

# Public Hearing

State Road 2 at Larrison Boulevard/Strawberry Road  
Intersection Improvement

St. Joseph County

March 30, 2026

Des. Nos. 2401424, 2401505, 2401506

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# Submit Public Comments

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Public Comment Form mailed to:

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Via e-mail:

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Online:

[INDOT4U.com](http://INDOT4U.com)

Webinar:

via the chat function

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.

The comment period deadline to have your comment included in the project record is:

**April 14, 2026**

# Project Resource Location

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- New Carlisle Olive Township Public Library – 408 Bray Street, New Carlisle, IN 46552
- INDOT Northwest District Office – 315 E Boyd Blvd, LaPorte, IN 46350
- INDOT Project Website - [bit.ly/SR2LarrisonBlvd](http://bit.ly/SR2LarrisonBlvd)



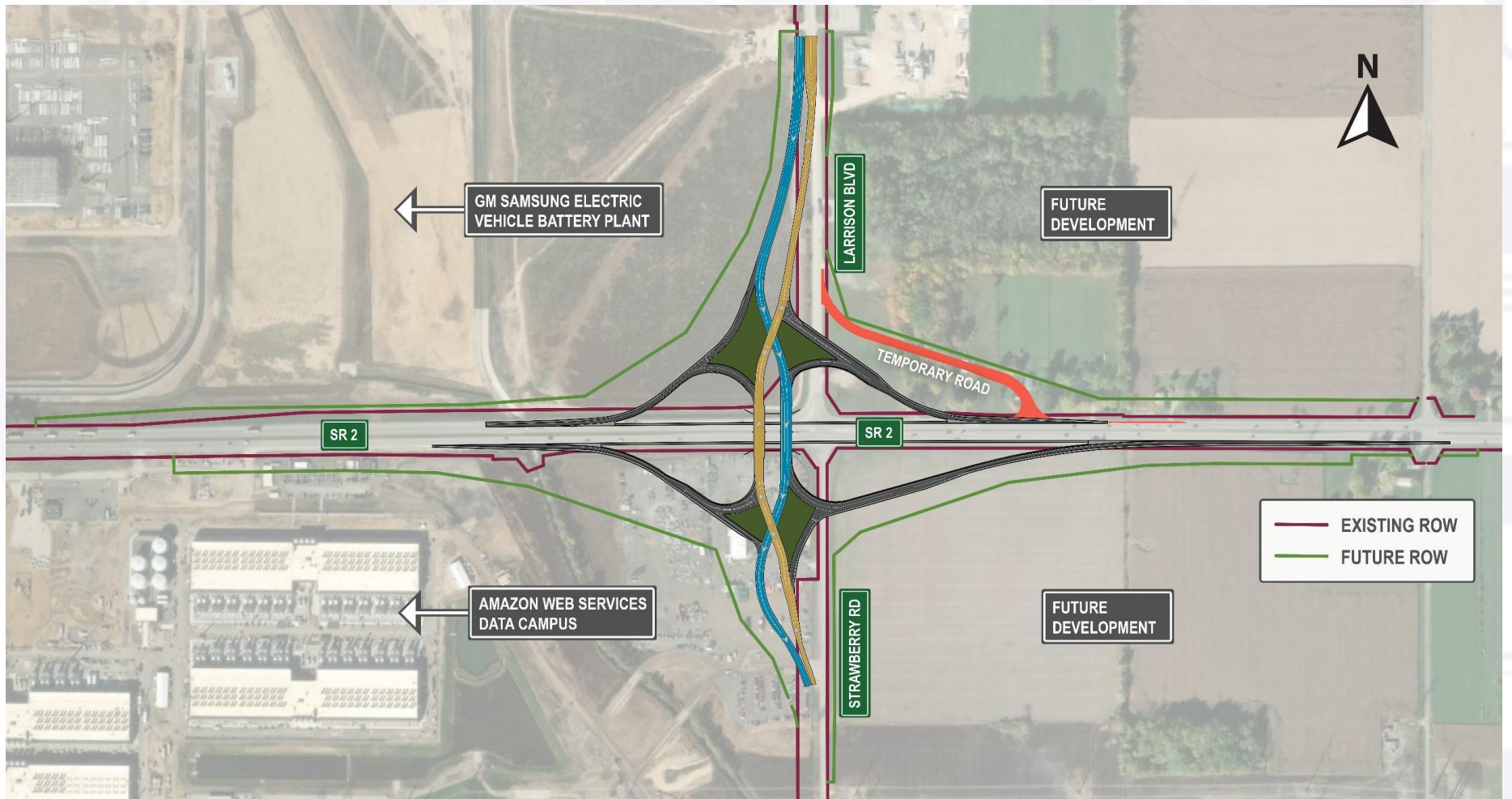
# Public Hearing Format

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- Discussions with project team not submitted into public record for consideration
- Formal presentation
- Opportunity for verbal public comment
  - Comments transcribed
  - Responses available in environmental document
- Informal open house following comment period



