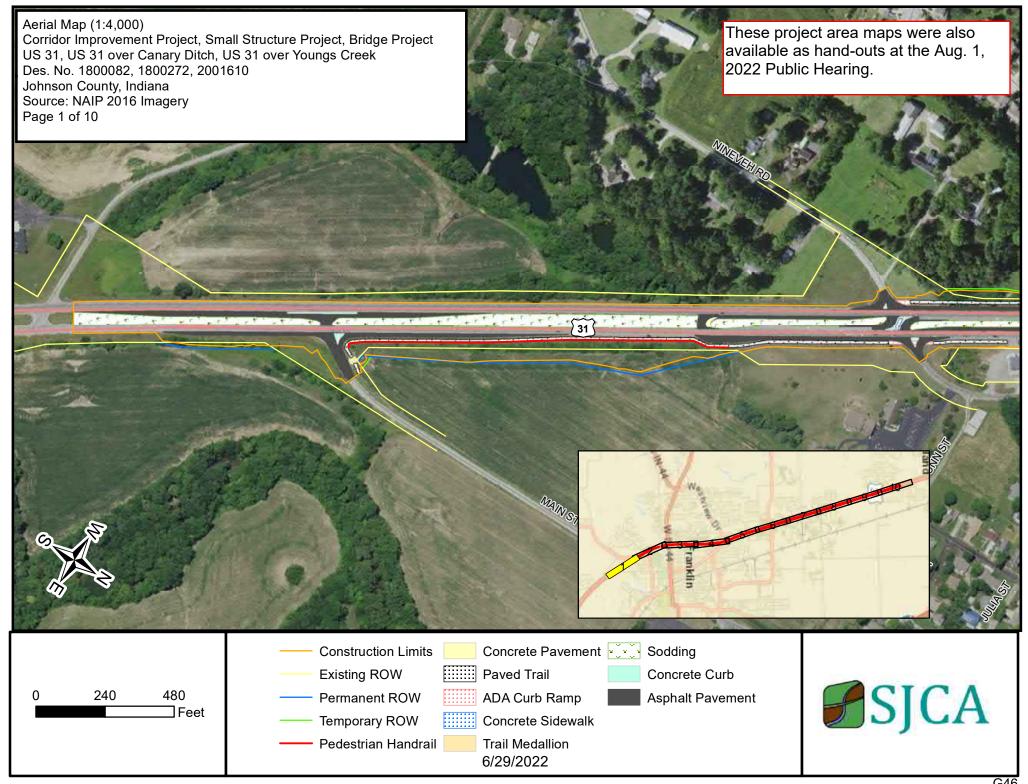
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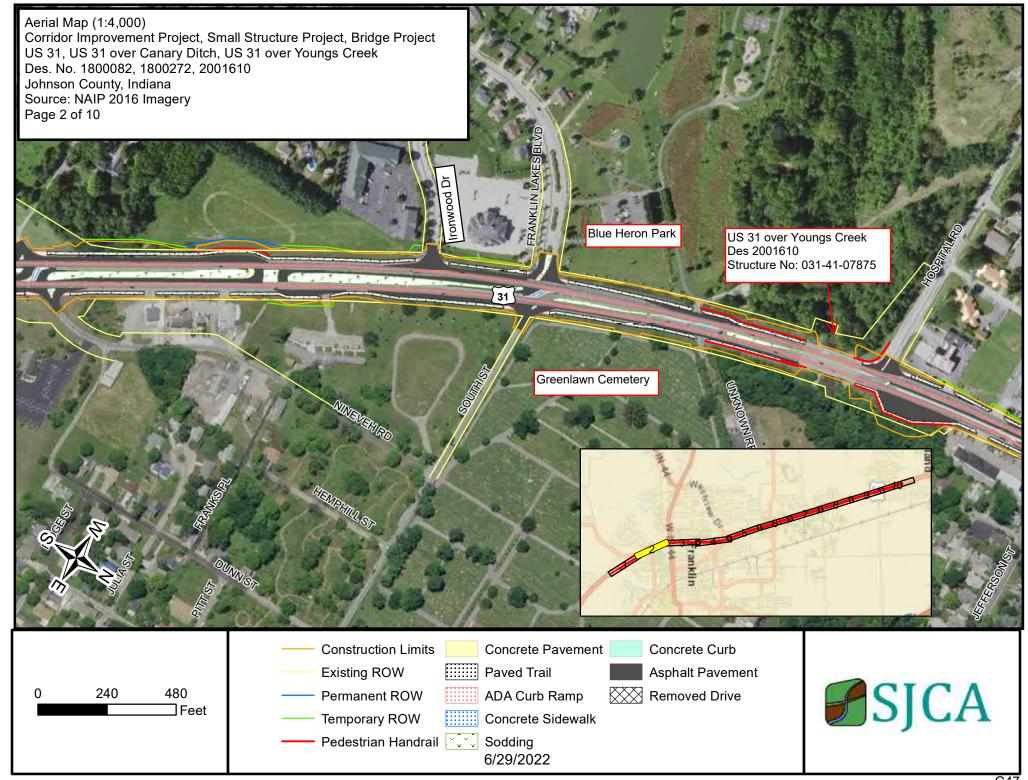
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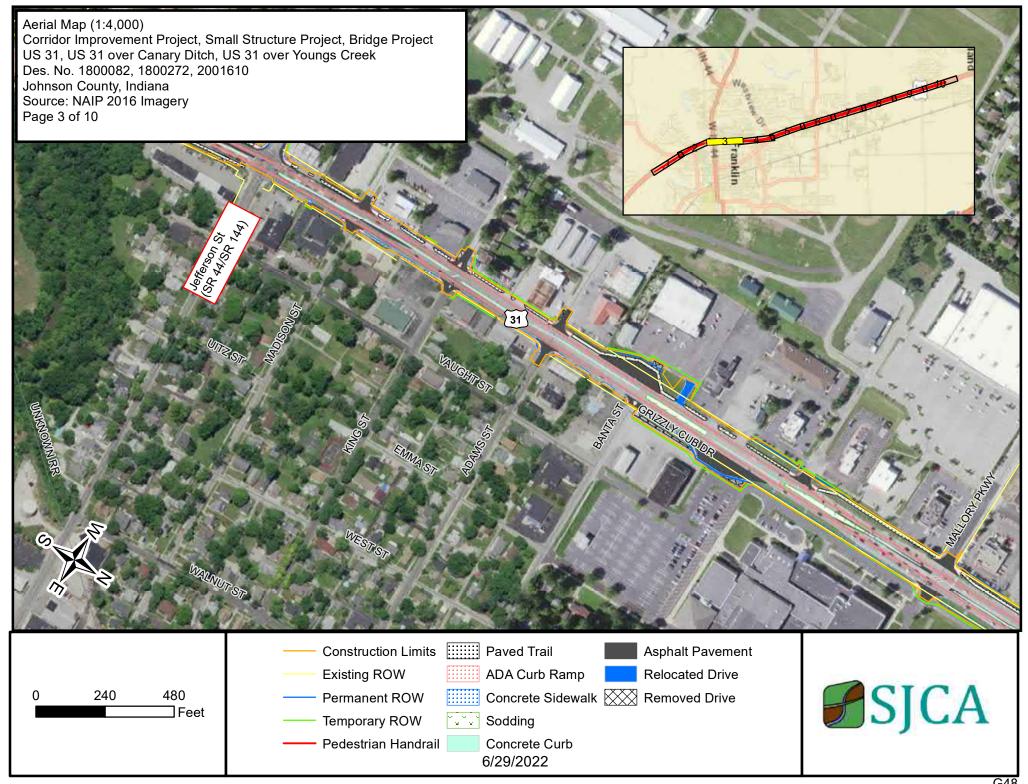
