

# US 36 Roadway Project

Roadway Reconstruction, Pedestrian  
Improvements and Intersection Improvement  
DES# 1700803, 1901985 & 1702935

Mt. Vernon Schools Administration Building

Alumni Room

March 2, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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# Agenda

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Formal Public Hearing
  - Presentation
  - Public Statements for the Record
  - Adjourn Formal Hearing

Invited to the display area for Q & A with the project team



# Project Team

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## Project Sponsor:

INDOT, Greenfield District

- Don McGhghy, Project Manager
- Mallory Duncan, Director of Communications
- Adelle DuSold, Director of Communications
- JoAnn Wooldridge, Consultant Services

## Consultant:

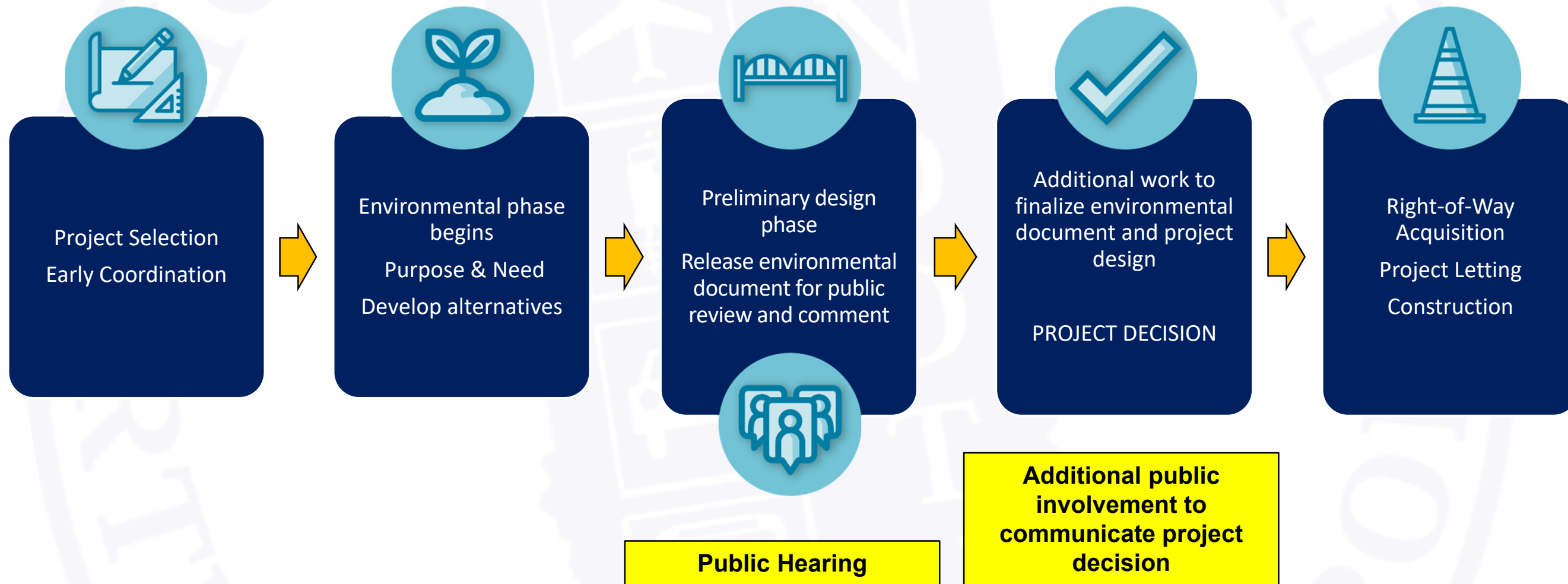
Lochmueller Group, Inc.

- Brian Arterbery, Project Manager
- Jessica Hawley, Lead Designer
- Trevor Wieseke, Environmental Team Lead
- Chris Kunkel, Environmental Specialist

## Other Project Partners:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) MPO
- Town of Fortville

# Project Development



# Public Involvement Intent

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- Requirement of the National Policy Act (NEPA)
- Early engagement of the public in the decision-making process
  - Public Hearing provides a formal setting to be engaged
- Solicit comments on the environmental document and project design
- Fully consider all public comments received and incorporate into the decision-making process




# Public Hearing Format



- Open House session prior to hearing presentation
  - Discussions with project team not submitted into public record for consideration
- Formal presentation by project team
- Opportunity for verbal public comment
  - Comments transcribed, entered into public record, and will be considered during decision-making process
- Informal open house following formal hearing
- Hearing will conclude at 8:00 pm

# Notice of Public Hearing

- Legal Notice of the Public Hearing was advertised in the *Greenfield Daily Reporter* and *The Indianapolis Star* on February 15 and February 22, 2022
- A copy of the Legal Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the project mailing list two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing
  - Elected Officials
  - Project Stakeholders
  - Adjacent Property Owners



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Eric Holcomb, Governor  
Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – DES# 1700803, 1901985 & 1702935**  
Proposed roadway reconstruction, pedestrian improvement and intersection improvement along US 36 in Fortville, Hancock County

**The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), will host a public hearing on Wednesday, March 2 at Mt. Vernon School Corporation Administration Building, 1806 W SR 234, Fortville, Indiana. The hearing will take place in the Alumni Room. The public hearing will occur from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The formal presentation will begin at 6:30 PM, with an informal open house occurring from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Following the formal presentation, a second informal open house will occur and end promptly at 8:00 p.m.** The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans to reconstruct the roadway along US 36, construct a multi-use path along US 36, and modify the intersection at US 36 and Maple Street in Fortville, Hancock County. During this time, members of the public will be afforded the opportunity for their comments to be heard in a formal setting, recorded, and incorporated into the project record.

