

**U.S. 41 Cedar Lake Two-Way Left Turn Lane
Addition & Pavement Overlay
DES. 1700025, R-40609**

3.29 miles south of U.S. 231 to U.S. 231
in Cedar Lake, IN, Lake County

Indiana Department of Transportation
03/23/2026
6:00 PM (Doors Open @ 5:30 PM)

Project Resource Locations

- Public Hearing Meeting Location:
 - Hanover Central High School: 10120 W 133rd Ave, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, Indiana

- Project Information can be found online at:

bit.ly/US41TWLTL

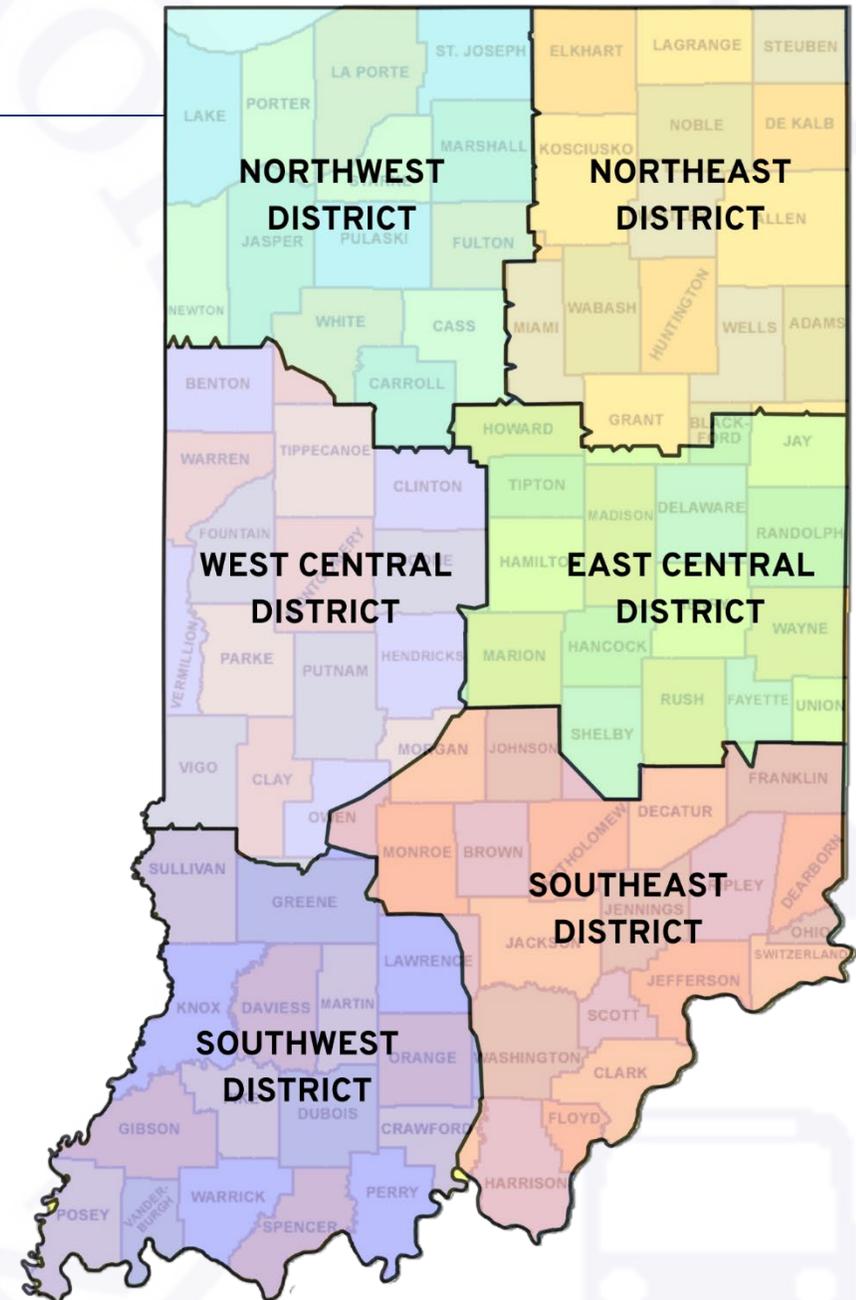
- Transportation Services Call Center

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U.S. 41 Two-Way Left-Turn Lane and Overlay