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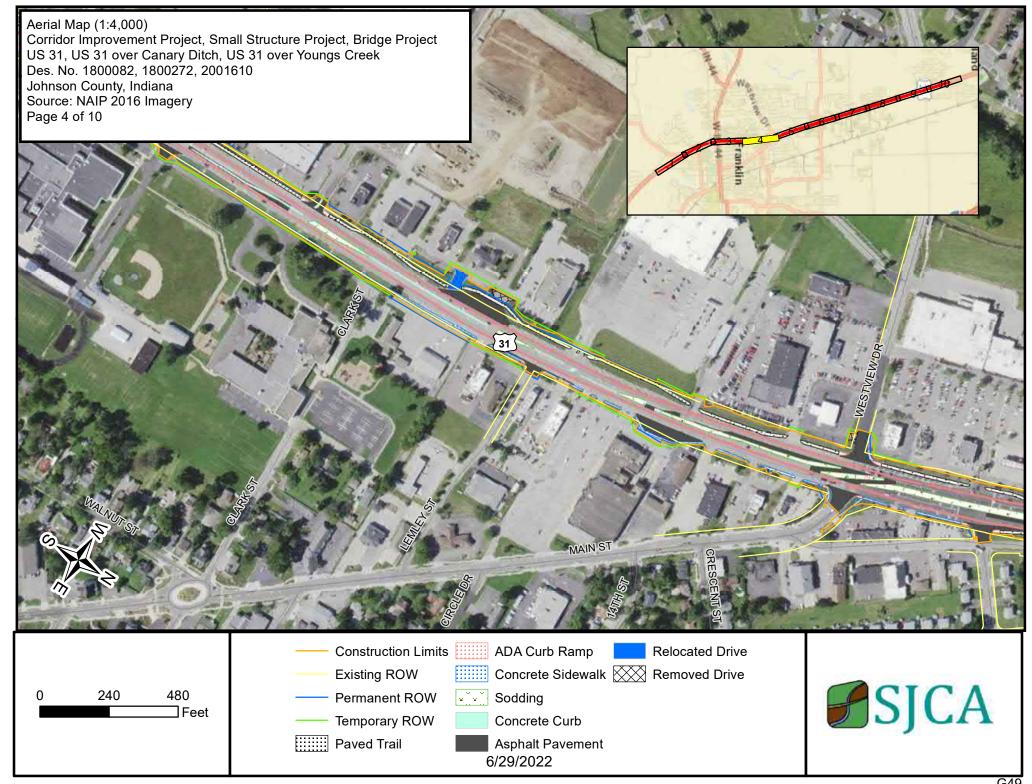
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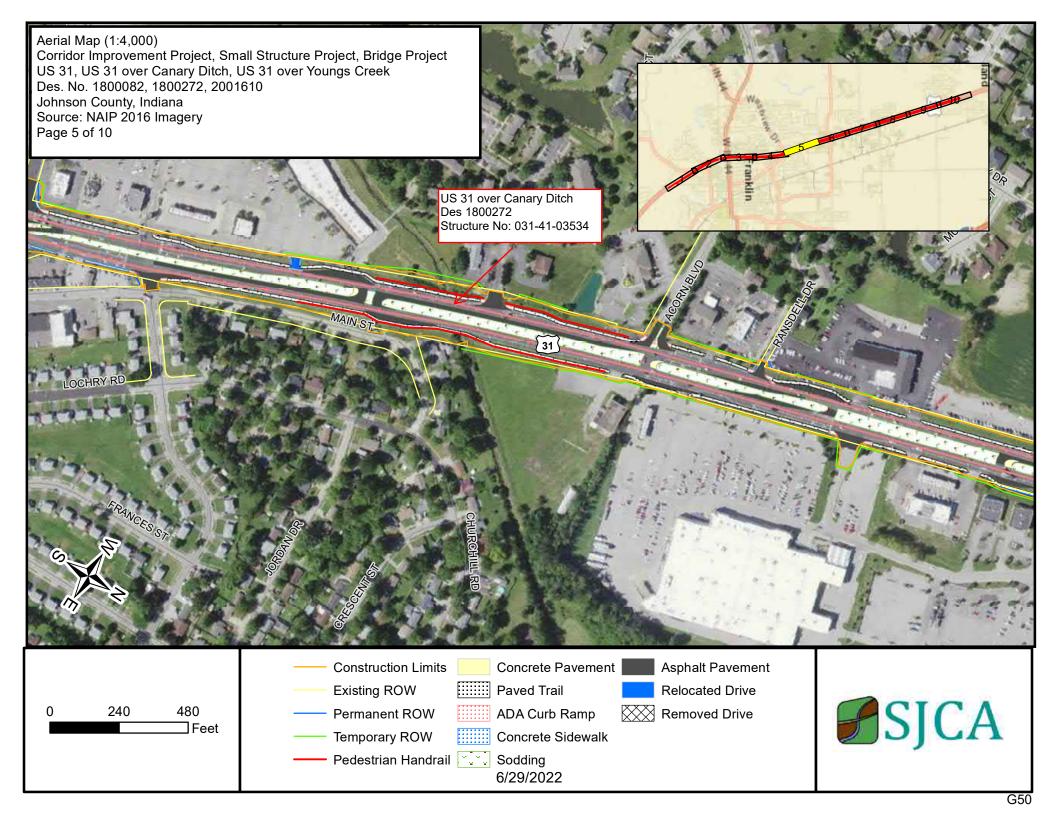
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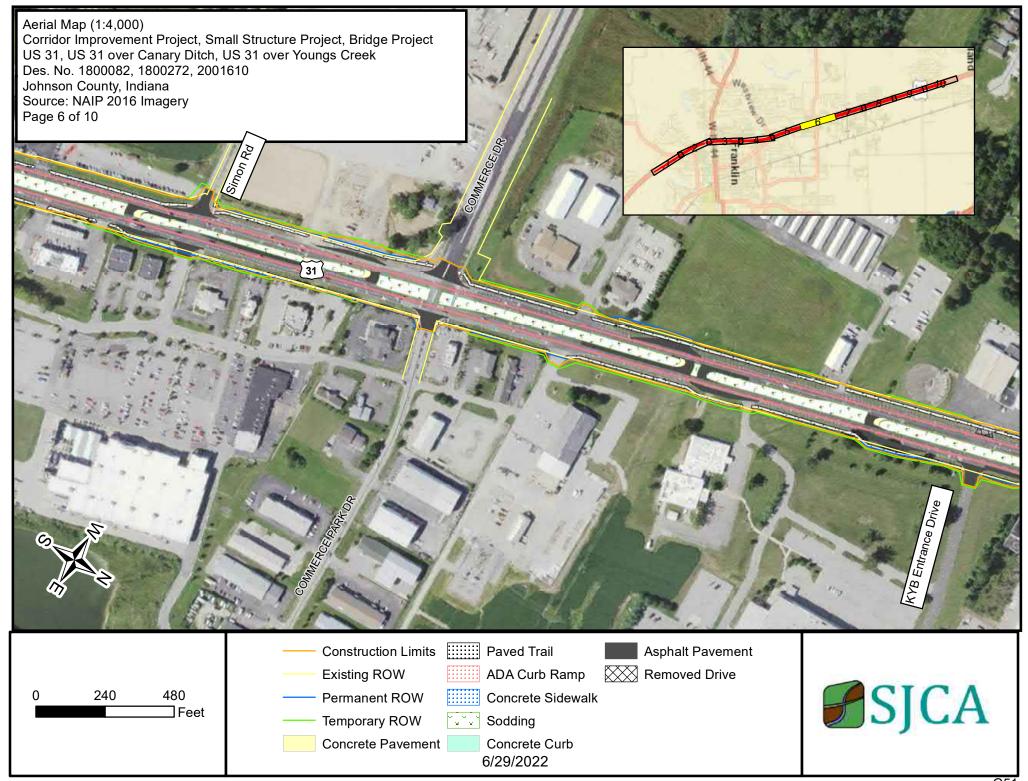