The need for the project stems from the deteriorated condition of the roadway, signal failure at the intersection with Maple Street, and lack of pedestrian connectivity along this section of US 36 between the existing path just east of Garden Street and the existing sidewalk on SR 13. The purpose of this project is to correct the deteriorating condition of the roadway while maintaining the functional condition of the roadway, reduce the queue length at the intersection with Maple Street, and enhance pedestrian connectivity along US 36 between the existing path at Garden Street and existing sidewalk at SR 13 in accordance with the Hancock County Trails Plan.

The public hearing will follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance health and safety protocols. Face coverings are recommended, but not required. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided, social distancing will be encouraged, and the number of attendees participating will be monitored to comply with local ordinances.

For those unable to attend the in-person public hearing, the presentation will be recorded and be uploaded to the INDOT Greenfield District website and meeting handouts and displays will be available no later than the day after the meeting on the INDOT Greenfield District website (<https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/>). Other project information will also be made available on the website including meeting displays, meeting handouts, and comment forms.

As proposed, the project involves the reconstruction of US 36 to full depth from Garden Street to SR 13. Additionally, the typical cross-section of US 36 will reduce the number of through travel lanes from four to two with a two-way-left-turn lane between the through travel lanes. In conjunction with the roadway reconstruction, a new concrete paved multi-use path will be constructed along US 36 beginning at the northside of Garden Street and continuing along US 36 until it turns north at the intersection with SR 13. There will also be a new concrete sidewalk constructed along the south side of the roadway. There will be new downward facing lighting and other amenities constructed as a part of the pedestrian improvements. New Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps will be constructed at Merrill, Maple, Main, Oak, Poplar, Elm, and Walnut Streets. The intersection improvements at US 36 and Maple Street will involve the addition of a dedicated left-turn lane along Maple Street in both directions at the intersection. Maple Street will be widened at the intersection, concrete sidewalks will be constructed along both sides of Maple Street, and the existing traffic signal and equipment will be updated. The Maintenance of Traffic will require the closure of Maple Street to

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# Project Resource Locations

Visit the project web page:

<https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/us-36-roadway-project/>

View project documents in person:

Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library

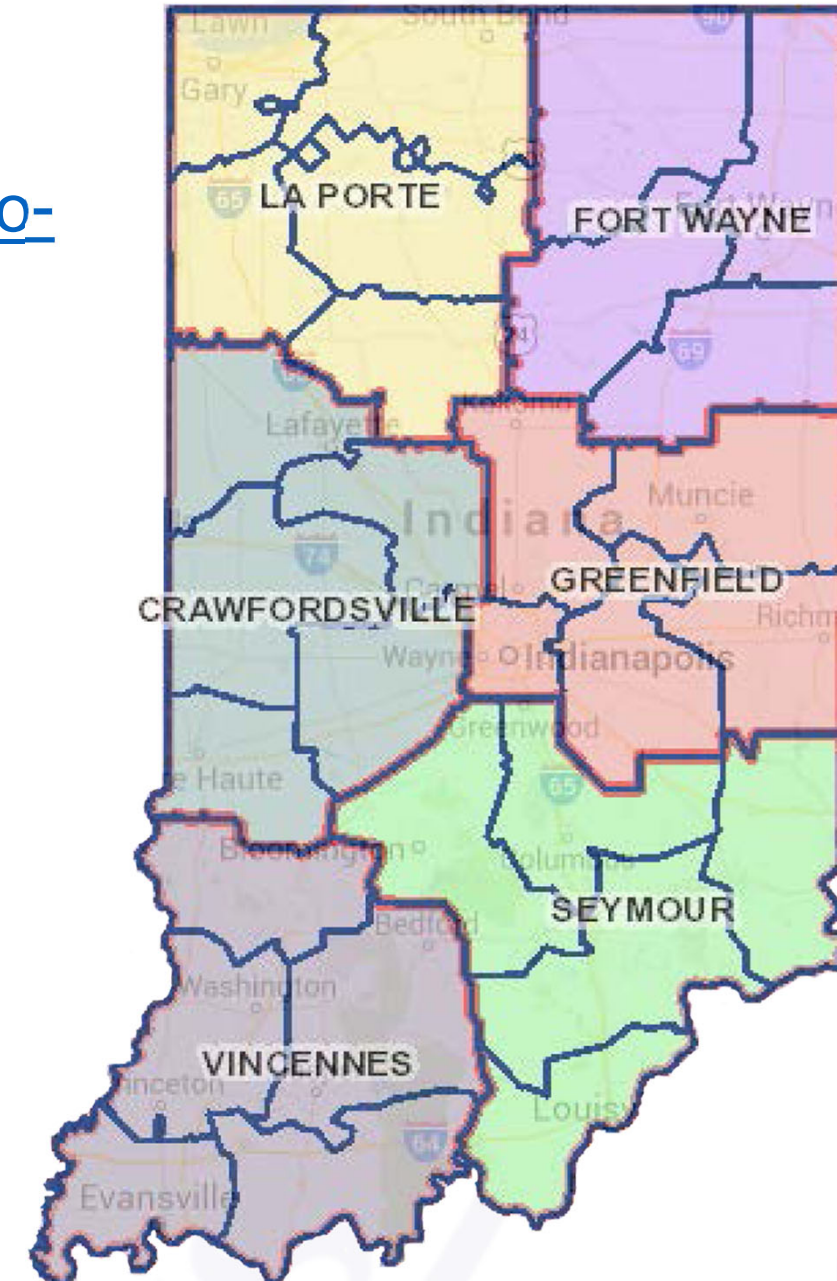
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# Public Comment Process

