



# I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Traffic Management

- Q: Will traffic ever be restricted to one lane in each direction?
- A: There will be nighttime lane closures at various times throughout the project that will restrict traffic to one lane, but two lanes will be maintained during peak traffic hours.
- Q: Will the work require any temporary (20-minute) traffic stops?
- A: Temporary traffic stops are always a possibility with any construction project. In the event that one is needed, we will communicate with the public in advance via the media and social media.
- Q: Will any ramps or interchanges be closed?
- A: All exit and entrance ramps will remain open for the duration of the project.
- Q: Which overpass will be closed first?
- A: The crossover bridges will be repaired from north to south, beginning at 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. No two consecutive overpasses will be closed at the same time.
- Q: Does the work include the bridge on 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue?
- A: No. The 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue bridge work is part of a Lake County-driven project that is scheduled to begin sometime in mid-2018.
- Q: Has INDOT been coordinating with local governments about this construction project?
- A: Yes, INDOT and Walsh have held two public hearings as well as a public meeting on the project. In addition, a meeting was held with emergency responders in advance of the initial work beginning.
- Q: What is the speed limit in the construction zone?
- A: The speed limit will be reduced to 55 miles per hour throughout the entire construction zone.
- Q: When does INDOT plan to add capacity to I-65 south of SR 2?
- A: Discussions are underway for this phase of construction. Updates will be share as they are available.

### Incident Management

- Q: What happens if there is an accident in the construction zone?
- A: Motorists should call 911 in the event of an accident. Local emergency responders have been made aware of safe pull-off areas and will be equipped to help.
- Q: Will there be increased police patrols throughout the construction zone?
- A: Yes, for the safety of our workers, there will be an increased police presence throughout the construction zone, especially during nighttime lane closures.





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## Work Schedule

- Q: Will the contractor work 24 hours a day?
- A: Yes, nighttime work will occur during most of this project.
- Q: Is there an incentive for the contractor to complete work early?
- A: There is not an early completion incentive on this project.
- Q: What is the construction cost for the project?
- A: This is a \$62 million project.