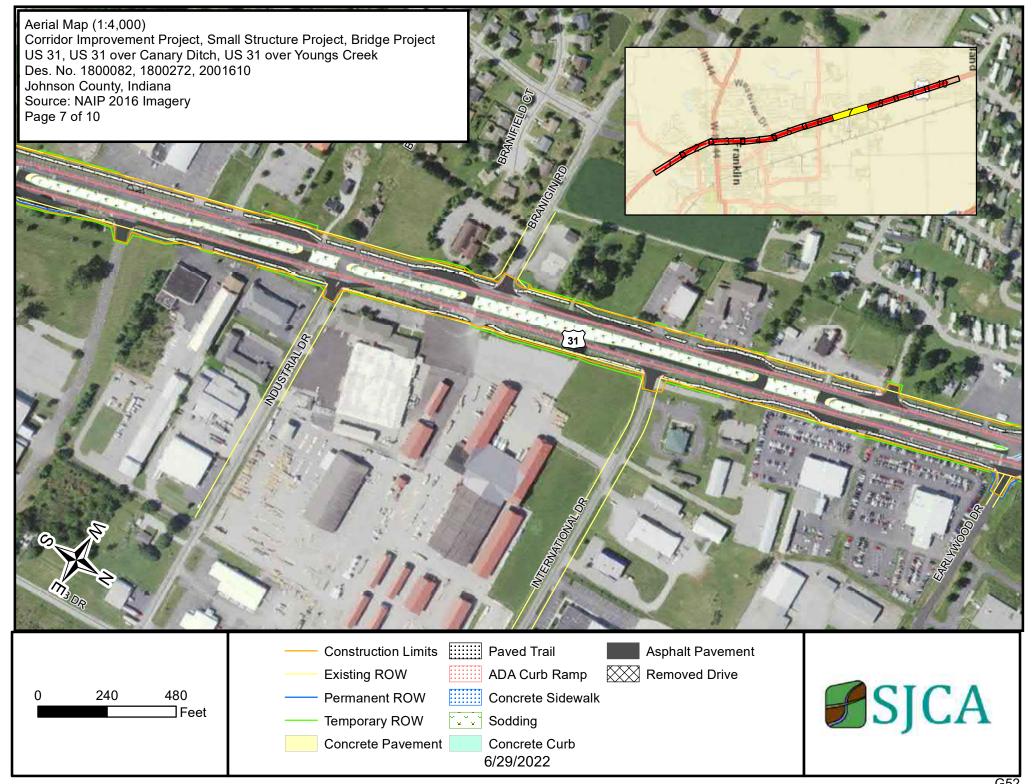


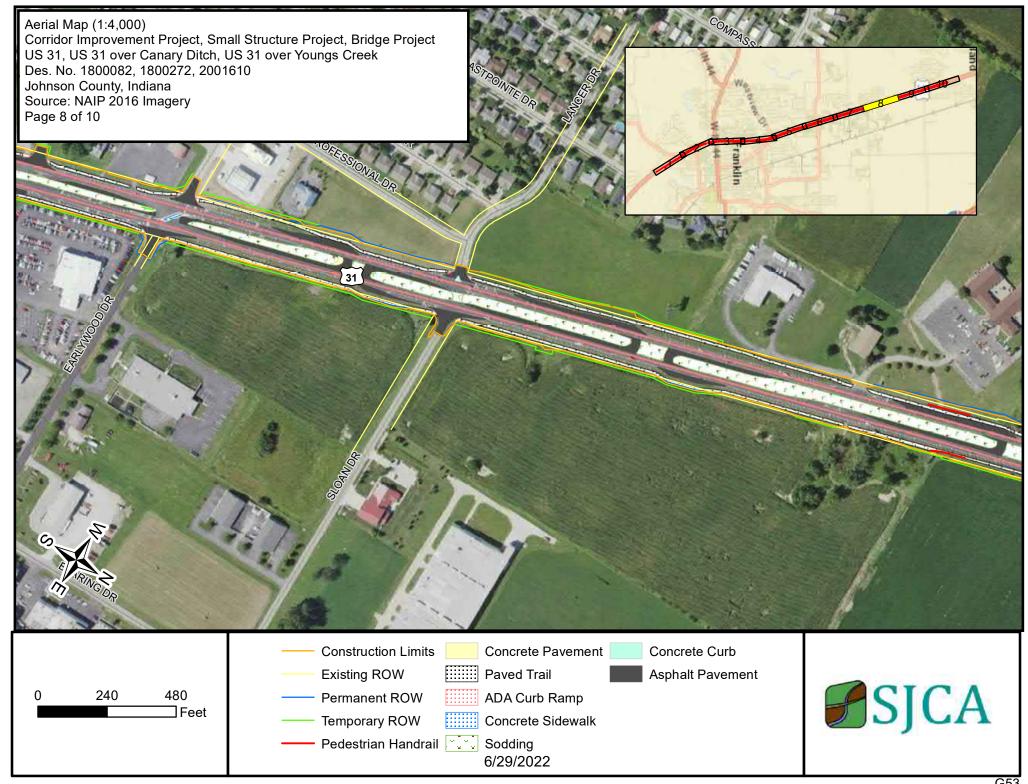


















INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Fort Wayne District 5333 Hatfield Road Fort Wayne, IN 46808 PHONE: (855) 463-6848 FAX: (260) 471-1039 Eric Holcomb, Governor Michael Smith, Commissioner

TO: Johnson County Public Library

Attn: Director

RE: Placing project documents in the public viewing area

From: Terry Summers, INDOT Project Manager

Corridor Improvement Project, US 31, DES# 1800082

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and City of Franklin are developing plans for a proposed corridor improvement project on US 31 located in the City of Franklin, Johnson County. All interested persons are invited to review the project materials listed below, express their concerns by submitting written &/or verbal comments, and request a public hearing be held if it is believed one is warranted.

INDOT would like to respectfully request that the project materials listed below be made available for public viewing:

- The environmental document for the project (marked as display only)
- Preliminary Design Plans (marked as display only)
- Copies of the Legal Notice of Public Hearing
 - Please post a copy in the viewing area
 - The public can take any additional copies of the notice
- 8.5 x 11 map of the proposed project
 - Please post a copy in the viewing area
 - The public may take any additional copies of the map

Additional copies of the maps and notice may be requested from Victoria Veach at <u>vveach@sjcainc.com</u> or 317-566-0629.

If possible, we would like to request that project information remains on display through **August 15, 2022** to allow the public to be aware of the proposed improvements. If the library wishes to keep the documents for review after August 15, 2022, that is entirely acceptable and is at your discretion.

Thank you for allowing this information to be made available at Johnson County Public Library, 401 State Street, Franklin, IN 46131. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Terry Summers, INDOT Project Manager, at 812-524-3749 or via email at tsummers@indot.in.gov.





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Public hearing tonight for corridor improvements along U.S. 31 in Franklin

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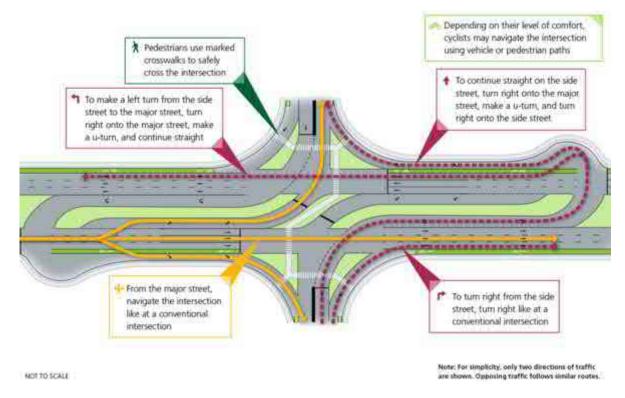
Public hearing tonight for corridor improvements along U.S. 31 in Franklin

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Doors open at 6 p.m., presentation at 6:30 p.m. at Franklin Community Middle School

FRANKLIN, Ind.— In partnership with CrossRoads Engineers and SJCA Inc., the Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public hearing tonight (Monday, August 1) for a proposed corridor improvement project along U.S. 31 in Franklin at the Franklin Community Middle School Auditorium (998 Grizzly Cub Drive, Franklin, IN). The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, view displays, ask questions, and provide official comments to the project team.

As proposed, the \$41.9 million project (construction cost only) proposes reduced conflict intersections along U.S. 31, including restricted crossing U-turns (R-CUT) and median U-turns (MUT). R-CUT intersections are planned at Nineveh Road, Franklin Lakes Boulevard/South Street, King Street, Mallory Parkway, Westview Drive/N. Main Street, Earlywood Drive, Christian Boulevard/Oakville Boulevard. MUTs are proposed at all other intersections within project limits.



Restricted Crossing U-turn (R-CUT) graphic courtesy Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

A Continuous Green-T Intersection is planned at U.S. 31 and S. Main Street, at which traffic from S. Main Street and northbound U.S. 31 would be controlled by a signal, while southbound U.S. 31 traffic flows freely. More information about this type of intersection can be found here from the Virginia Department of Transportation. A bridge replacement at Canary Ditch, drainage improvements and upgraded pedestrian facilities along U.S. 31 are also part of the project, including multi-use trails on either side of the highway and new ADA-compliant curb ramps.

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, improve non-motorized connectivity and increase safety along U.S. 31 in Franklin. Construction would be completed in phases with an estimated start in Spring of 2023.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. to allow the public time to view displays and interact with project personnel before the meeting. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Project information is also posted on the INDOT Seymour District webpage and can be viewed any time.

Questions and comments may be submitted in-person at the hearing or via email to Victoria Veach (wveach@sjcainc.com) with SJCA Inc. All comments are requested by end of business on Monday, August 15.

INDOT to hold hearing on project to reshape US 31 in Franklin

By Leeann Doerflein - July 29, 2022

Local residents can give input Monday on a nearly \$42 million project that would bring an entirely new streetscape including Michigan lefts and multi-use paths to U.S. 31 in Franklin.

The Indiana Department of Transportation, CrossRoads Engineers and SJCA Inc. are hosting a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday for the proposed project along U.S. 31/Morton Street in Franklin at the Franklin Community Middle School Auditorium. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, view displays, ask questions and make comments on the project, INDOT officials say.

What's changing

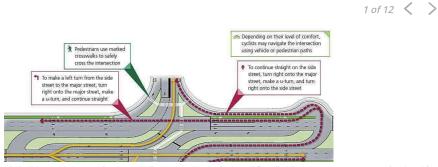
The project would remove the ability to cut directly across U.S. 31, which has been the source of hundreds of accidents on the road. Instead, the project would construct a long series of reduced conflict intersections, including restricted crossing U-turns, commonly known as Michigan lefts.

Jefferson Street would be unchanged by the project, but all other streets between the southern end of South Main Street and Israel Lane will be changed in some way by the project.

The project would construct R-CUT intersections at Nineveh Road, Franklin Lakes Boulevard-South Street, King Street, Mallory Parkway, Westview Drive-North Main Street, Earlywood Drive, and Christian Boulevard-Oakville Boulevard. A Continuous Green T- intersection is planned at U.S. 31 and South Main Street, while MUT intersections would be constructed at all other intersections on U.S. 31 in Franklin.

An R-CUT intersection is designed for all side street movements to begin with a right turn, so motorists who need to turn left or go straight would make a U-turn at a dedicated median opening. A MUT is a type of intersection where left-turn vehicles from one or both roads make U-turns at dedicated median openings to complete the desired movement, according to a description from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

For the South Main Street Continuous Green T-intersection, traffic from South Main Street and northbound U.S. 31 would be controlled by a signal, while traffic on southbound U.S. 31 flows freely, INDOT officials say.



This graphic shows how an R-CUT intersection works. An R-CUT intersection is designed for all side street movements to begin with a right turn, with side street left-turn and through traffic turning right to make a U-turn at a dedicated downstream median opening.

Graphic by Virginia Department of Transportation

In addition to the intersection changes, a bridge replacement at Canary Ditch and drainage improvements are planned, along with multi-use trails on both sides of the highway and new curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, INDOT officials say.

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, improve pedestrian connectivity and increase safety along U.S. 31 in Franklin. INDOT and the city worked closely on the design to further the city's goals of connecting the retail and residential areas on U.S. 31 to downtown with trails, said Steve Barnett, Franklin's mayor. The trail will run the length of the project and intersect with the city's current trail system, he said.