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## Comments can be expressed via:

- Verbally as a Public Statement
  - Statements are recorded
- Comment Form
  - Submit via mail, email, or in person tonight
  - Mailing address:
    - Chris Kunkel, 3502 Woodview Trace, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46268
- Email – [ckunkel@lochgroup.com](mailto:ckunkel@lochgroup.com)
- Comment Period ends
  - Friday, March 18, 2022

Please feel free to use any and all methods.

# Public Comment Process

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- All comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Documents as a result of:
  - The public statements recorded at a public hearing.
  - All written comments, concerns, and suggestions such as letters, faxes, and emails received during the comment period.

Informal comments are always welcome; however, please note general conversations are not part of the official record.

# Project Stakeholders

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- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- The Town of Fortville and Hancock County
- Madison County Council of Governments
- Elected and local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community organizations



# Environmental Process

## Purpose & Need

- Identify Issues & Objectives

## Identify Alternatives

- Ability to Meet Purpose & Need
- Screen for Red Flags

## Field Investigations

- Cultural Resources (above & below-ground)
- Waters Resources

## Environmental Documentation

- Document Findings of preceding tasks in Draft CE-1
- **Public Involvement**
- Respond to Comments
- Finalize CE-1 for approval

# Purpose and Need

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- **Project Need**

- Deteriorated condition of roadway
- Signal failure at US 36 and Maple Street
- Lack of pedestrian connectivity along US 36

- **Project Purpose**

- Correct deteriorating condition of the roadway while maintaining functional condition of the roadway
- Reduce queue length at intersection with Maple Street
- Enhance pedestrian connectivity along US 36 between existing path at Garden Street and existing sidewalk at SR 13



# Alternatives

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- **Preferred Alternative**
  - Roadway Reconstruction with Pedestrian and Intersection Improvements
- **No Build Alternative**
  - Baseline for comparison with the build alternative
  - Remove project cost and environmental impacts
  - Would not meet purpose and need of project



# Environmental Considerations

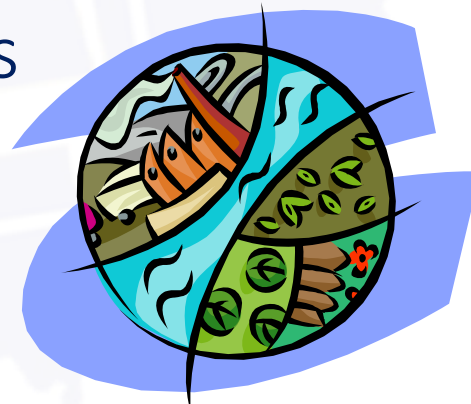
## Examples of Items Evaluated:

### Environmental/Natural Resources

- Floodplains
- Wetlands & Waterways
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Parks & Recreational Resources (Trails)

### Human/Social Resources

- Right-of-way
- Noise
- Environmental Justice
- Historic & Archaeological
- Community Impacts
  - Public Involvement



# Roadway Reconstruction - Des. No. 1700803

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- From Garden St to SR 13/S Madison St
  - Existing roadway surface removed to full depth and grade will be a maximum of one foot lower than existing
  - Will reduce thru travel lanes from four down to two (one in each direction)
  - New typical cross-section will be 11-foot wide travel lanes (one in each direction) and a 14-foot wide two-way left turn lane along the center of US 36
  - New curb and gutter and drainage improvements along entire length
  - New Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps will be constructed at Merrill, Maple, Main, Oak, Poplar, Elm, and Walnut Streets



# Pedestrian Improvements – Des. No. 1901985

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- **Multi-use Path**

- Locally funded portion of the project
- 10-13 foot wide multi-use path along northwest side of US 36
  - Will tie into existing sidewalk along Garden St and existing sidewalk along west side of SR 13/S Madison St
  - Includes lighting and other trail amenities

