

SR 32: Added Passing Lanes Thursday, May 11, 2023





Welcome



- Meeting format
 - Formal Presentation
 - Formal Public Comment Period
 - Adjourn Formal Hearing
- Purpose of meeting
- Information packet





Project Team





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Conducted as a requirement to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- NEPA requires evaluation of potential impacts to surrounding natural, cultural, and social environments.
- Impacts are described in an environmental document.
- Requires opportunity for the public to be involved and comment in the decision-making process of said impacts





Environmental Document



- Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 under development
 - Released for Public Involvement on April 6, 2023
 - Published Legal Notice
 - The Lebanon Reporter
 - April 25th and May 2nd
- Legal Notice announces the public hearing and provides notification that the CE-2 is available for viewing.



How Can You Participate?



- Verbally
 - Formal Public Comment Session
 - All formal comments will be recorded for the record.
- Comment Form
 - Submit via mail, email, or place in comment box.
- Email
 - Dylan Sievers (RQAW) <u>dsievers@rqaw.com</u>
 - Karen Arnold (INDOT) <u>karnold2@indot.in.gov</u>
- Comment Period Ends
 - May 26, 2023





How Are Comments Addressed?



- All comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Document as a result of:
 - The public statements recorded at a public hearing.
 - All written comments, concerns, and suggestions such as letters and emails received during the comment period.
- Informal comments are always welcomed; however, please note that general conversations are not part of the official record.



Elements of Environmental Documentation



- Public involvement
- Right-of-way
- Streams & wetlands
- Karst
- Threatened & endangered species
- Floodplains
- Farmland

- Historic & Archaeological
- Section 4(f) & 6(f)
- Air quality
- Noise
- Community impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Relocations
- Hazardous materials



Project Location







Overlay





Purpose and Need



- The need for this project is due to the percent time spent following along SR 32 and the deteriorated condition of the roadway.
 - Need to better define entrance/exit at gas station.
- The purpose of this project is to increase opportunity for passing slower traffic and reduce percent time spent following along SR 32.
 - Improve access control at the gas station.



Alternatives Studied



- No Build
 - Perform routine maintenance only
 - Does not meet purpose and need
- Other alternatives other than the "No Build" alternative were not evaluated.





Project Scope of Work



Minor Structural Overlay

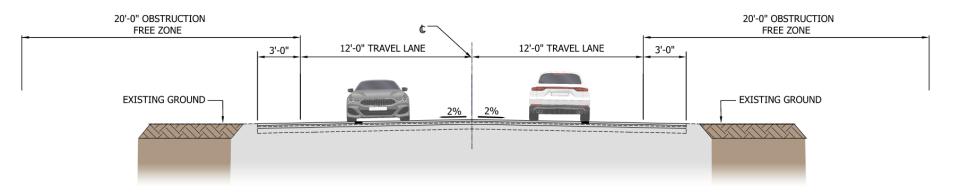
- Patch and mill/resurface roadway
- No work will be performed outside of the existing stone shoulder.





Proposed Typical Section

• Minor Structural Overlay





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Project Scope of Work

Added Passing Lanes

- Patch and mill/resurface existing road
- Add 12 ft. passing lane
- Add 3 ft. paved shoulder
- Add 5 ft. stone shoulder
- Establish new ditch along passing lane

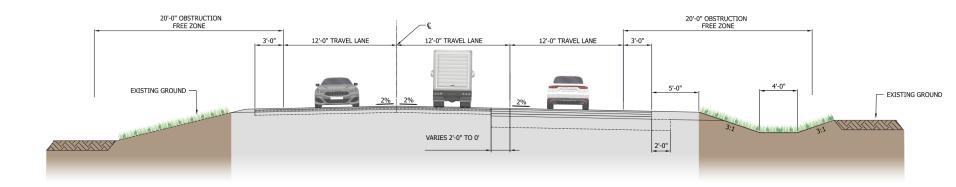




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• Eastbound Passing Lane

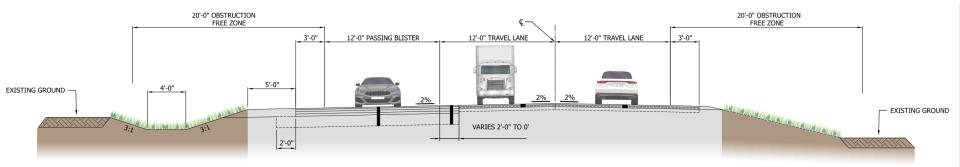






Proposed Typical Section





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Conceptual Maintenance of Traffic



Phase 1a

Added Passing Lanes

- Strengthen opposing shoulder to accommodate traffic.
- Construct passing lane behind temporary barrier wall

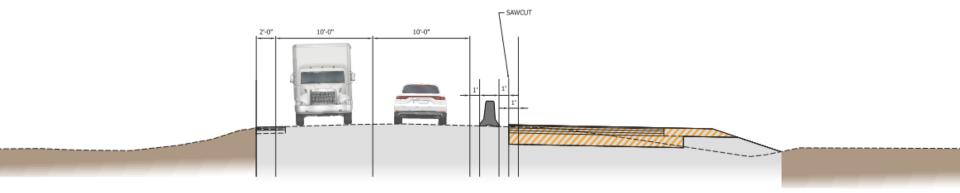




Maintenance of Traffic Typical Section



Phase 1 – Shoulder Strengthening/Added Passing Lanes





Conceptual Maintenance of Traffic



Phase 2

Minor Structural Overlay

• Mill/resurface utilizing flaggers.





Right-of-Way



Proposed Permanent

• 4.10 acres

Proposed Temporary

• 2.01 acres

Re-acquisition

• 9.21 acres

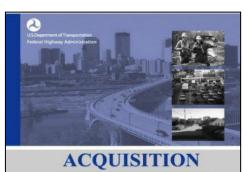




Real Estate Acquisition Process

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/uniform_act/acquisition/real_property.cfm





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Real Estate Acquisition Process



• Uniform Act" of 1970

• All federal, state, and local governments must comply by requiring just compensation.

Acquisition Process

- Appraisals
- Review appraisals
- Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value
- Offer will be made in writing
- No agreement
 - Mediation
 - Condemnation





Estimated Project Cost

- Engineering
 - \$2,473,000
- Right-of-way
 - \$425,000
- Construction
 - \$13,602,000
- Total Estimated Cost
 - \$16,500,000





Project Schedule



- Final Environmental Document Approval July 2023
- Right-of-Way Acquisition November 2023
- Letting April 2024
- Begin Construction Season 1 June 2024
- Begin Construction Season 2 April 2025









Thank you for attending.

We will now perform the formal comment period