- Purpose and Intent of the Public Hearing
 - Project Information and Details
 - Environmental Documentation Review
 - Comment Opportunities and Next Steps



U.S. 41 Two-Way Left-Turn Lane and Overlay

- Introduction of Project Team

- Consultant Project Manager

- Mitchell Wilcox, PE



- INDOT Project Manager

- John Krueckeberg, PE



- INDOT Communications

- Adam Parkhouse – Director of Stakeholder Services
 - Amy Stanley – Program Director
 - Cassandra Bajek – Public Relations Director

- Environmental Services Team

- CJ Cunningham
 - Ashley Taylor
 - Brooke Vorbeck

Project Stakeholders

Agency Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Town of Cedar Lake and Lake County
- Elected and Local Officials
- INDOT Northwest District

Public and Private Stakeholders

- Residents and Citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency Services
- Schools
- Religious Institutions
- Community Organizations

Purpose and Need

- Project Need

- Higher-than-average crash data along U.S. 41 due to lack of left-turn refuge.
- 10 incidents resulting in death since 2013.
- 278 crashes resulting in 79 injuries and 2 deaths since 2022 alone.

- Project Purpose

- Improve safety
- Improve traffic flow



Project Location: Des. 1700025

- 3.29 miles south of U.S. 231 to U.S. 231 along U.S. 41



- **Curb and Gutter** – Project Start to 1.33 miles north (124th Pl.)
- **Open Shoulder** – 124th Pl. Project End

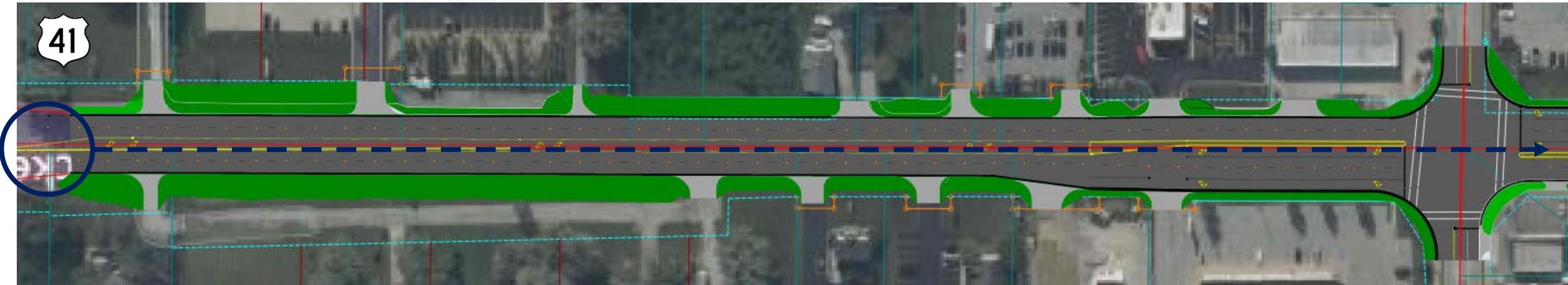
Drainage Improvements

- Additional Stormwater Detention
- New Storm Sewer System for detention capacity from Project start to 131st St.
- New driveway culverts and ditch grading
- Updated to Meet Current Standards



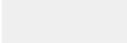
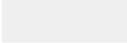
<https://www.iesolution.com/construction/>