- **Sidewalk**

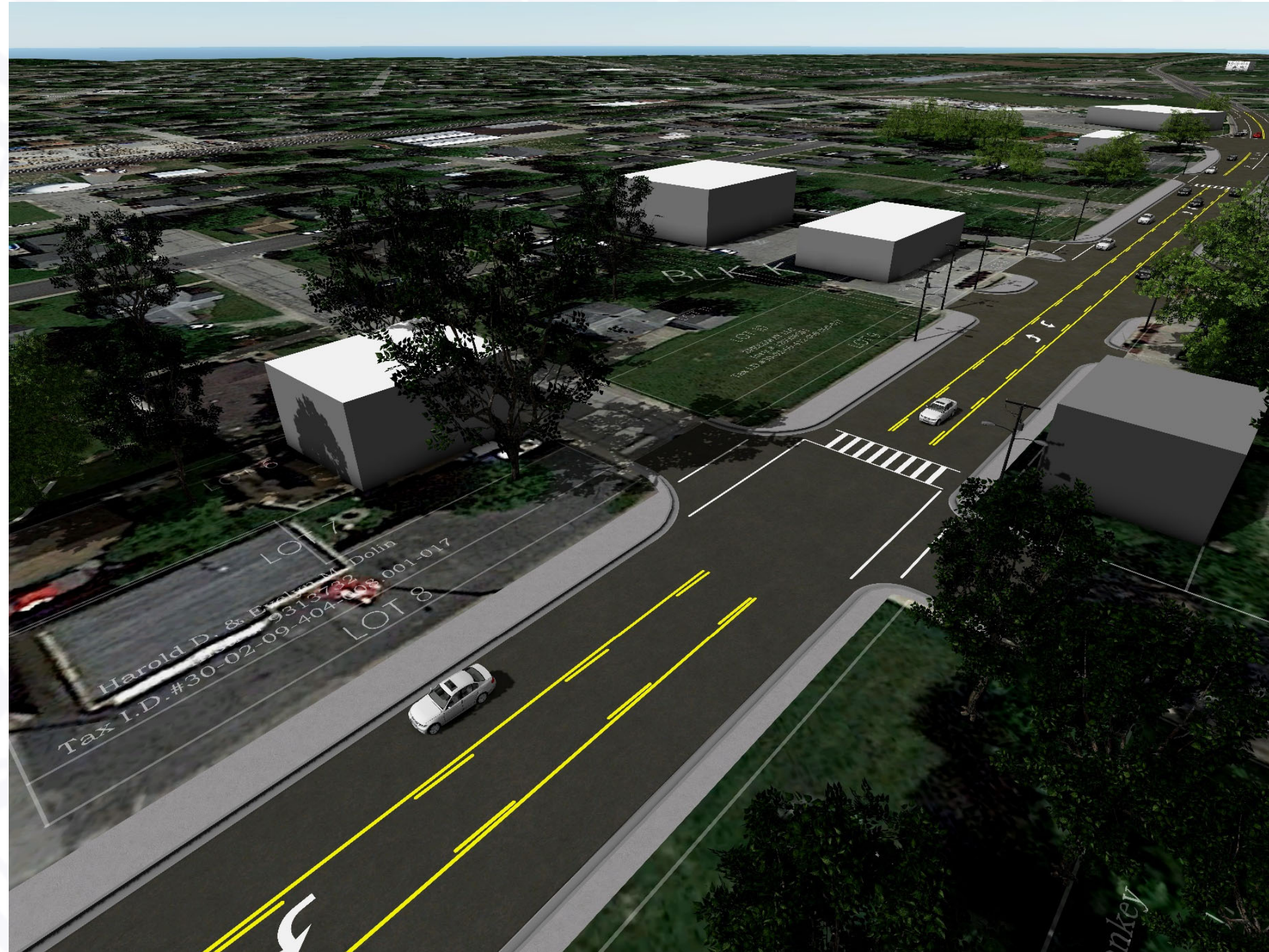
- 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk along southeast side of US 36
- Beginning just east of Garden St and ending at Elm St