The city was first approached about the roadwork by INDOT and officials decided to use this opportunity to accomplish the trail project, Barnett said. The city council contributed \$3.5 million for the engineering of the trails because pedestrian connectivity on U.S. 31 was something that city officials had been working toward for years, he said.

City officials didn't give input on the design of the road, but Barnett said safety improvements are needed. He's been told the Franklin stretch of U.S. 31 is the most

dangerous section of U.S. 31 between Indianapolis and Columbus.

"This is going to be different, but it is going to be safer," Barnett said.

Another benefit to city residents is drainage improvements that are planned for Canary Ditch, Barnett said. This is expected to relieve flooding that impacts subdivisions that are built within the watershed of the ditch, he said.

Why it's needed

The new intersection designs have been controversial on social media and several have written to the Daily Journal with questions about the project.

People are expressing concerns that confusion over the new intersections could cause accidents and that semis won't be able to safely make a U-turn while others are balking at the inconvenience of not being able to cut across U.S. 31.

INDOT officials say while these types of intersections are still relatively new in Indiana, they are proven to reduce accidents, particularly fatal accidents. These types of intersections have been built on U.S. 30 in Allen and Whitley counties, U.S. 231 in Spencer County and on U.S. 41 in Newton County.

Since construction, fatal and injury crashes in those areas have been reduced by an average of 81%, property-damage crashes are down by an average of 58% and all crashes have decreased by an average of 68%, according to data from INDOT. Nationally, statistics show crashes reduce by at least 50% where reduced conflict intersections are installed and fatal crashes decline by as much as 85%.

While it is not a specific priority to install these intersections throughout the state, INDOT officials plan to install them in any place where engineers determine they could help reduce accidents, said Natalie Garrett, INDOT spokesperson. That was the case for other areas where the intersections have been built and that is the case for Franklin.

These intersections reduce accidents by reducing the number of potential conflict points where vehicles could collide, Garrett explained. Four-direction, signalized intersections have a total of 32 potential vehicle conflict points, with 16 of those being points in the intersection where right-angle, or T-bone and left-turn crashes are possible. However, R-CUT and MUT intersections have many fewer conflict points, at 14 and 12, respectively, she said.

An INDOT review of crash history revealed a total of 697 crashes between 2014 and 2016, with 156 of those being personal injury crashes. The most common types of crashes were rear-ended and right-angle, so by eliminating left turns and through movements at most intersections, INDOT officials expect crashes to reduce in Franklin.

More recent data from the Franklin Police Department reveals there have been more than 210 accidents on U.S. 31 over the past five years.

In Fall 2020, INDOT shut down a crossing point that was among the most dangerous, Simon Road, by installing barriers that prevent cross traffic. Schoolhouse Road, Christian Boulevard, Paul Hand Boulevard and Westview Drive are other areas of U.S. 31 where accidents occur often, Franklin police data shows.

The intersections are being designed for peak travel times and will be large enough to accommodate semi-trucks, Garrett said. As part of the project, several asphalt aprons called traffic loons are being built where traffic can cross over via the U-turn lane. The traffic loons are placed there to make sure semis can make their turn without damaging the side of the road, she said.

The intersections could also reduce traffic congestion and shorten travel times.

"Where already in place, these types of intersections have proven to reduce travel times and congestion, and improve overall traffic flow," Garrett said. "This is due in part to a simplified intersection where traffic is not waiting through multiple signal phases to get a green light. Instead, they are waiting for gaps in traffic to make movements."

Project timeline

Construction is expected to start next spring and be completed in phases over the course of the next two years. The project will begin with replacing the bridge over Canary Ditch, and in summer 2023 the project will move south to begin reconstructing the road at the southern end of the project, from South Main Street to the bridge over Youngs Creek, according to a timeline from INDOT.

Crews will move north from South Main Street for the duration of the project, with work at the northern part of the project, from Sloan Drive to Israel Lane to begin in summer 2025, INDOT officials say.

Lanes of traffic will shift during the project but the road will not be fully closed at any point, Garrett said. Driveways to businesses and residential areas will also be kept open, she said.

Before all that begins though, the public has a chance to comment on the project.

For the public hearing on Monday, doors will open at 6 p.m. to allow the public time to view displays and ask INDOT officials questions.

A formal presentation by INDOT officials will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Questions and comments may be submitted in person at the hearing or via email to Victoria Veach with SJCA Inc. at vveach@sjcainc.com. All comments on the project should be submitted by the close of business on Aug. 15.

Franklin residents speak out against US 31 project

By Leeann Doerflein - August 2, 2022

People who turned out for the public hearing on the U.S. 31 project Monday were overwhelmingly concerned about the impact the project will have on Franklin.

Local residents and business leaders gathered at the Franklin Community Middle School Auditorium to give input Monday on an over \$42 million project that would bring an entirely new streetscape featuring several types of reduced conflict intersections and multi-use paths to the five-mile stretch of U.S. 31 in Franklin.

The Indiana Department of Transportation, CrossRoads Engineers and SJCA Inc. hosted the public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, view more detailed renderings of the project, ask questions and provide official comments to the project team.

What's changing

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, improve pedestrian connectivity and increase safety along U.S. 31 in Franklin, INDOT officials say.

The project would remove the ability to cut directly across U.S. 31, which state officials say has been the source of many accidents within the corridor. Instead, the project would construct a long series of reduced conflict intersections between South Main Street and the area just north of Israel Lane.

Jefferson Street and Commerce Drive are the only streets that will have cross traffic flowing between all lanes of U.S. 31, due to the volume of traffic those streets have, INDOT officials said Monday.

Four types of intersections new to Franklin will be installed to reduce "conflict points" or ways that motorists can get into an accident.

Jefferson Street will be a Partial Boulevard Left Intersection, which means westbound traffic will be able to go straight or turn right, but not left, while eastbound traffic can travel in all directions. Traffic from Jefferson Street that would normally turn left would instead make a U-turn at a signalized crossing near King Street.

A Continuous Green-T intersection is planned at South Main Street, which means traffic from South Main Street and northbound U.S. 31 would be controlled by a signal, while southbound traffic flows freely, INDOT officials say.

R-CUT intersections will be built at Nineveh Road, Franklin Lakes Boulevard and East South Street, West King Street, Mallory Parkway, Westview Drive and North Main Street, Earlywood Drive, Christian Boulevard and Oakville Boulevard. An R-CUT intersection is designed for all side street movements to begin with a right turn, with side street left-turn and through traffic turning right to make a U-turn at a dedicated downstream median opening.

Median U-turn, or MUT, intersections will be installed at West Adams Street, Ironwood Drive, Hospital Road, East Madison Street, Banta Street, Lemley Street, Schoolhouse Road, Cedar Lane, Acorn Boulevard, Ransdell Drive, Simon Road, Commerce Drive, Industrial Drive, Branigin Road, International Drive, Locust Street, Lancer Drive and Sloan Drive, Covington Drive, Paul Hand Boulevard and Israel Lane. A MUT is a type of intersection where left-turn vehicles from one or both roads make U-turns at dedicated median openings to complete the desired movement.

MUT intersections are also being installed at the entrances to Walmart and KYB Americas Corporation to ease the flow of traffic from those highly-trafficked businesses.

Commerce Drive will be a modified MUT, as the intersection design will allow through traffic and right turns, but left-turning traffic will have to make a U-turn in a dedicated, signalized lane a short distance north or south of the intersection.





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Many but not all of the R-CUT and MUT intersections will have a traffic signal to control movement from the U-turn lane. Signals are placed at the intersections that INDOT officials expect to be the most highly trafficked.

Some signals that control all lanes of traffic will remain on U.S. 31 but will be reduced in favor of controlling the flow of traffic on one side of the road or controlling flow from the Utun lane. The signals are being changed to optimize traffic flow, INDOT officials said.

In addition to the intersection changes, a replacement of the box culvert at Canary Ditch is planned, with both bridges on the road to be widened to accommodate a multi-use path. The path will be either a six-foot concrete sidewalk or a 10-foot asphalt trail for the length of the project, INDOT officials say.

The path will be constructed on both sides of the highway and will be accompanied by crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and lighting all along the path. Landscaping will be incorporated in select areas, INDOT officials say.

Mayor Steve Barnett last week told the Daily Journal city officials worked closely on the design to further the city's goals of connecting the retail and residential areas on U.S. 31 to downtown with trails. The trail will run the length of the project and intersect with the city's current trail system along the way.

A few years ago when the project was being planned, the city council contributed \$3.5 million for the engineering of the trails because pedestrian connectivity on U.S. 31 was something that city officials had been working toward for years, Barnett said.

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An INDOT review of crash history revealed a total of 697 crashes between 2014 and 2016, with 156 of those being personal injury crashes. There were 379 rear-end crashes, 100 right-angle collisions and 75 left-turn accidents.

INDOT arrived at this intersection design through detailed analysis, reviewing data and computer modeling. It was determined through that process that by eliminating left turns and through-movements at most intersections, crashes would be likely to reduce in number and decrease in severity in Franklin.

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Residents express concerns

Residents had the opportunity to ask officials from INDOT and Crossroads Engineers questions about the project and how it might impact their homes and their ability to access businesses and restaurants along the corridor.

The few dozen residents who spoke publicly at the meeting were opposed to the project for various reasons.



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Resident Karen Mulder shares her concerns with traffic flow out of Franklin Lakes during the INDOT public hearing on the U.S. 31 project in Franklin.

