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### **Indiana Department of Transportation**

## **Construction Update**

July 31, 2025

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

Phase 1 of construction resumes, Phase 2 continues

**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:

Beginning on or after Monday, August 4, Phase 1 box culvert replacement work will resume between Acorn Drive and Schoolhouse Road. Drivers can expect the following traffic restrictions during Phase 1 box culvert replacement work through early October, weather permitting:

- Northbound U.S. 31 will be reduced to one lane from Lemley Street to just north of Acorn Drive. The right lane will remain open.
- Traffic will be unable to turn left from northbound U.S. 31 onto Cedar Lane, Acorn Drive, and Ransdell Drive.
- Southbound U.S. 31 will be reduced to one lane from just north of Ransdell Drive to Schoolhouse Road.
- The open lane of southbound U.S. 31 will be crossed over at Acorn Drive and will use the left lane of northbound U.S. 31.

• Local access will be maintained to and from southbound U.S. 31 and Ransdell Drive, Acorn Drive, and Cedar Lane.

Phase 1 work is expected to be complete by late November, weather permitting. The previous update on Phase 1 work can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

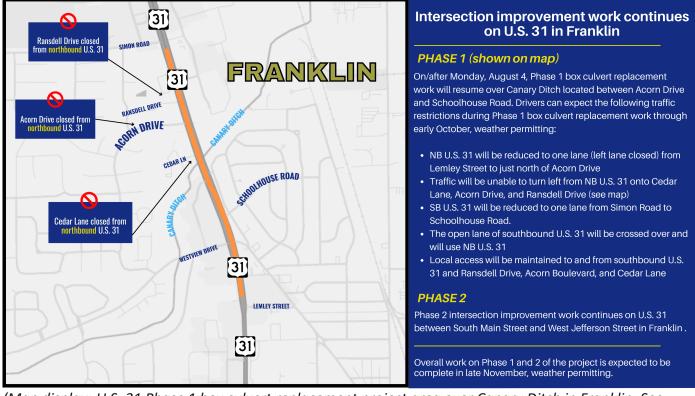
#### Phase 2:

Phase 2 intersection improvement work continues on U.S. 31 between South Main Street and West Jefferson Street in Franklin. Information on Phase 2 intersection improvement work can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

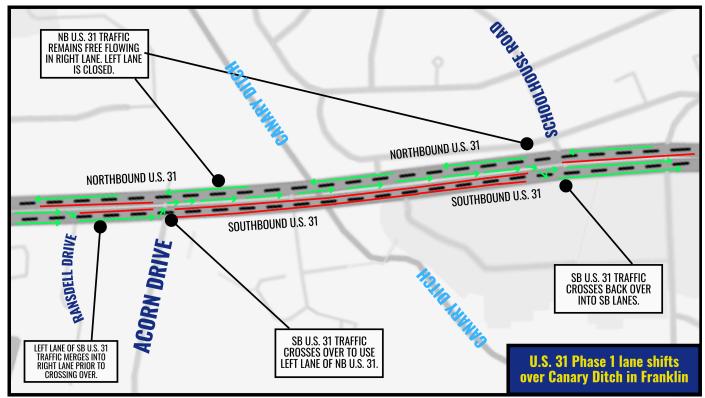
Overall work on Phase 1 and 2 of the project is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. INDOT will provide additional updates as work progresses. Motorists can receive updates and additional information from INDOT Southeast via <u>Facebook</u> and <u>X.</u>

This project 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

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.



(Map display: U.S. 31 Phase 1 box culvert replacement project area over Canary Ditch in Franklin. See  $\underline{Facebook}$  and  $\underline{X}$  for larger copy of map.)



(Map display: U.S. 31 Phase 1 lane shifts over Canary Ditch for box culvert replacement in Franklin. Not to scale.)

#### Stay Informed

Motorists in Southeast Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

• Facebook: facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast

Twitter: <u>@INDOTSoutheast</u>TrafficWise: 511in.org

• Mobile App: <u>iTunes App Store</u> and the <u>Google Play store for Android</u>

#### **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.

#### **About Buckle Up Phone Down**

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.

The actions are simple: when you get into a vehicle, buckle up. If you are the driver, put the phone down. Every trip. Every time. Learn more and accept the challenge at <u>BUPDIN.com</u>.

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