# Trail Amenities

- Benches
- Bike Racks
- Trash Receptacles
- Lighting



# PROPOSED LAYOUT – US 36

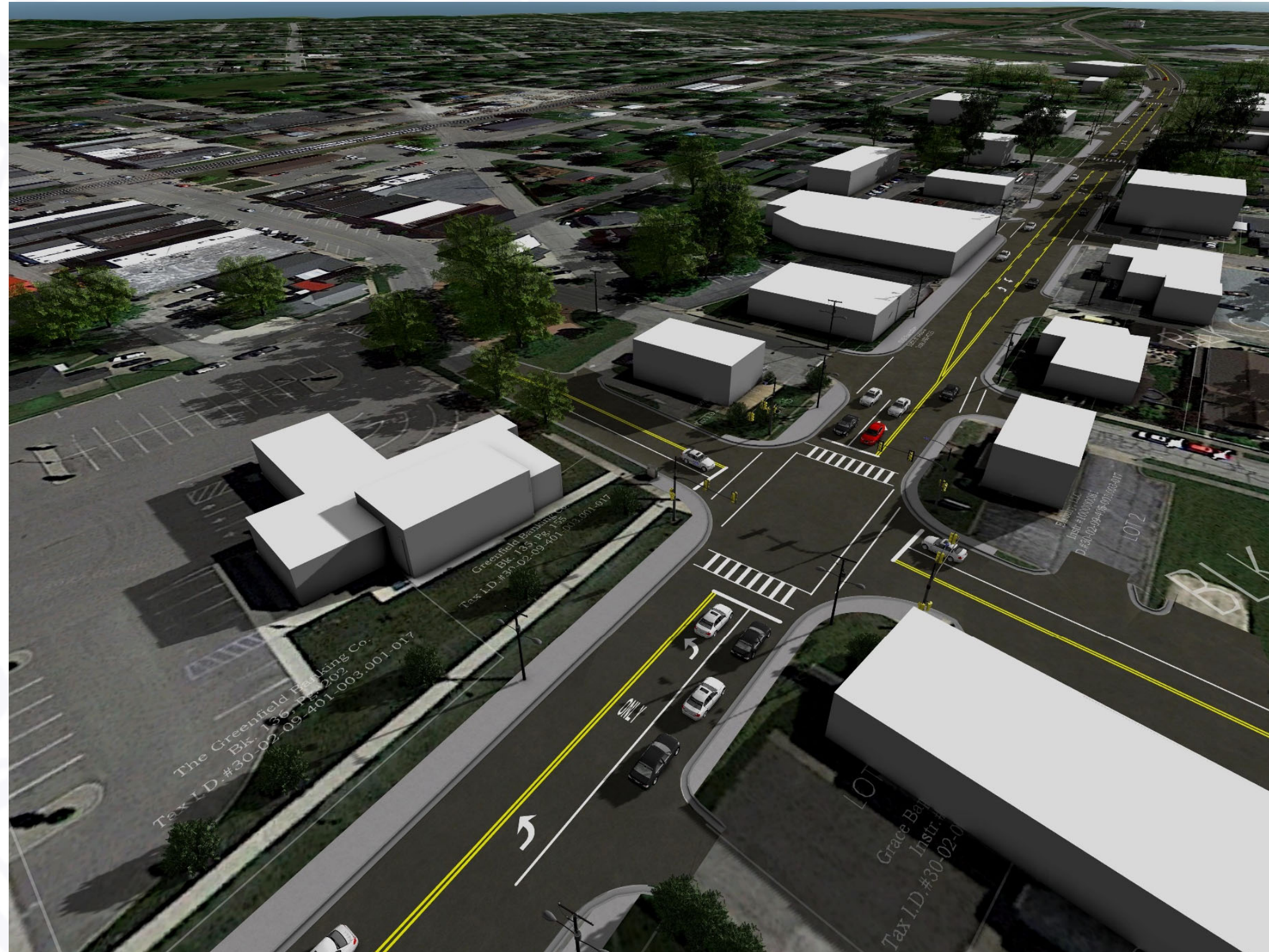


# Intersection Improvement – Des. No. 1702935

- Maple Street and US 36
  - Add dedicated left turn lane to northbound and southbound Maple St at US 36
  - Parking lane along Maple St in southwest quadrant of intersection will be retained
  - Existing traffic signal will be updated
  - 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk on both sides of Maple St



# PROPOSED LAYOUT – US 36 and Maple Street

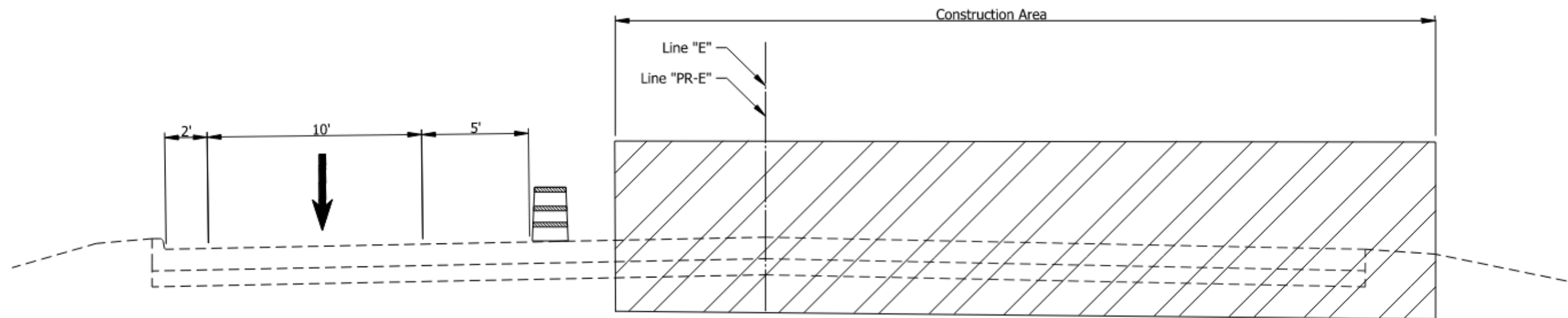
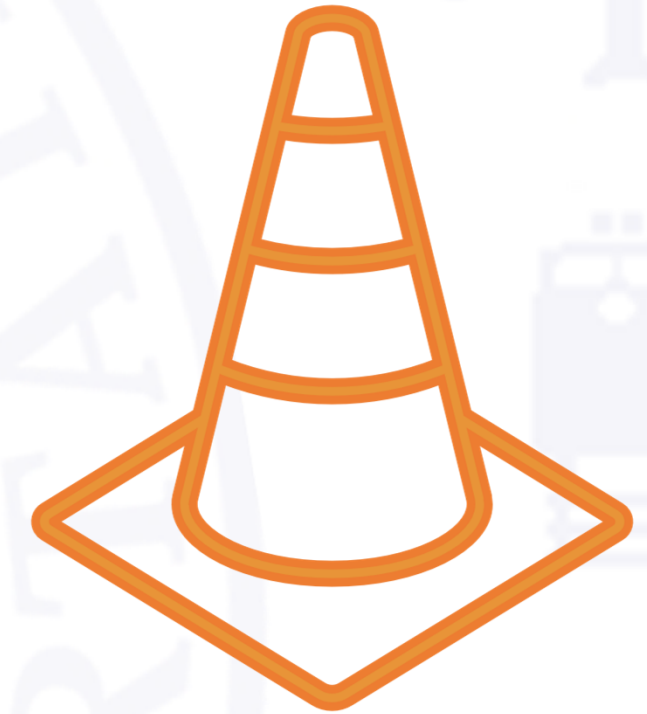