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Several church members and leaders from Turning Point Church spoke at the meeting and said they disagree with losing access to cut across U.S. 31. They expressed concerns that the U-turn lanes would cause, rather than solve, a problem with accidents. They didn't recall any serious accidents in front of their church in recent years.

Lance Clark, vice president of administration and general counsel for KYB, asked INDOT to make sure there is high capacity in the U-turn lane at KYB. He said that will be needed on both sides of the highway to make sure employees get safely to and from work.

Becky Allen, transportation director for Access Johnson County, said the local transportation provider would be challenged by the U-turn lanes. The provider might have to change routes to avoid the U-turns because they encourage drivers to avoid U-turns, she said.

Others were concerned about large vehicles like semis and farm equipment using the U-turn lanes and about whether the U-turn lanes would cause delays for first responders who are on the other side of the highway from a fire or medical emergency.

Melissa Gray, a Franklin Lakes resident who is also the treasurer for Turning Point Church, said this project would cause problems for her no matter where she goes in Franklin.

"Literally every time I leave my house I go straight or I go left and I won't be able to do that anymore. This is a major frustration for me. Every time I leave my house I will be going the wrong way for a little bit," Gray said. "I'm from Michigan, I spent the first half of my life there. Michigan lefts are not out of the ordinary, but ... we didn't block through traffic. Making it so you can't go straight through an intersection just seems ridiculous."

Many were concerned that the traffic pattern would restrict their access to businesses and services along U.S. 31 and that those businesses might ultimately close. They say the highway also would also cause a rift in the community and could challenge the city's 'small town feel.'

"Shopping at all our local businesses, going to the library, downtown, the hospital, the schools; everything that we do in Franklin is now going to be severely restricted and a pain in the butt," resident Lori Haggard said. "We are going to be like 'you know what I don't want to deal with it' and just stay home. Businesses are going to lose business."

Parents were also concerned about access to schools along the road, particularly Franklin Community High School. Since hundreds of teenage drivers will have to make a U-turn daily to go to school, they are concerned that will put students in danger.

"I am a parent of a 16-year-old and while we are saying we are taking away left-turns, that U-turn is still a left-turn crossing two lanes of traffic on 31 ..." resident Scott Stillabower said. "You are putting it in the hands of these young drivers still to make a choice when to turn and cross two lanes of traffic. I think we are putting young lives in danger at that intersection."

Others like resident Doug Kirby were concerned the method INDOT has chosen is too extreme for the number of crashes at most intersections.

"I'd like to know, in this five-mile stretch, how it was determined that things needed to change the entire way instead of just an intersection or two," Kirby said. "Yeah, we have a problem at an intersection or two where we have problems. Let's deal with those."

Others suggested a cheaper solution of synchronizing the signals better and eliminating a few intersection crossings instead of changing all five miles of the roadway.

Project timeline

Construction is expected to start next spring and be completed in phases over the course of the next two years.

The project will begin with replacing the bridge over Canary Ditch, and in summer 2023 the project will move south to begin reconstructing the road at the southern end of the project, from South Main Street to the bridge over Youngs Creek.

Crews will move north from South Main Street for the duration of the project, with work at the northern part of the project, from Sloan Drive to Israel Lane to begin in summer 2025.

How to comment

Comments and questions may be submitted via email to Victoria Veach with SJCA Inc. at vveach@sjcainc.com. Comments can also be mailed to Veach. at 1028 Virginia Ave., Suite 201, Indianapolis, 46203.

All comments on the project should be submitted by the close of business on Aug. 15. INDOT will make answers to all questions asked during the meeting or submitted by other means available following the public comment period.

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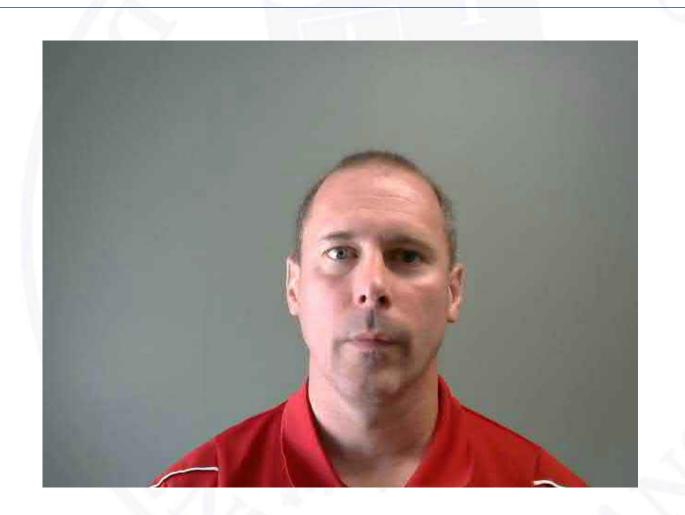
US 31 Corridor Improvement Project Reduced Conflict Intersections & Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements

From South Main Street to Israel Lane DES. 1800082

Johnson County

Indiana Department of Transportation
August 1, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Franklin Community Middle School Auditorium







Mark Beck Project Manager



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- SJCA Inc.
 - Victoria Veach, Environmental Project Manager



Public Hearing Process

Legal Notice:

- Public notice was advertised in the *The Daily Journal* newspaper on July 16, 2022 and July 25, 2022.
- Legal notice was mailed to local businesses, adjacent residences, and known property owners in the project area.
- An announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT's website.
- A copy of the presentation and project documentation is available online via INDOT's website.



Project Resource Locations

- Environmental document available online at:
 - INDOT Seymour District website: seymour.indot.in.gov
- Physical Copy of the environmental document (with plans)
 - At Johnson County Public Library, 401 State St., Franklin IN 46131
 - At CrossRoad Engineers, PC, 115 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove IN 46107

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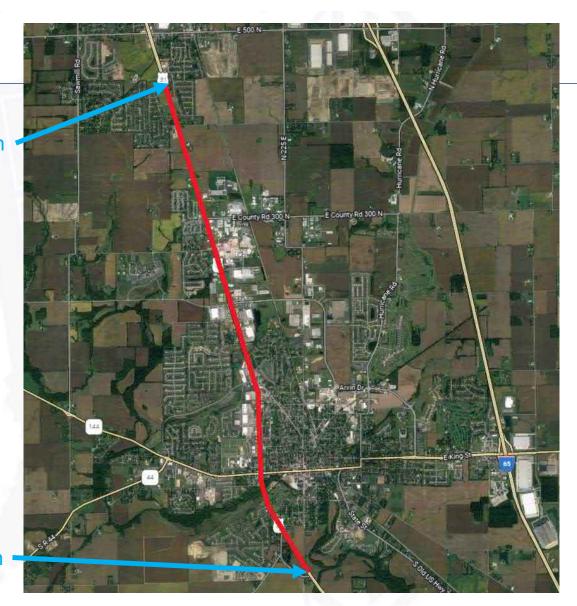
Project Location



NextLevel

Project Location

Project End 430 feet North of Israel Ln



Project Start 900 feet South of S Main St.



Project Information

- Project Need: Vehicular Traffic
 - There is a history of crashes at several intersections throughout the corridor.
 - Traffic flow is affected by dedicated left turns at signalized intersections.
 - A majority of the existing storm sewer is in bad condition. Ponding is known to exist in numerous locations throughout the corridor.
 - Structure carrying Canary Ditch under US 31 is hydraulically inadequate.

- Project Need: Pedestrian Traffic
 - There is currently no consistent path or sidewalk along the US 31 corridor for pedestrians to use.
 - Crosswalks and curb ramps are not located at every intersection.



Project Information

- Project Purpose: Traffic Improvements
 - Improve functionality and safety by restricting turning movements at intersections.
 - Review of crash history and overall safety of US 31 corridor found total of 697 collisions between 2014 and 2016.
 - 156 crashes resulted in injury.
 - Most common types were rear end (379), right-angle (100), and left turn (75).
 - Rear end collisions are common in congested areas of slow moving traffic.
 - Right-angle and left turn crashes are typical intersection-related crashes.
 - 8 intersections had crash rates higher than expected based on traffic volume.
 - Detailed operational analysis was conducted using multiple traffic modeling software programs.
 - Models run to develop an initial network layout and to develop signal timing parameters.
 - Capacity analysis was conducted to analyze the entire study area as a whole and quantify impacts that each element may have on the rest of the network.



Project information

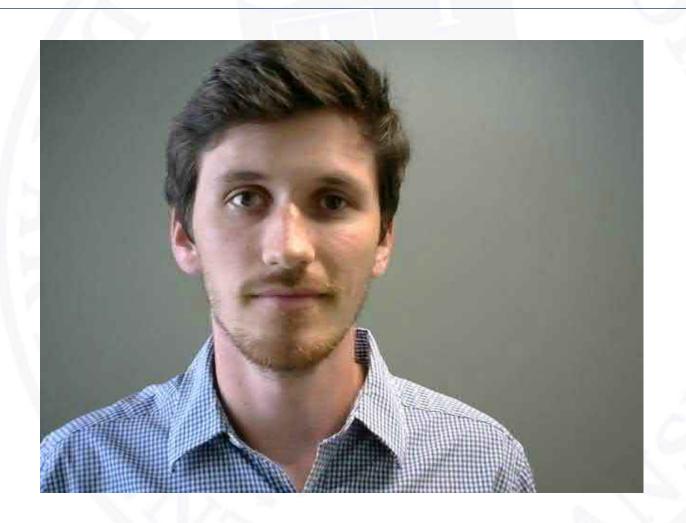
- Intersection types were analyzed utilizing INDOT intersection design guide, screening each intersection type by the impacts of a proposed treatment.
- Confirmed median U-turns are feasible throughout the entire corridor and would provide a continuous intersection treatment throughout.
- Construction of restricted-crossing U-turn, median U-turn, and green T-intersection treatments throughout the corridor.
- Improved drainage conditions by constructing new underground storm sewer.
- Lighting of intersections as per new INDOT standards.



