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Indiana Department of Transportation Construction Update

May 15, 2025

UPDATE: Intersection improvement work continues on U.S. 31 in Franklin

New schedules for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of construction

JOHNSON COUNTY, Ind. - Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Milestone Contractors, L.P. is continuing work on Phase 1 and 2 of a six-phase intersection improvement project on U.S. 31 in Franklin. Phase 1 and Phase 2 schedules have been modified and construction will proceed as follows.

Phase 1:

The schedule for Phase 1 bridge rehabilitation and box culvert replacement work over Canary Ditch located between Acorn Drive and Schoolhouse Road has been modified. Phase 1 work will resume later this summer and is expected to be complete by late November, weather permitting.

No traffic restrictions are planned between Acorn Drive and Schoolhouse Road while work is paused. Phase 1 was previously scheduled to be complete in early August. Schedule impacts are due to material delays. Additional information will be provided as work resumes. Initial information on Phase 1 of the project can be found [here](#).

Phase 2:

Phase 2 intersection improvement work will begin on U.S. 31 between South Main Street and West Jefferson Street in Franklin on or after Monday, May 19, and is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. Intersection improvement work was previously scheduled to begin in early August.

Phase 2 intersection improvement work includes construction of the following:

- Reduced conflict intersection at U.S. 31 and Nineveh Road
- Median U-turn on U.S. 31 at Ironwood Drive
- Reduced conflict intersection at U.S. 31 and Franklin Lakes Boulevard/South Street
- Bridge rehabilitation on U.S. 31 over Youngs Creek

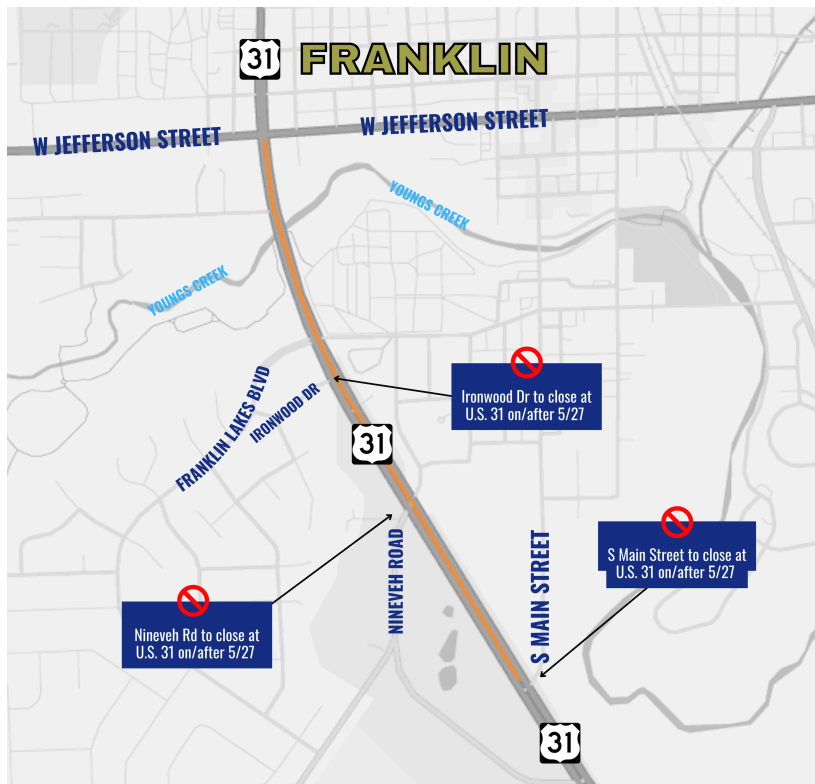
Drivers can expect the following traffic restrictions through late September, weather permitting.

- (Beginning on or after Monday, May 19) Traffic will be shifted to the inside lanes of northbound and southbound U.S. 31 between South Main Street and West Jefferson Street. The outside lanes of northbound and southbound U.S. 31 will be closed. Turning access to and from U.S. 31 will be maintained at multiple locations between South Main Street and West Jefferson Street
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INDOT will provide additional information as work progresses. Overall work on Phase 1 and 2 of the project is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. Motorists can receive updates and additional information from INDOT Southeast via [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

This work is part of a \$66.2 million intersection improvement contract awarded to Milestone in February 2025. Overall contract work is anticipated to be complete in 2028. Additional information about the overall contract can be found [here](#).

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.



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About the Indiana Department of Transportation

INDOT is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, and operating the State of Indiana's more than 29,000 highway lane miles and 5,700 bridges, and providing support for 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities throughout the Hoosier State. With six district offices and over 3,500 employees, INDOT works to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable transportation infrastructure while supporting the state's economic vitality. The department is committed to fostering innovation, sustainability, and safety in transportation planning and development, in addition to collaborating with local governments and private sector partners to meet the state's transportation needs. For the eighth consecutive year, Indiana has placed in the top ten in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more at in.gov/indot.

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Buckle Up Phone Down is a safety initiative adopted by the Indiana Department of Transportation in late 2023. Unrestrained motorists and passengers, as well as distracted driving continue to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways. Buckle Up Phone Down is one of many efforts to change driver behavior and improve roadway safety across Indiana.

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