# Maintenance of Traffic – US 36

- Phased Construction – 2 Phases

- Phase 1:

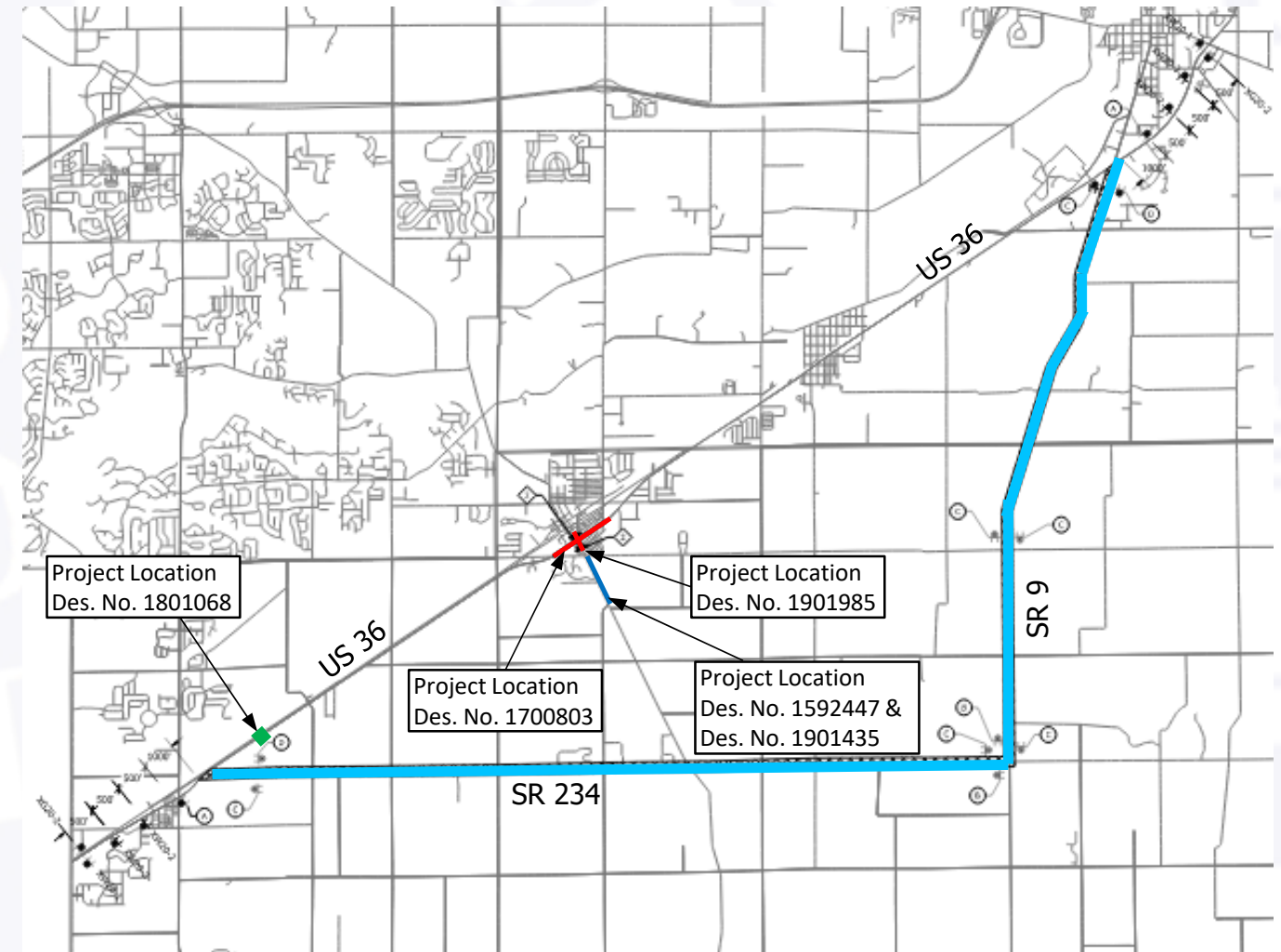
- The center two-way left turn lane and eastbound lane will be constructed
    - Storm sewer and sidewalk will be constructed
    - Westbound traffic will be maintained through Fortville