Project Information

- Project Purpose: Pedestrian Improvements
 - Construction of path and concrete sidewalk along both sides of US 31 throughout the corridor.
 - Construction of curb and gutter throughout the limits of the project to improve pedestrian safety
 - Protected pedestrian crosswalks and raised medians throughout.
 - Pedestrian lighting will be included.
 - Landscaping at select locations.

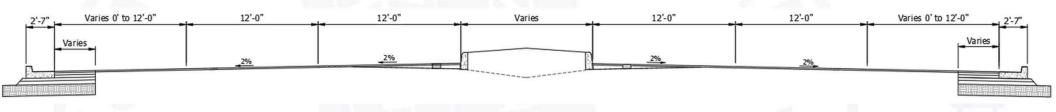






Project Engineer

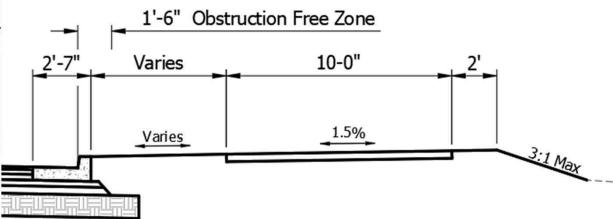




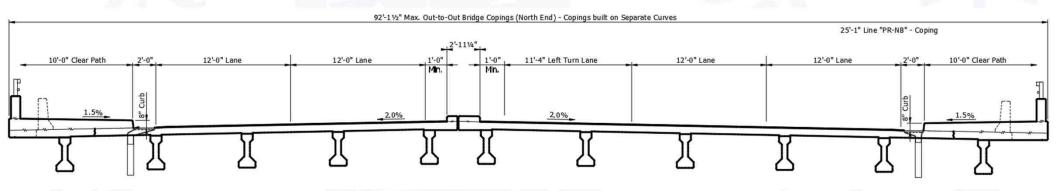
- Proposed Roadway Typical Section:
 - Regrade the median and wedge and level the existing roadway to provide a crown to the proposed roadway.
 - Allow drainage to flow to the proposed curb and gutter.



- Proposed Path Typical Section:
 - Typical 10-foot asphalt path proposed along the both sides of US 31.
 - 6-foot concrete walk proposed along East side where r/w is a concern.
 - Embankments grade 3:1 typical back to existing grades.







- Proposed Youngs Creek Section:
 - Youngs Creek Bridge will widen from 86 ft 11 ¼ In to 92 ft 7 ½ In.
 - The bridge is widening to account for 10-foot paths on the East and West side of the bridge. An 8" curb is going to be constructed along the path for pedestrian safety.



- Existing Canary Ditch Box Culvert
 - Existing Box Culvert is deteriorating. After field investigation spalling and cracking throughout the box culvert were noted.
- Proposed Canary Ditch Box Culvert Replacement:
 - Proposed 3-sided structure. Flowline will not be poured.
 - Proposed structure of 23 feet wide, 16 feet tall, and 159 feet long.
 - Class 2 riprap over geotextiles in the flowline and along the embankments.



• S Main St & US 31 – Green T Intersection





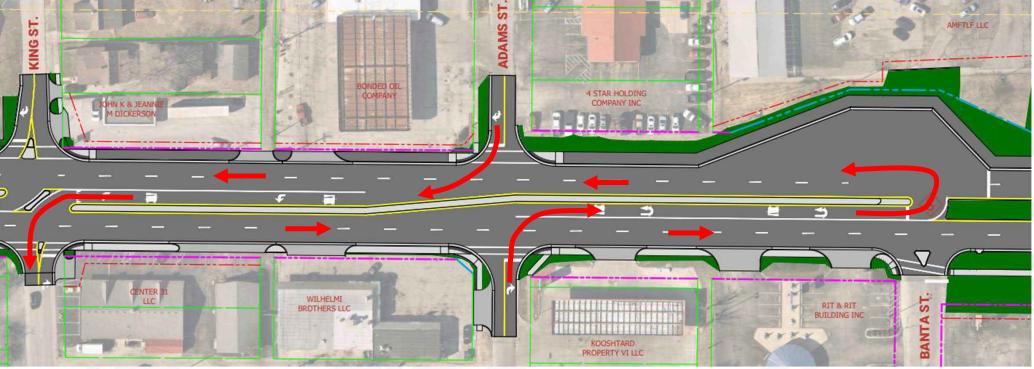
• South Nineveh Road – Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) Intersection



• Similar Intersections: Franklin Lakes Blvd/E South St, W King St, Mallory Pkwy, Westview Dr/N Main St, Earlywood Dr, Christian Blvd/Oakville Blvd.



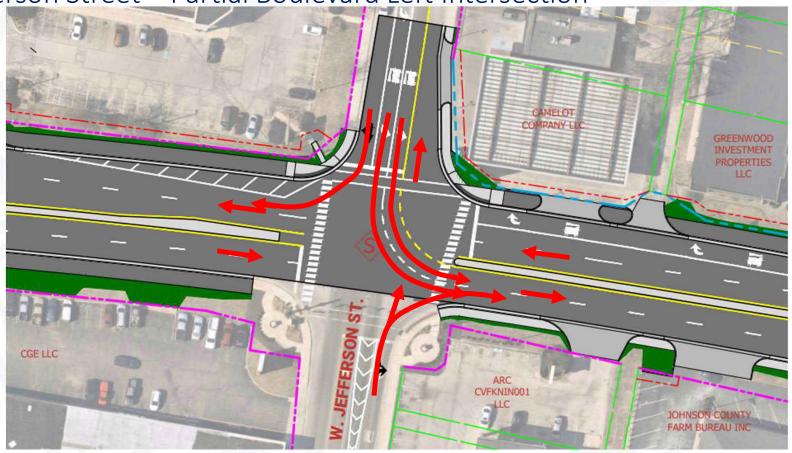
West Adams Street – Median U-Turn (MUT) Intersection



 Similar Intersections: Ironwood Dr, Hospital Dr, E Madison St, Banta St, Lemley St, Schoolhouse Rd, Cedar Ln, Acorn Blvd, Ransdell Dr, Walmart Entrance, Simon Rd, Commerce Dr, KYB Manufacturing Entrance, Industrial Dr, Branigin Rd, International Dr, Locust St, Lancer Dr/Sloan Dr, Covington Dr, Paul Hand Blvd, Israel Ln.

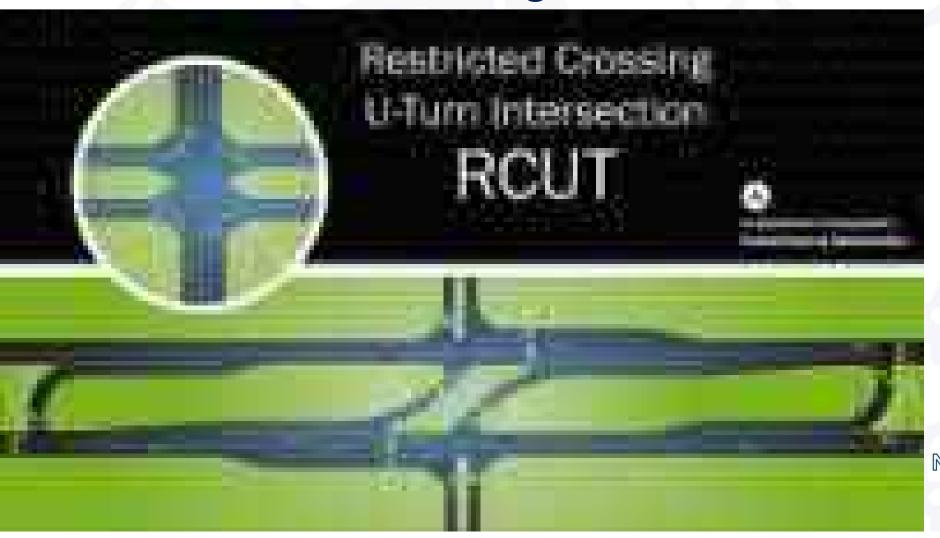


• Jefferson Street – Partial Boulevard Left Intersection





FHWA – Restricted Crossing U-Turn Guided Tour









Trent Newport President



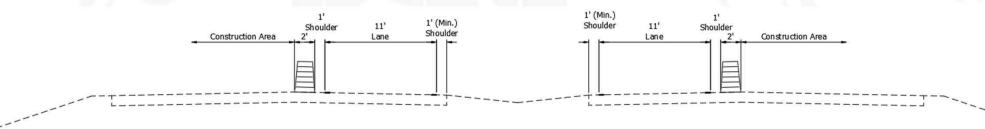
Maintenance of Traffic

- US 31
 - Traffic maintained on existing roadway during construction through lane restrictions.
 - Improvements will be constructed in phases to maintain traffic flow. Temporary pavement markings, signing, and signal adjustment will be used to meet MOT scheme.
 - Step 1 Traffic will be restricted to the inside lanes of US 31 while the contractor completes work along the outside of US 31.
 - Step 2 Traffic will be shifted to the completed outside lanes while the contractor completes work inside the median.
 - Step 3 Place surface course, permanent pavement markings, signs, and restoration of site.
 - Access to properties along the US 31 project will be maintained at all times.