DES. 1700025 – Project Start to 133rd Ave

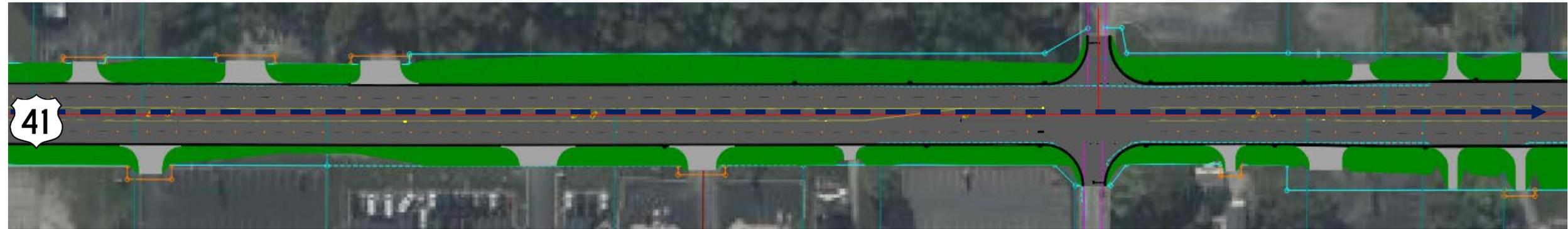


- From the start of the project to 124th Pl. the existing roadway shoulder will be reconfigured to curb and gutter to allow room for a new Two-Way Left-Turn Lane.
- Curb and gutter will be constructed at approximately the edge of existing pavement and side slopes and ditches will be regraded.
- New storm sewer inlets and curb turnouts will be constructed to improve drainage and ensure water is detained on INDOT R/W.

LEGEND

	GRASS AREA		EXISTING R/W LINE
	DRIVEWAY		PROPOSED R/W LINE
	SIDEWALK		PROPOSED TEMPORARY R/W
	PAVEMENT		CONSTRUCTION LIMITS

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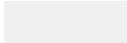
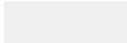


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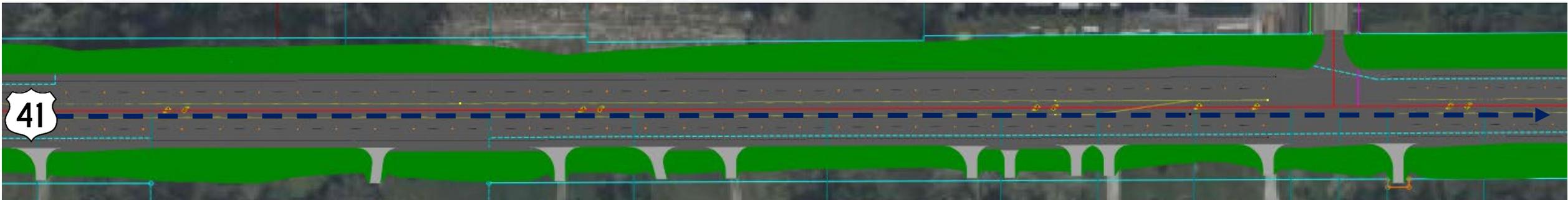
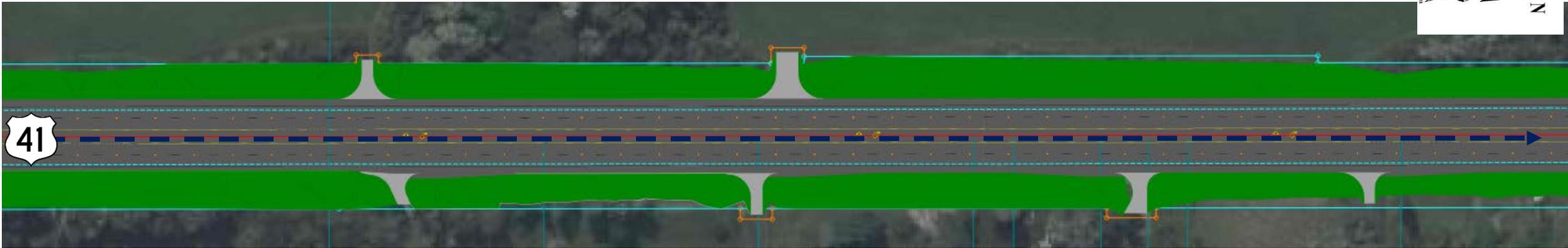


- U.S. 41 will be widened by approximately 6-ft on both east and west sides of the roadway to accommodate the new Two-Way Left-Turn Lane
- Side slopes will be re-graded for both roadside safety and to ensure roadside ditches have capacity to detain roadway drainage.