# Project Overview



# Existing Conditions

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- Capacity Constraints
- S.R. 2 Corridor - 4 Lanes
- Intersecting Roads:
  - Larrison Blvd (north)
  - Strawberry Rd. (south)
- Truck movements are not properly accommodated



# Project Purpose and Need

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The 2024 traffic study showed the existing intersection configuration would result in significant motorist **delay** and **queueing** with the added traffic generated by the IEC.

Traffic forecasts and modeling showed **gridlock** resulting from traffic to be introduced by the proposed development.



# Project Purpose and Need

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Improvements at the intersection of S.R. 2 and Larrison Boulevard are needed to:

- Meet future traffic demands resulting from the ongoing development within the Indiana Enterprise Center (IEC)
- Maintain operational efficiency of the intersection
- Maintain traveler safety through the intersection



# Environmental Document

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- **Environmental Process**

- Establish purpose and need
- Develop possible alternatives
  - The “Do Nothing” alternative is a baseline for comparison
- Evaluate and screen alternatives
- Identify a preferred alternative
- Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Address and consider public comment as part of NEPA decision-making process
- Seek final NEPA decision



# Design Advancements During Environmental Assessment

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## What has changed?

- Updated bridge span configuration to improve constructability
- Ramp alignments refined inward, reducing impacts to Niespodziany Ditch
- Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) updated through coordination with nearby developments and stakeholders

## Why are these changes occurring?

- Advancements reflect ongoing design optimization by the Progressive Design-Build (PDB) team
- Incorporates stakeholder coordination and real-time construction considerations
- Results in a more efficient design with reduced environmental impacts

# NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)

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## Impact

Requires that federal agencies consider the effects of their actions on surrounding natural, cultural and social environments

## Involvement

Requires the public be provided the opportunity to be involved and comment

## Information

Requires that impacts be described in an environmental document

# Alternative Analysis

Do Nothing

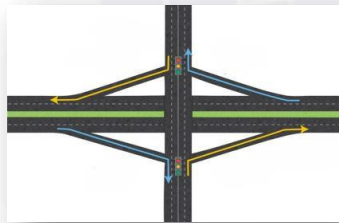
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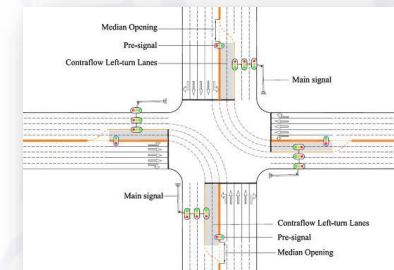
Displaced Left Turn



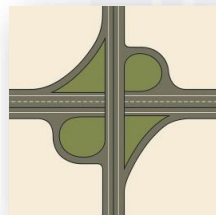
Traditional  
Diamond  
Interchange



Contraflow  
Left Turn



Partial Cloverleaf



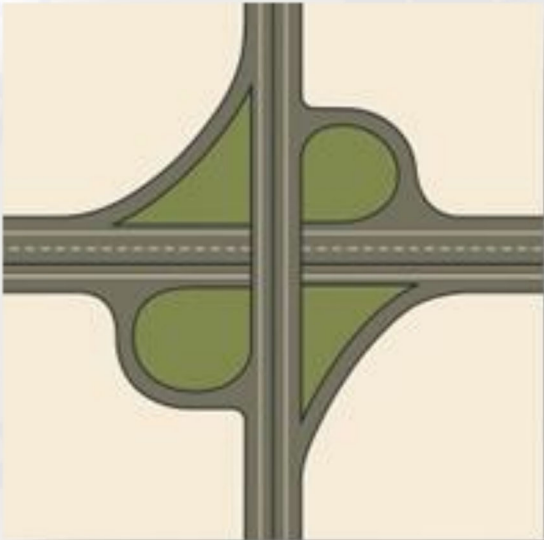
Single Point Urban  
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# Alternative Analysis

