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Indiana Department of Transportation News Release

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Short-term lane closures planned on U.S. 31 in Franklin

Preliminary work to begin for Phase 3 of U.S. 31 corridor improvement project

JOHNSON COUNTY, Ind. - Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) contractor Milestone Contractors, L.P. is scheduled to begin preliminary work for Phase 3 of the U.S. 31 corridor improvement project in Franklin on or after Monday, February 9.

Crews will close the left lanes of northbound and southbound U.S. 31 between Adams Street and North Main Street/Westview Drive while preliminary work is in progress. Phase 3 preliminary work is expected to be complete in early March, weather permitting.

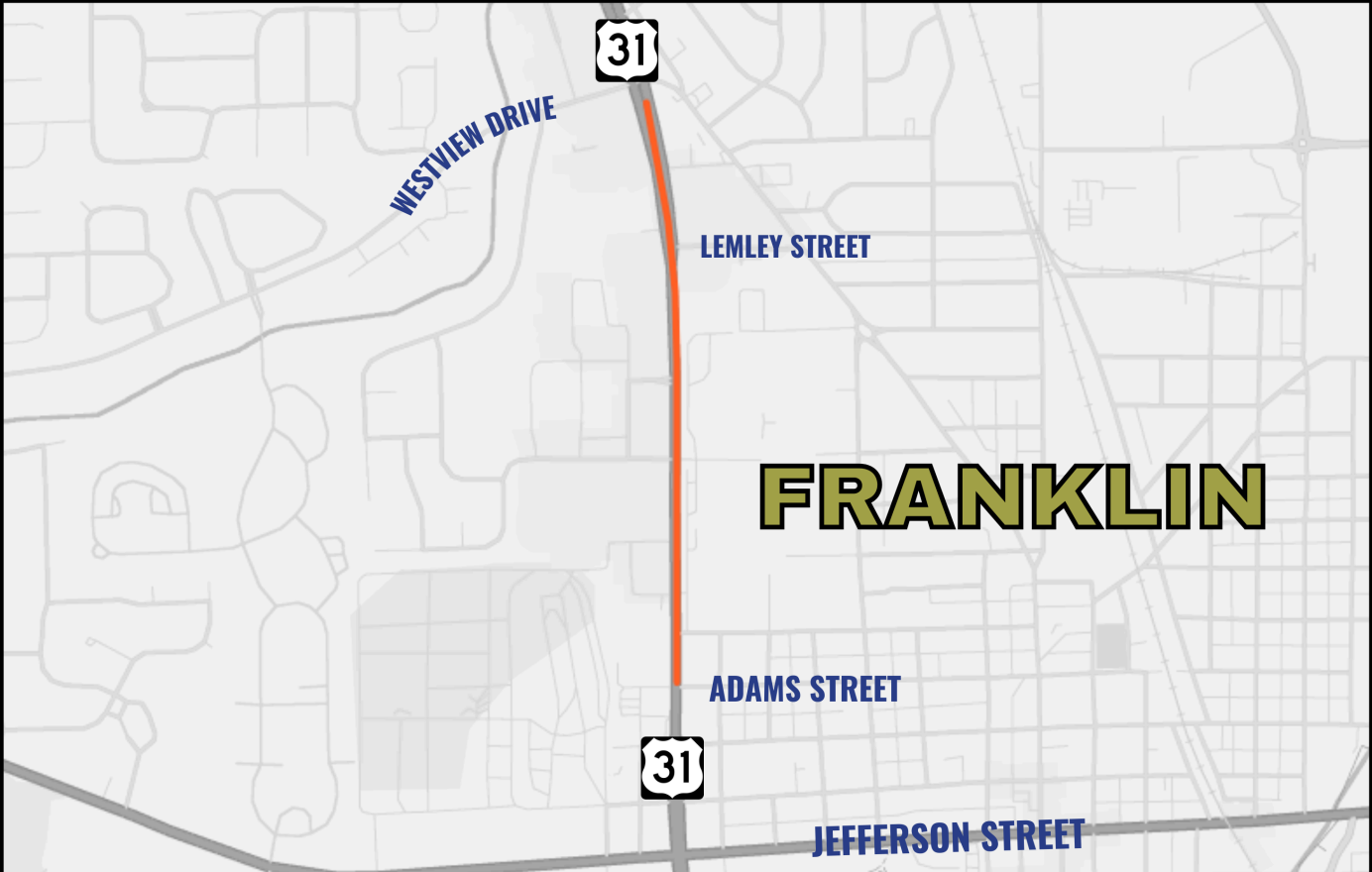
Pre-construction work will include the removal of raised medians to prepare portions of U.S. 31 for Phase 3 of construction, which will take place between Youngs Creek and just north of Lemley Street. Additional information will be provided by INDOT prior to the start of Phase 3 construction.

Phase 3 remains anticipated to begin in mid-spring 2026. INDOT will provide additional information and updates as work progresses via [INDOT News](#), [Facebook](#) and [X](#). Information on what is coming to U.S. 31 is [here](#).

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 project can be found on the [INDOT Southeast webpage](#).

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.



The map shows a section of U.S. 31 in Franklin, Indiana. A red line highlights the segment between Adams Street and Westview Drive. The city name 'FRANKLIN' is prominently displayed in the center. Street names labeled include Westview Drive, Lemley Street, Adams Street, and Jefferson Street. U.S. 31 shields are shown at the top and bottom of the highlighted segment.

SHORT-TERM LANE CLOSURES PLANNED ON U.S. 31 IN FRANKLIN

- ON OR AFTER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, CREWS WILL CLOSE THE LEFT LANES OF NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND U.S. 31 BETWEEN ADAMS STREET AND WESTVIEW DRIVE TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY WORK FOR PHASE 3 OF THE U.S. 31 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN FRANKLIN. PRELIMINARY WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE IN EARLY MARCH, WEATHER PERMITTING. PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-SPRING 2026.



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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](https://www.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 [BUPDIN.com](https://www.bupdin.com).

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