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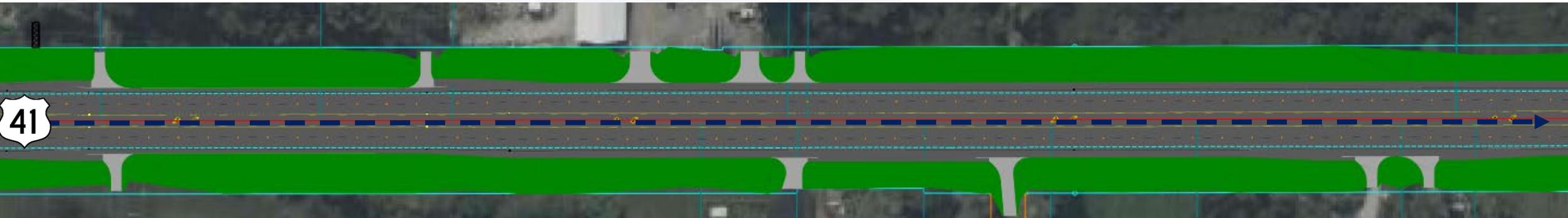
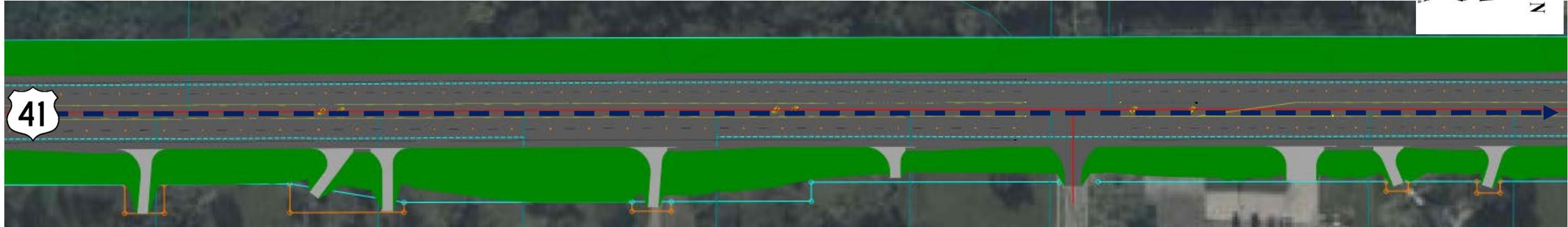
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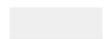
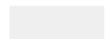
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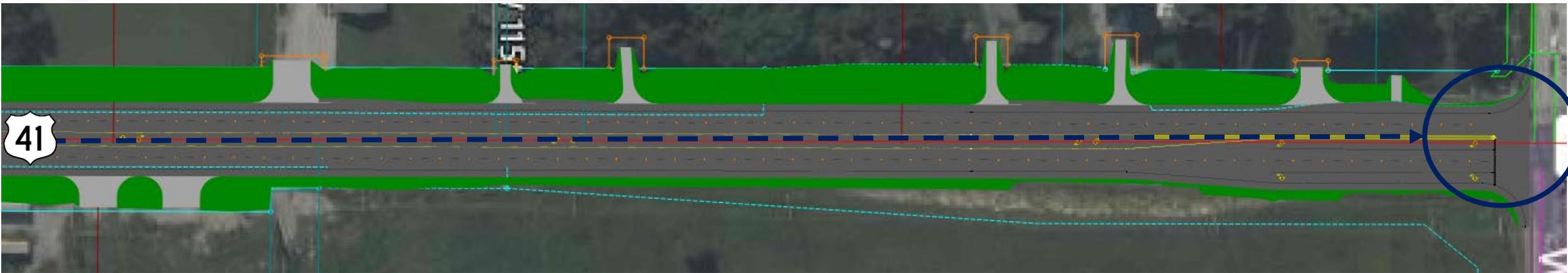
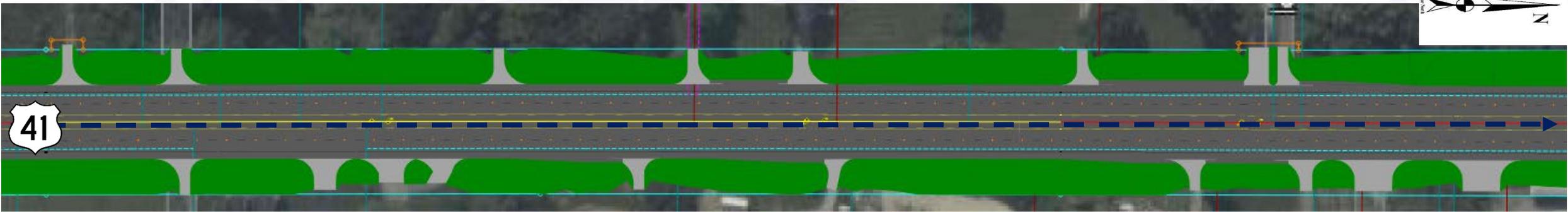