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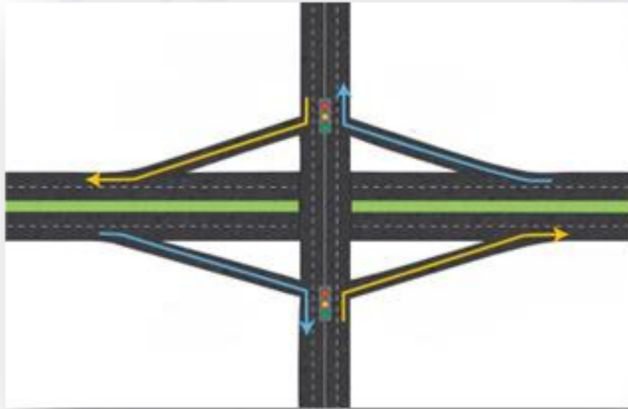


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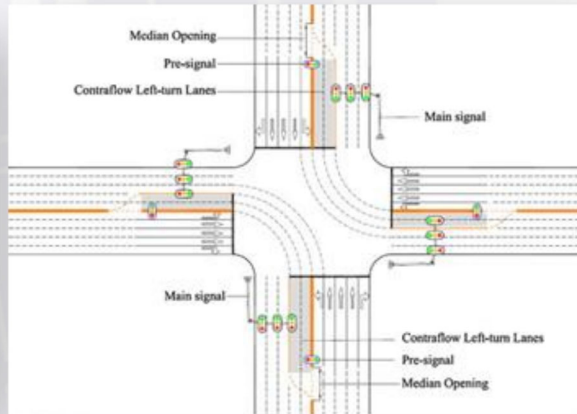


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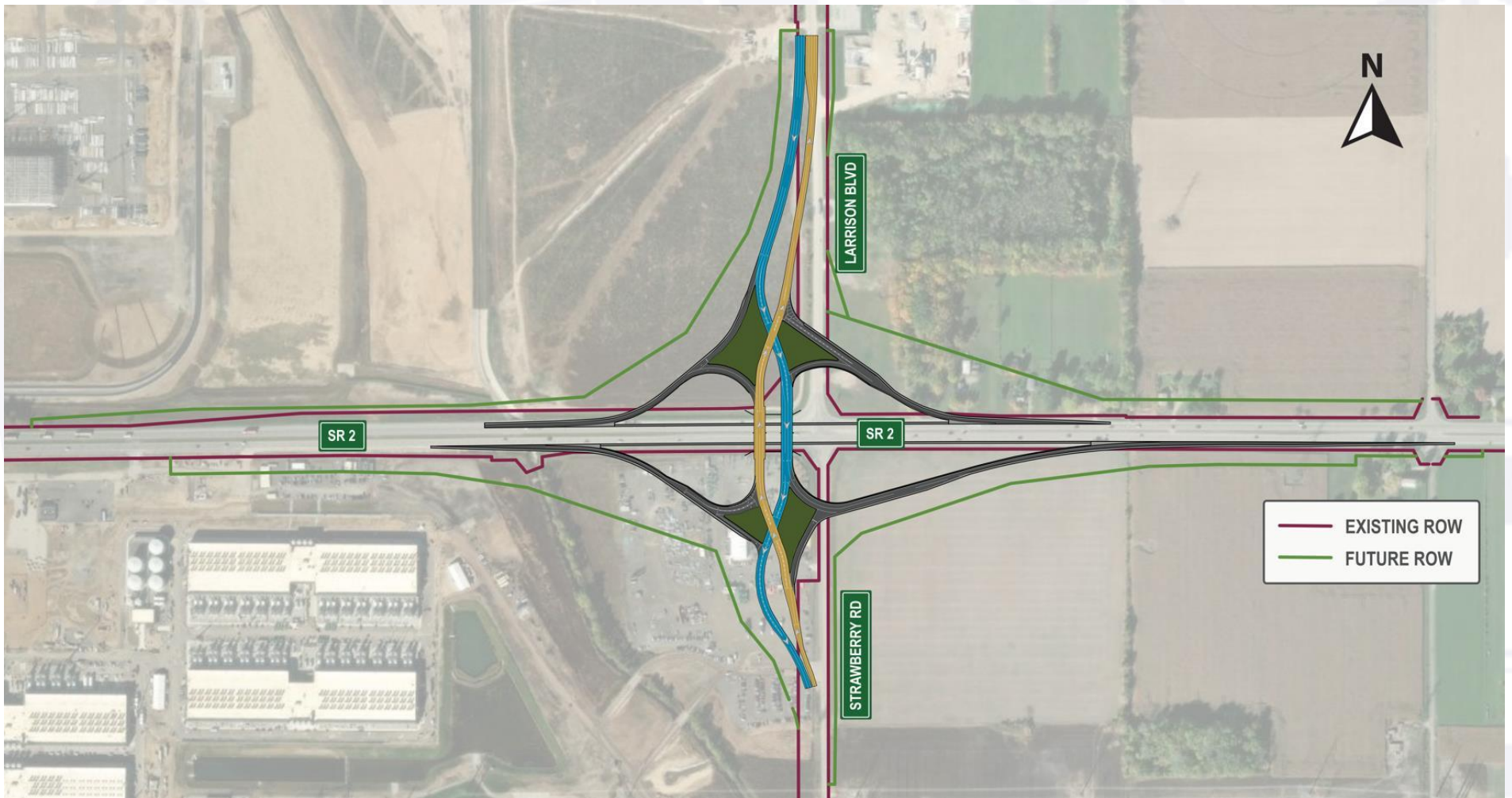
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# Proposed Improvement