Maintenance of Traffic - Phase 1

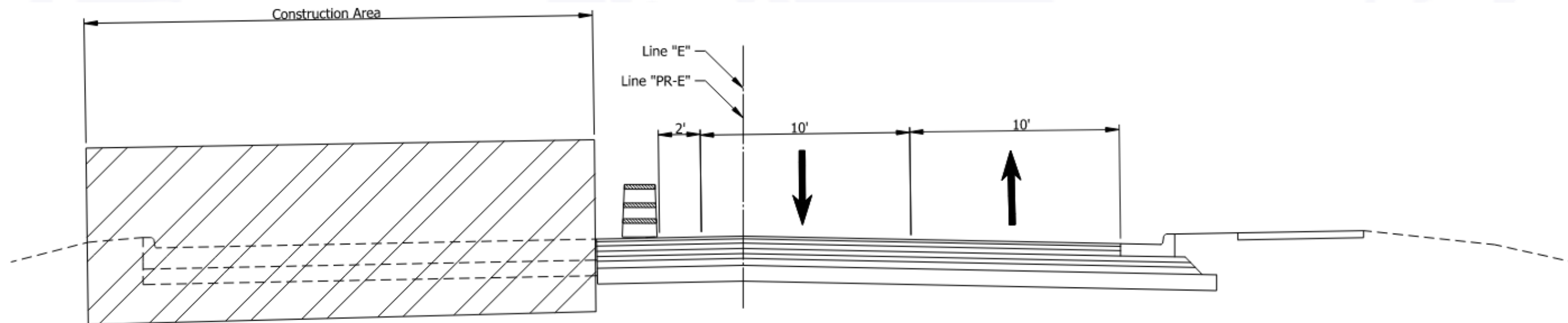
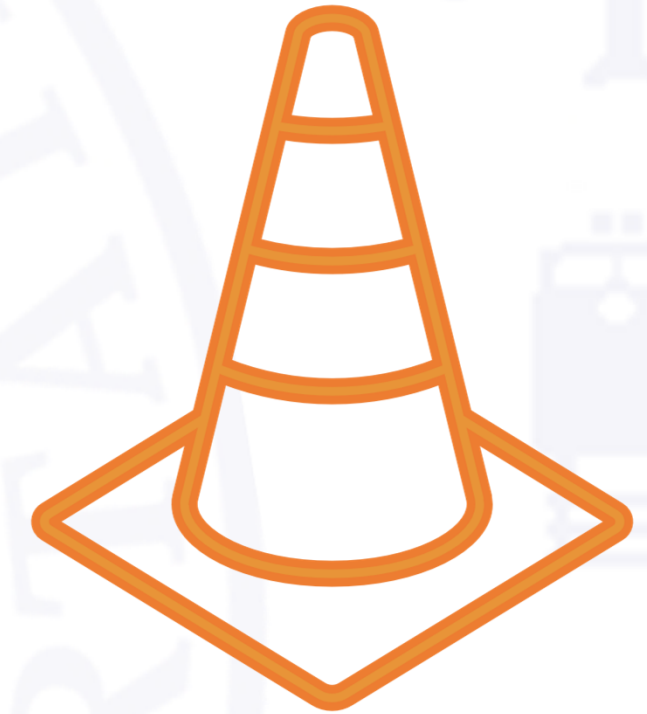
# Maintenance of Traffic – US 36

- Phased Construction
  - Phase 1 :
    - Eastbound through traffic will be detoured along SR 234 and SR 9
    - Local detours will be established for local access
    - Business access will be maintained throughout Phase 1 construction



# Maintenance of Traffic – US 36

- Phased Construction – 2 Phases
  - Phase 2 :
    - Westbound through lane, northside path, and remaining storm sewer to be constructed
    - One lane in each direction maintained
    - No detour required