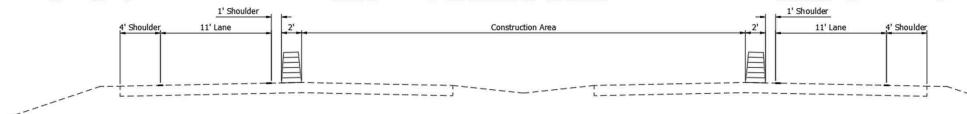


Maintenance of Traffic

• Step 1 - Traffic Shifted to Median to Construct Outside of US 31



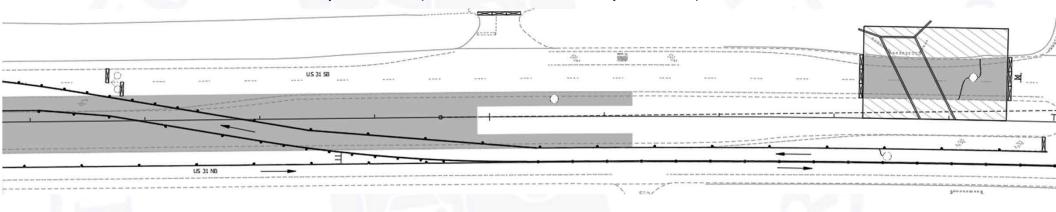
• Step 2 -Traffic Shifted to Outside of US 31 to Construct the Median



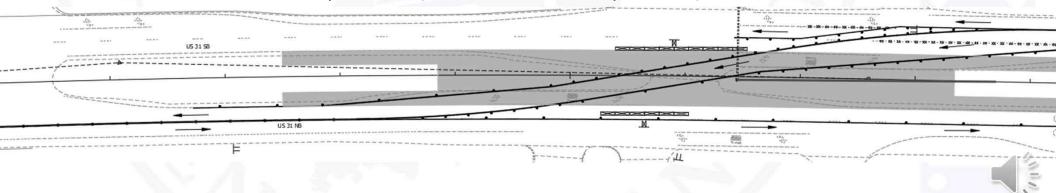


Maintenance of Traffic – Canary Ditch

• Traffic Shift Over Canary Ditch (South of Canary Ditch)

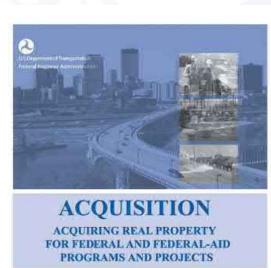


• Traffic Shift Over Canary Ditch (North of Canary Ditch)



Land Acquisition Process

- New permanent right-of-way acquisition is anticipated; no relocations are anticipated.
- Land acquisition process must follow the Uniform Act of 1970 which requires offer for just compensation
- The brochure that explains the r/w process can be found online at seymour.indot.in.gov and at information stations at the in-person Public Hearing







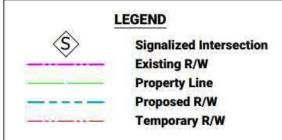
Right-of-Way Requirements

Land Use Impacts	Permanent (acres)	Temporary (Acres)
Residential	0.22	0.10
Commercial	2.11	5.63
Agricultural	4.23	0.37
Forest	0.24	0.27
Wetlands	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	6.80	6.37



Right-of-Way



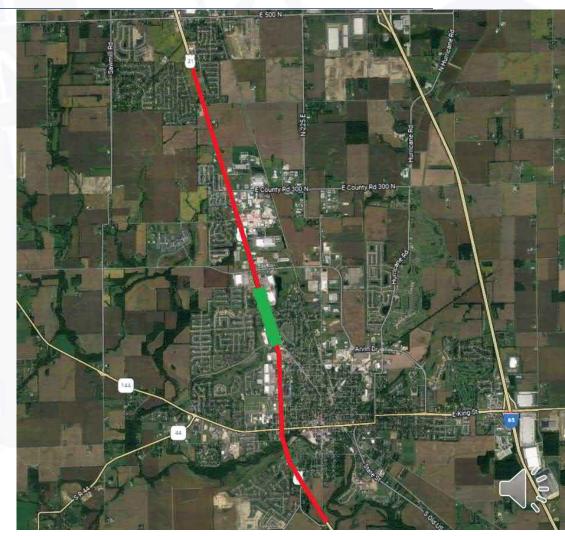


Before acquisition Approx. 65-95 ft east and west of roadway centerline

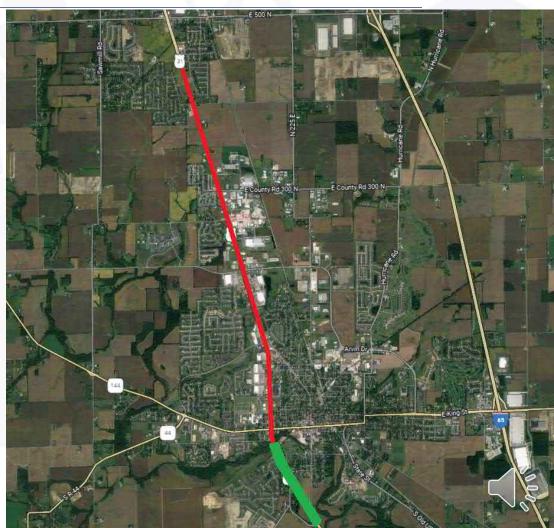
After acquisition Approx. 75-100 ft east and west of roadway centerline



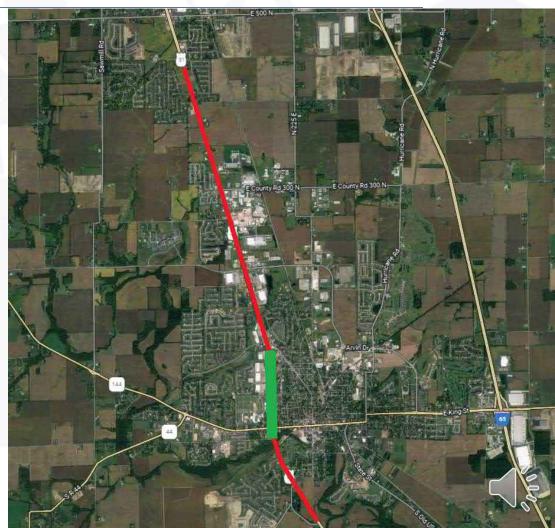
- Phase 1 Construction:
 - Phase 1 construct temporary crossovers for Box Culvert Replacement over Canary Ditch.
 - Shift traffic to Northbound lanes and construct West half of box culvert.
 - Once complete shift traffic to Southbound lanes and construct East half of box culvert.
 - Phase 1 construction to start Spring 2023.



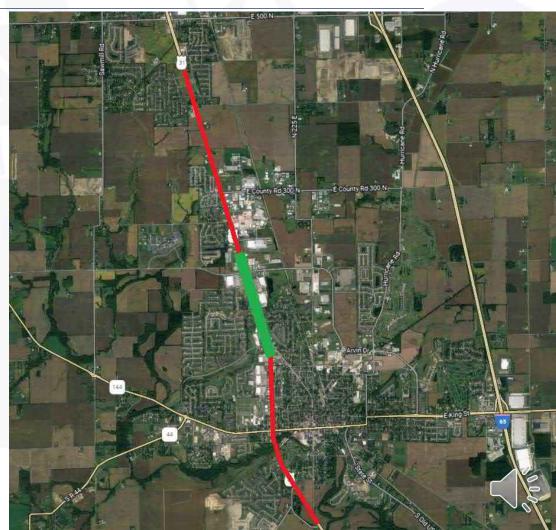
- Phase 2 Construction:
 - Start Phase 2 construction 875 ft South of South Main Street.
 - End Phase 2 construction at US 31 Bridge over Youngs Creek.
 - Phase 2 construction to start Summer 2023.



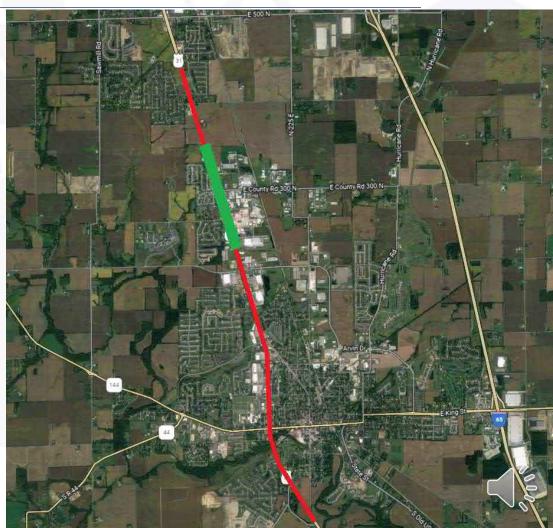
- Phase 3 Construction:
 - Start Phase 3 construction at US 31 Bridge over Youngs Creek.
 - End Phase 3 construction 200 feet North of Lemley Street.
 - Phase 3 construction to start Spring 2024.