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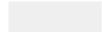
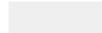
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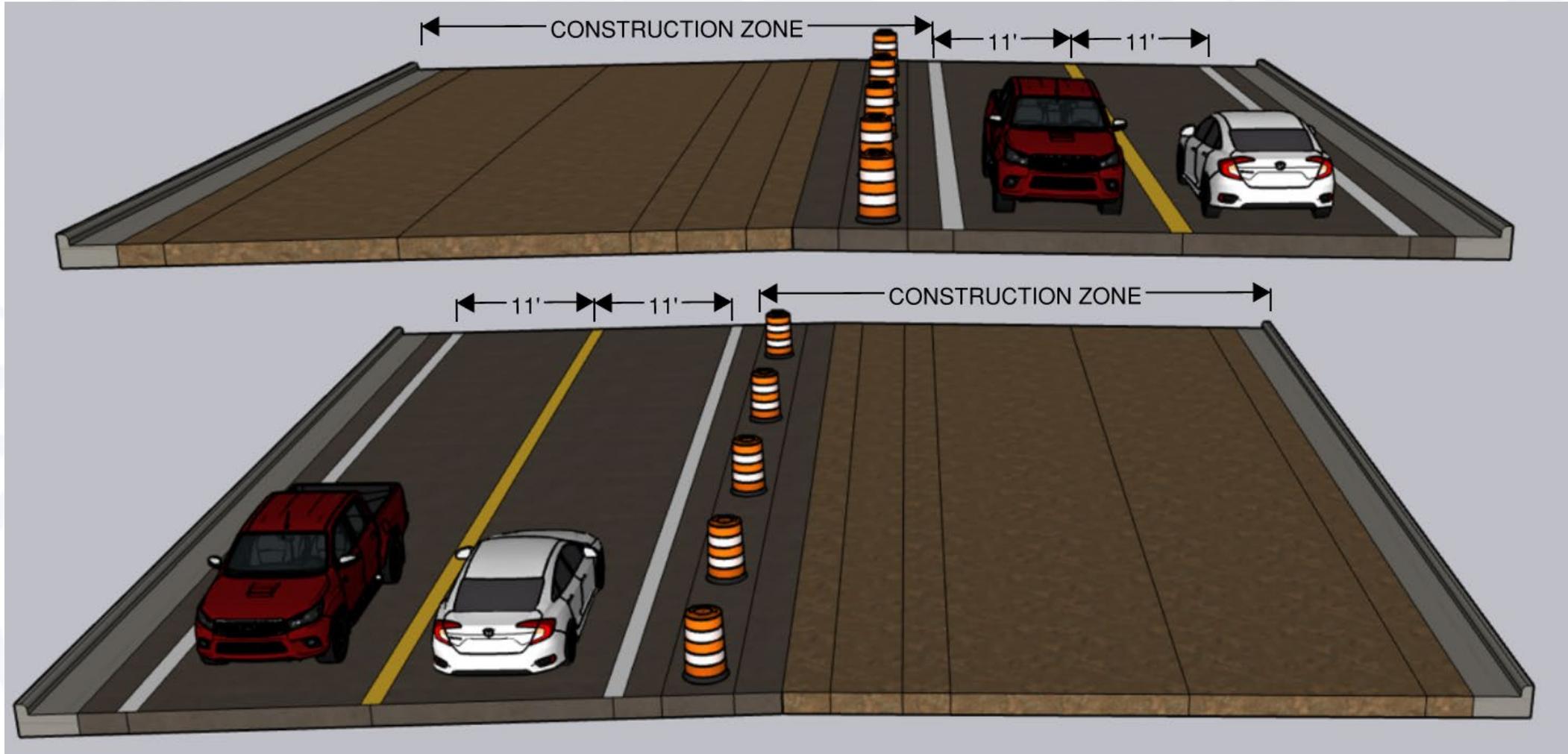
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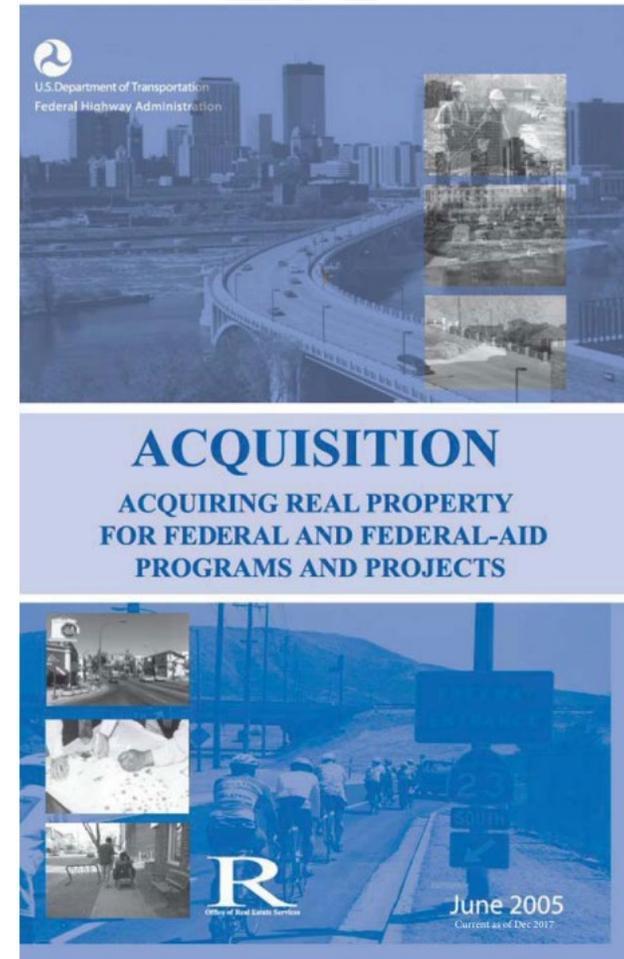
Maintenance of Traffic Plan