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DDI on I-65 west of Indianapolis



# Alternative Delivery

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**WHY:** Deliver the project sooner while minimizing disruption

**HOW:** Progressive Design-Build, a collaborative design and construction approach



# Alternative Delivery

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- Contractor has been selected



- Better cost control



- Faster project completion



- More coordination, resulting in fewer surprises and delays



# Project Schedule

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**Summer 2026**



**CONSTRUCTION  
BEGINS**

**2026-2027**



**MAJOR  
CONSTRUCTION**

**Winter 2026-2027**



**TEMPORARY  
TRAFFIC  
PATTERN**

**December 2027**



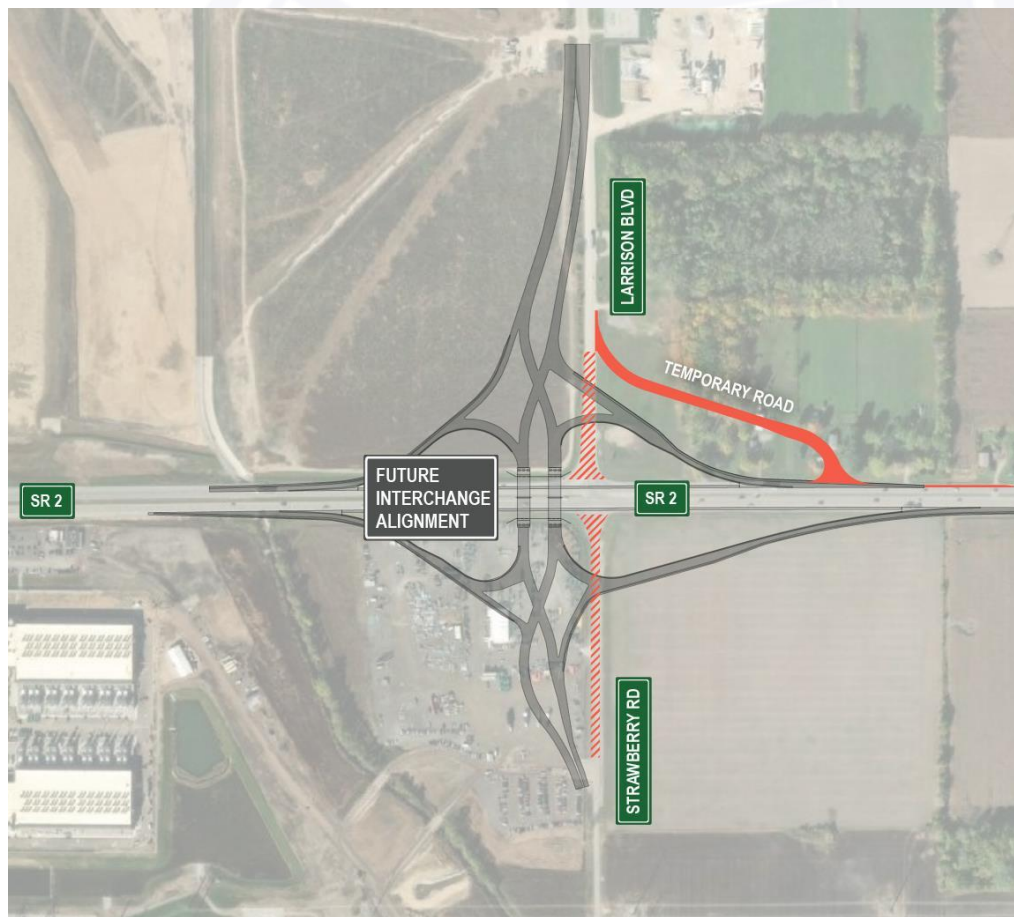
**INTERCHANGE  
OPENS**

**Spring 2028**



**FINAL  
COMPLETION**

# Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)



- S.R. 2 will remain open throughout construction, with periods of reduced lanes or shifted traffic
- Access to all properties and businesses will be maintained throughout construction