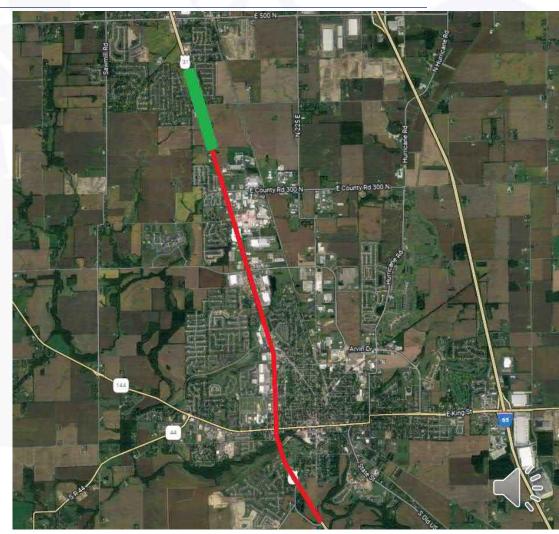
- Phase 4 Construction:
 - Start Phase 4 construction 200 feet North of Lemley Street.
 - End Phase 4 construction 1000 feet North of Commerce Drive.
 - Phase 4 construction to start Summer 2024.



- Phase 5 Construction:
 - Start Phase 5 construction 1000 feet North of Commerce Drive.
 - End Phase 5 construction 2000 feet North of Sloan Drive.
 - Phase 5 construction to start Spring 2025.



- Phase 6 Construction:
 - Start Phase 6 construction 2000 feet North of Sloan Drive.
 - End Phase 6 construction 500 feet North of Israel Lane.
 - Phase 6 construction to start Summer 2025.



Alternatives Considered

- Do Nothing Alternative:
 - No improvements would be made
 - Purpose and need of project would not be met.



Alternatives Considered

- INDOT Intersection Decision Guide (IDG) and Roundabouts
 - The INDOT IDG was initially used to narrow down the number of viable intersection alternatives that
 would be further studied for this project. A more detailed discussion of the IDG and a list of the
 intersection styles considered can be found in the CE Document. Roundabouts passed the IDG screening
 at 21 out of 34 intersections.
 - Roundabouts were recommended to be removed from further consideration because a primary goal of the project is to improve traffic flow along US 31. Roundabouts interspersed with MUTs would break up the flow of traffic in smaller segments, which would lower the signal efficiency.
 - Roundabouts would also require a larger amount of right-of-way (ROW) than the RCI intersections, which
 would increase the impacts to local businesses. The large area needed by roundabouts would also
 increase the impacts to wetlands and terrestrial vegetation.
 - US 31 is an alternative route for I-65 when events on I-65 require lane or full closures of the interstate.
 - Roundabouts would slow the progression of traffic through the corridor and increase the impact on interstate traffic detouring to US 31 when I-65 is congested or impassable.
 - Therefore, roundabouts were discarded from further consideration.



Alternatives Considered

RCI Intersections with Cross Street Through Movement

- This alternative would construct a combination of MUT and boulevard left intersections
 throughout the corridor included in this project. In a boulevard left intersection, left turns are restricted from
 all approaches of the intersection, but through movements from the side streets across the intersection are
 allowed.
- In the 2043 design year, this alternative would have a total of 15 intersections with an LOS E or F whereas the preferred alternative will have 10 intersections with an LOS E or F during the 2043 design year.
- Compared to the preferred alternative, this alternative would increase the travel time through the US 31 corridor included in this project between approximately 2 and 8 minutes and would decrease travel speeds between approximately 4 and 12 mph.
- A study of queue lengths at intersections and MUT locations found that some of the U-turns designed for this alternative would have high enough traffic volumes to cause the U-turn queue to extend beyond the dedicated U-turn lane and into the through traffic lane. This would slow through traffic and could cause traffic congestion to block other intersections or U-turn locations.
- Heavy congestion would remain in some sections of the US 31 corridor included in this project in the RCI intersections with cross street through movement alternative.
- Since this project does not minimize the number of intersections with an LOS E or F compared to another alternative, this alternative was discarded from further consideration.



- Requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):
 - Requires evaluation of environmental impacts of the project on the natural and social environment.
 - Waterways, wetlands, endangered species, etc.
 - Historic Resources
 - Social and economic factors.



Environmental Document

- Categorical Exclusion (CE), Level 3
 - Prepared in accordance with state and federal guidelines
 - Evaluates impacts of proposed project.
 - Evaluates a number of possible alternatives including a "Do nothing" alternative as a baseline for comparison as discussed earlier.
 - The goal is to avoid, minimize, and then mitigate impacts.



Environmental Status

- NEPA Status:
 - Coordinated with local, state, and federal agencies
 - · IDEM
 - · INDOT
 - NPS
 - USACE
 - HUD
 - USFWS
 - · IGS
 - FHWA
 - IDNR
 - NRCS
 - Evaluated impacts



Examples of Items Evaluated

- Right-of-way
- Streams, wetlands, and other waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered species
- Farmland
- Cultural resources (historic/archaeological)
- Parks and recreational lands (trails)

- Air quality
- Noise
- Community impacts
- Environmental justice
- Hazardous materials
- Permits
- Mitigation
- · Public involvement



- Historic Properties:
 - Archaeological reconnaissance conducted.
 - No archaeological sites within the project area currently listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
 - Historic property report completed.
 - Five historic resources were determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:
 - The Greenlawn Cemetery
 - Lochry Addition No. 5 Historic District
 - Wishing Well motel
 - Daily Journal Building
 - Tearman Motel.
 - INDOT, acting on behalf of FHWA has determined finding of "No Adverse Effect"
 - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurred.



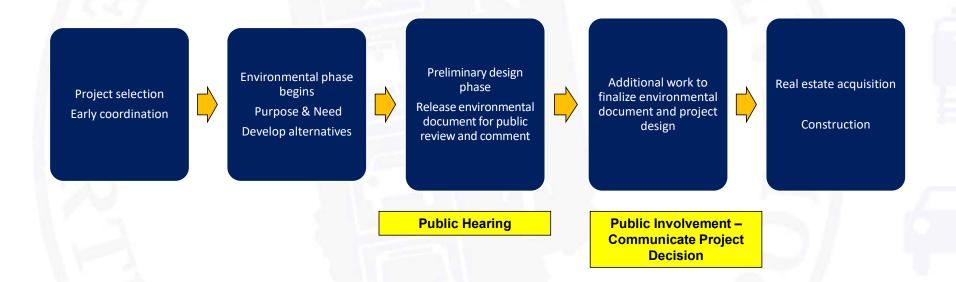
- Water Resources
 - Fifteen Wetlands were identified and will be impacted.
 - Three streams were identified
 - UNT 1 to Youngs Creek (approx. 3 linear feet of permanent impact)
 - Youngs Creek (no permanent impact)
 - Canary Ditch (approx. 217 linear feet of permanent impact)
- Section 401/404 Water Quality Permit requirements for impacts
 - Approximately 0.982 acres of wetland permanently impacted
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources Construction in a Floodway (IDNR-CIF) permit will be required.
- Construction Sediment and Erosion Control Permit from IDEM required (more than 1 acre of disturbance)



- Environmental Justice (EJ):
 - Analysis required due to more than 0.5 acre of right-of-way acquisition.
 - Analysis completed using census data.
 - Potential EJ impacts are detected by locating minority and low-income populations relative to a reference population to determine if populations of EJ concern exist.
 - Data from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey was obtained from the US Census Bureau website.
 - No identified populations of concern.
 - Once completed, the project will maintain access to all businesses and residences on both sides of the US 31 roadway using a combination of RCI's, median U-turn, green T, restricted crossing U-turns, and boulevard left intersection styles.
 - Traffic turning into businesses will use the proposed turning configurations, which are different from existing conditions, but access to businesses and residences will not be denied.



Project Development



- Estimated cost for this project is approximately \$50,137,974 which includes design, land acquisition, and construction.
- The project includes both Federal and State Funding.



Public Comment Session

- Please visit with INDOT project officials following the public comment session.
- Project Open House
 - Project maps, displays, real estate acquisition table, INDOT project team, and informal Q & A
 - INDOT Seymour District page: seymour.indot.in.gov
 - INDOT Seymour District Facebook page: <u>facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast</u>



Submit Public Comments

- Submit public comments using the options described in the first page of the information packet:
 - Public Comment Form
 - Via e-mail : Victoria Veach <u>vveach@sjcainc.com</u>
 - Participating during the public comment session via microphone
 - · Note that verbal comments will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion into the public hearing transcript.
- INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by August 16, 2022
- All comments submitted will become part of the public record, and they will be entered into a transcript, reviewed, evaluated, and given full consideration during the decision-making process.



Next Steps

Public and project stakeholder input

· Submit comments via options described in the project handout.

INDOT review and evaluation

- All comments are given full consideration during the decision-making process.
- Address comments, finalize and approve the environmental document, and complete the project design.

Communicate a decision

- INDOT will notify project stakeholders of the decision.
- Work through local media, social media outlets; paid legal notice.
- Make project documents accessible via repositories.
- Questions? Contact the Public Involvement Team.



THANK YOU!!!

- In person hearing attendees:
 - Verbal comments to follow shortly.
 - Afterwards, please feel free to visit the information stations to meet with team members
- Visuals and project information are located online at

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- For questions, please contact Victoria Veach at: wveach@sicainc.com or (317)-566-0629
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