- Construction will be phased in order to build U.S. 41 in halves.
- INDOT contractors will be required to coordinate with property owners and businesses and maintain access during construction.

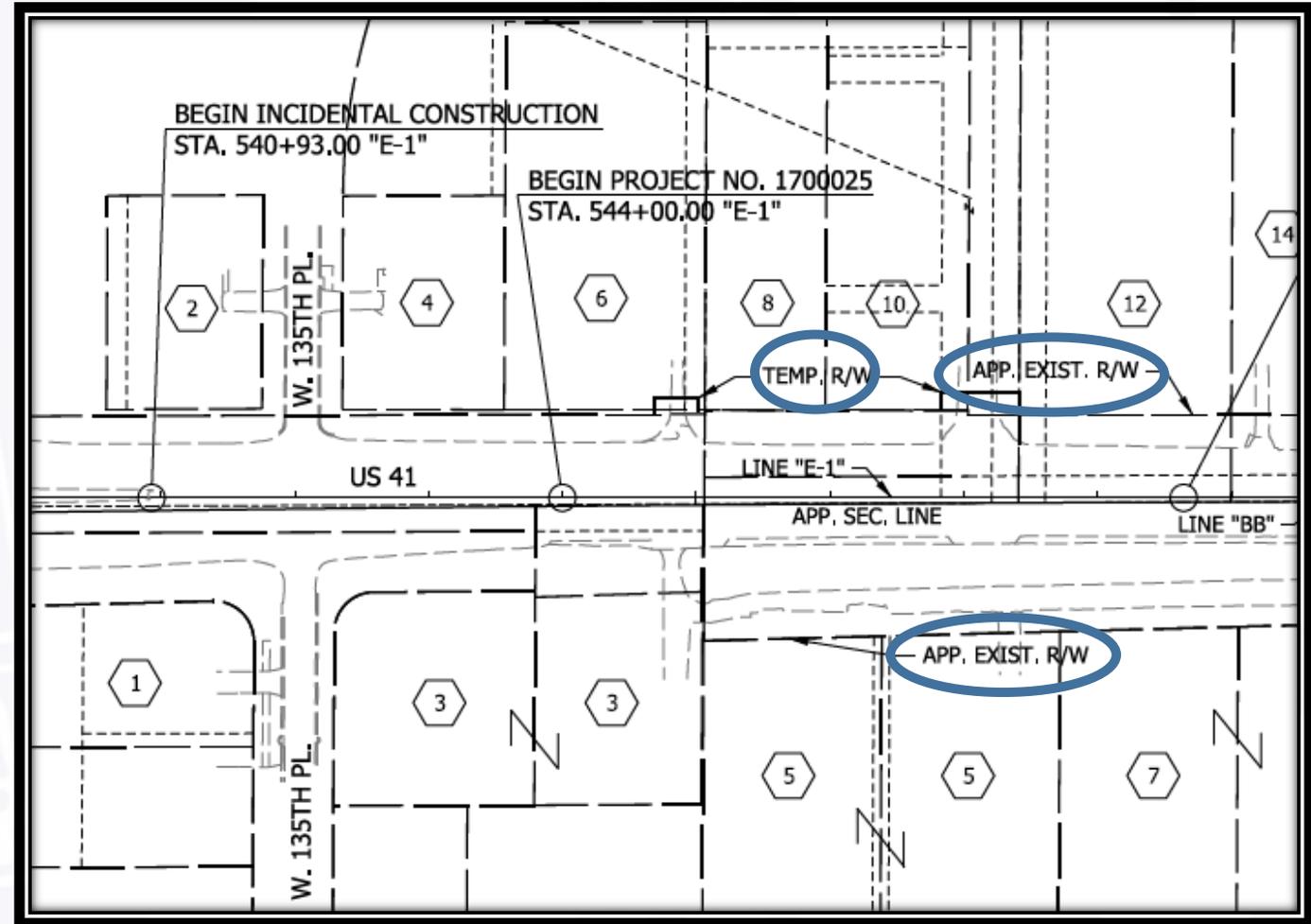
Land Acquisition Process

- Acquisition of new, permanent right-of-way is required for this project. No relocations are necessary.
- Land Acquisition process must follow the Uniform Act of 1970 which requires offer for just compensation
- Additional information on the land acquisition process can be found on INDOT's website at: <https://www.in.gov/indot/projects/real-estate/>



Land Acquisition Information

- Plans are available for review, which show where ROW acquisition is required for project work.
- Property appraising has begun based on planned acquisition
- Each property owner will be contacted upon Environmental document approval about property purchasing and buying.



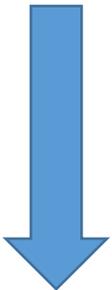
Environmental Process

Documents the Purpose and Need



Develop and Evaluate Possible Alternatives

- No Build Alternative
- TWLTL Preferred Alternative



Identify a Preferred Alternative



Inform the Public



Environmental Document

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required
- Impacts are analyzed, evaluated, and described in an environmental document
- Environmental document (Categorical Exclusion, Level-4) is now available for review.
 - INDOT has reviewed the draft document and released it for Public Involvement
 - Available for review at this meeting and on INDOT's project website.