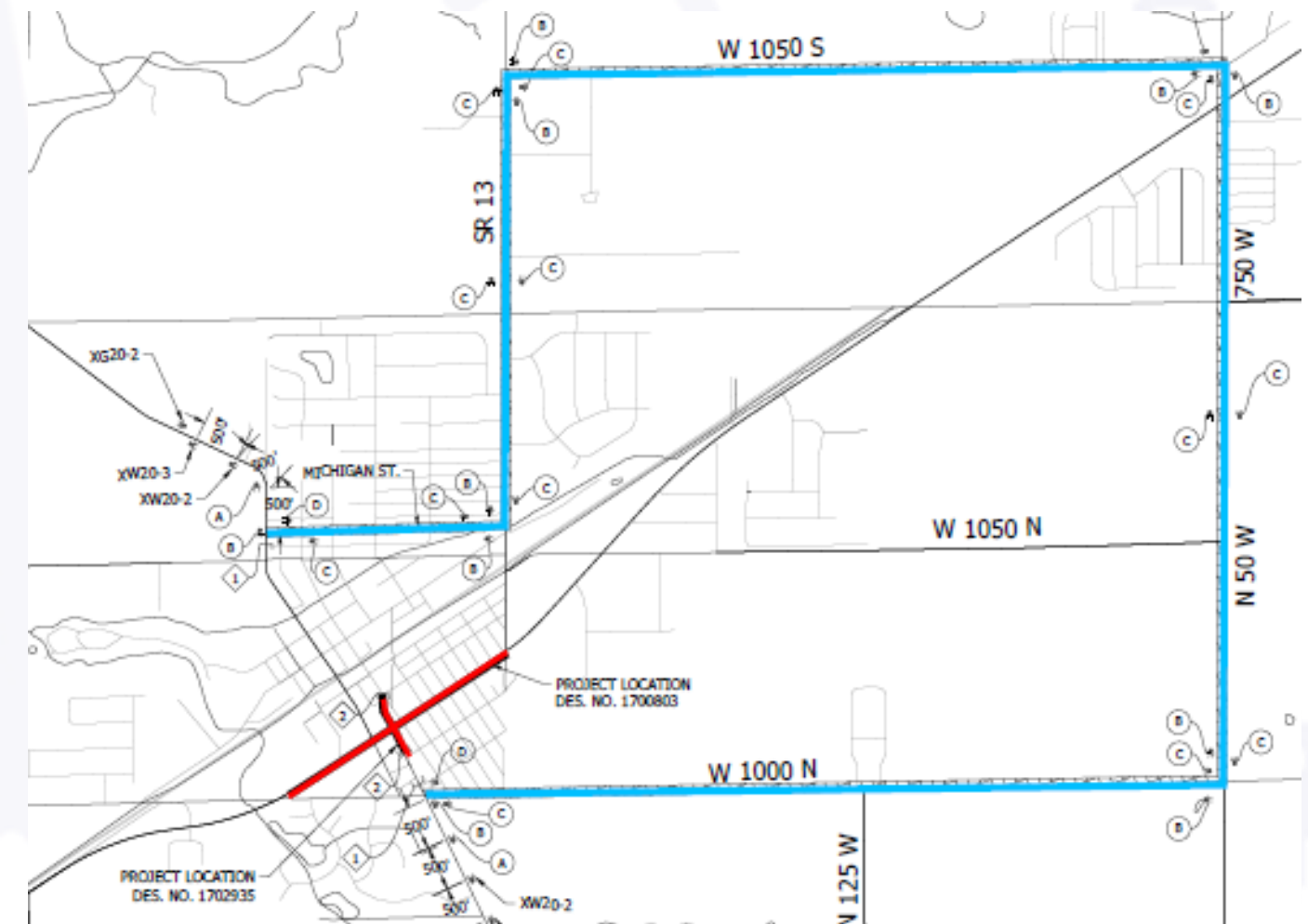


Maintenance of Traffic - Phase 2



# Maintenance of Traffic – Maple Street

- Maple Street Intersection
  - During construction Maple Street will be closed
  - All access to properties within the project area will be maintained
  - Detour utilizing Michigan Street, SR 13, CR 1050 S, CR 750 W/CR 50 W, and CR 1000 N will be established



# Right-of-way Acquisition

- Right-of-way Acquisition
  - Only required at intersection of US 36 & Maple St
  - 0.09 Acre Permanent Acquisition
  - 0.04 Acre Temporary Acquisition



# Right-of-way Acquisition Process

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real\\_estate/uniform\\_act/acquisition/real\\_property.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/uniform_act/acquisition/real_property.cfm)

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**Contacts**  
For more information, please contact **Arnold Feldman**.

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### Acquisition

#### Acquiring Real Property for Federal and Federal-aid Programs and Projects

Publication No. FHWA-HEP-05-030

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# Right-of-way Acquisition Process

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- “Uniform Act” of 1970
  - All federal, state, and local governments must comply by requiring just compensation.
- Acquisition Process
  - Appraisals
  - Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value
  - Offer will be made in writing
  - No agreement
    - Mediation
    - Condemnation

# Project Cost and Schedule

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- Cost

- Total estimated cost of construction is \$8,335,817
  - Roadway Reconstruction - Des. No. 1700803: \$5,527,817
  - Pedestrian Improvements - Des. No. 1901985: \$2,500,000
  - Intersection Improvements - Des. No. 1702935: \$308,000

- Schedule

- Public Comments – March 18, 2022
- Environmental Document Approval – May 2022
- Right-of-way acquisition- 2022 (Subsequent to Environmental approval)
- Construction – Spring 2023

# Public Comments

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- Statements recorded at public hearing
- Written Statements
  - Chris Kunkel  
3502 Woodview Trace, Suite 150  
Indianapolis, IN 46268
- E-Mail [ckunkel@lochgroup.com](mailto:ckunkel@lochgroup.com)
- Respectfully request comments to be postmarked by Friday, March 18, 2022

All comments will be reviewed and evaluated and given full consideration before final design decisions.

# Next Steps

## Public & Project Stakeholder Input

- Submit comments via options described in project handout
- Request to receive all comments by Friday, March 18, 2022



## Review & Evaluation

- All comments are given full consideration during the decision-making process
- Address comments, finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design



## Communicate a Decision

- Project stakeholders will be notified of decision
- Work through paid legal notice
- Make project documents publicly accessible



**Questions?  
Contact Project  
Team**

# Thank You

- Please visit with the project team following the public comment session
- For any questions regarding the project, please contact the following individuals:
  - INDOT: Don McGhghy, (317) 467-3920 or [dmcghgy@indot.in.gov](mailto:dmcghgy@indot.in.gov)
  - Lochmueller Group: Chris Kunkel, (317) 334-6818 or [ckunkel@lochgroup.com](mailto:ckunkel@lochgroup.com)
- For copies of the preliminary design plans, environmental document, and a recording of this presentation see the INDOT Greenfield District website:
  - <https://www.in.gov/indot/2704.htm>