- Access at Larrison Boulevard will be limited to right-in/right-out movements
- Some local roads will be temporarily closed or modified, including Strawberry Road
- Temporary roadways and ramps will be constructed to help maintain traffic flow
- Traffic patterns will change as construction progresses
- Temporary access points to Amazon are under coordination

# Project Impacts

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- Permanent ROW: 78.52 acres of permanent ROW
- Temporary ROW: 0.27 acre of temporary ROW
- Wetland Impacts: Approximately 0.09 acre
- Streams: Approximately 223 linear feet of Niespodziany Ditch.
- Tree Clearing: Approx. 2.68 acres anticipated
- No impact to bat roosting
- Property Acquisition: Expected acquisition of five properties



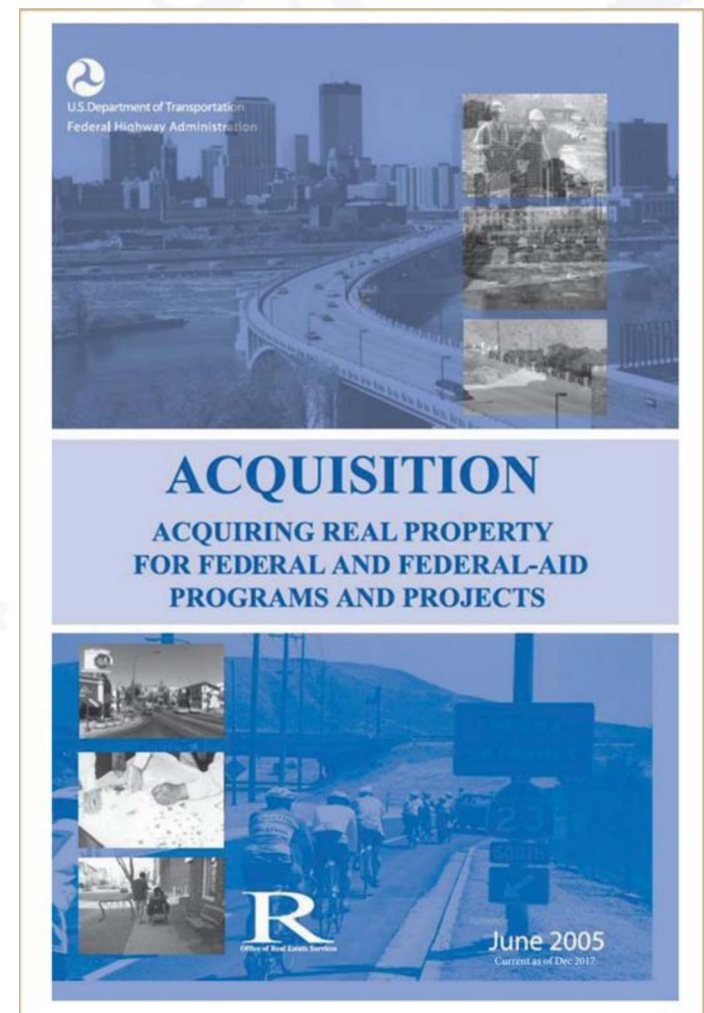
# Historic Properties – Section 106

- **Section 106 Complete:** Impacts to historic resources evaluated within APE
- **No Historic Properties:** No NRHP-listed or eligible resources identified
- **Archaeology:** No further work needed; sensitive areas avoided
- **Coordination:** SHPO, tribes, and agencies concurred
- **Finding:** *No Historic Properties Affected*