FHWA-Indiana Environmental Document
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Road No./County: State Road (SR) 46/ Decatur County

Designation Number(s): 1800255 & 1800256

Project Description/Termini: Pavement Rehabilitation/Designation Number (Des. No.) 1800255: SR 46 from SR 3 to the west junction with United States Highway (US) 421 and Des. No. 1800256: SR 46 from the SR 46 east junction with US 421 to Base Road

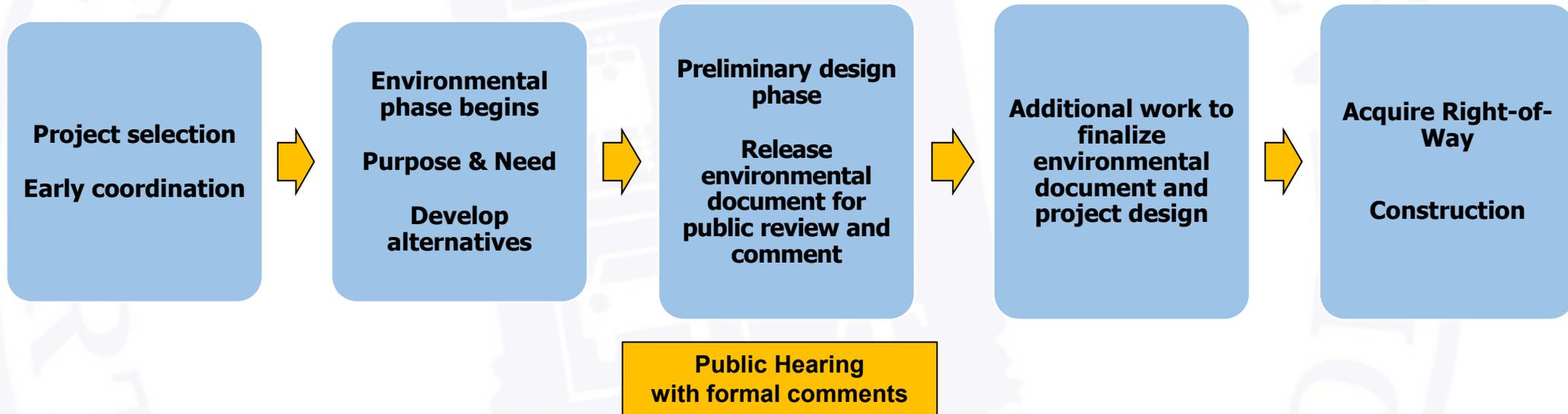
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Assessment (EA) – Required Signatories: INDOT ESD and FHWA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Investigation (AI) – The proposed action included a design change from the original approved environmental document. Required Signatories must include the appropriate environmental approval authority.

Approval: _____ INDOT DE Signature and Date
_____ FHWA Signature and Date
_____ INDOT ESD Signature and Date

Release for Public Involvement: _____ INDOT DE Initials and Date
_____ INDOT ESD Signature and Date

ADWP March 29, 2023
INDOT ESD Initials and Date

Project Development



Project Schedule and Cost Estimate

- Public Hearing 03/23/2026
- Submit Comments 04/08/2026
- Finalize CE document Spring 2026
- Stage 3 Submittal April 2026
- Final Tracings Summer 2026
- RFC Summer 2026
- Letting Fall 2026
- Construction Spring 2028 through Fall 2028

Project Cost Estimate:

- Des. No. 1700025: \$18,727,648.90

Submitting Comments

- Our team is interested in hearing your feedback about the project
 - Project information is available on the website:
 - bit.ly/US41TWLTL
 - Mail or email your comments to Mitchell Wilcox at:
 - 3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 120, Indianapolis, IN 46220
 - Mitchell.wilcox@mbakerintl.com
- If attending in person, comment forms will be available; and comments made in person after this presentation will be recorded
- For Teams Webinar attendees, submit comments via Q&A function
- Please submit comments by: 04/08/2026

Environmental Document - Next Steps

- Public and Project Stakeholder Input:
 - Submit comments online, via mail, email, fax, or in person at the hearing
 - Submit all comments by 04/08/2026
 - Comments submitted after this date or through alternative methods may not be considered
 - All comments are part of public record
- INDOT Review of Public Comments:
 - All comments are given full consideration during decision making process
 - Address comments, finalize environmental document, and complete project design



Thank You!



In Person Attendees: Verbal Comments to Follow Shortly
Online Attendees: Submit Comments via Q&A function

For Questions, contact:
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