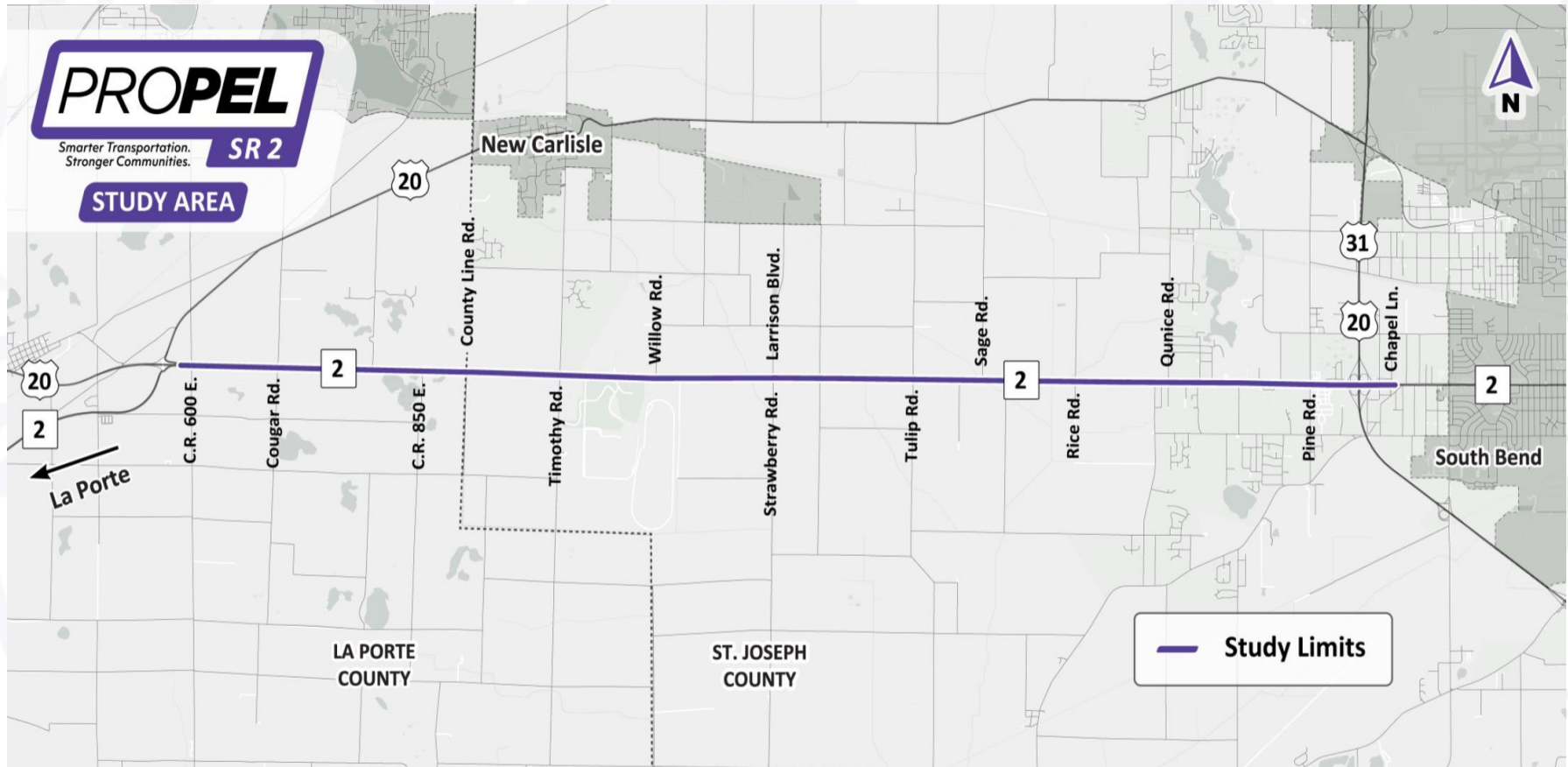


# FHWA Acquisition Requirements

- Uniform Act of 1970
  - All federal, state, & Local government must comply
  - Requires offer for just compensation



# SR 2 PEL Study



# Next Steps

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- **Public and project stakeholder input**
  - Submit comments via postal mail, e-mail, or phone message
- **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 announce the approval
  - Make project documents accessible
- **Questions? Contact the Public Involvement Team**



# Comments due April 14, 2026

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## Written Comments

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Webinar Q and A function



## Voice Recorded Message

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**Thank You**