



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of the S.R. 124 project?

State Road (S.R.) 124 through the Town of Monroe is nearing the end of its pavement life. Also, the stormwater system along the corridor is insufficient, resulting in occasional roadway ponding issues. The purpose of this project is to improve the pavement condition and roadway drainage.

What is the project area?

The project is located along S.R. 124 (Washington Street) in the Town of Monroe, within Adams County, Indiana. A preventative maintenance (PM) overlay is proposed from US 27 to Tower Drive and full reconstruction is proposed from Tower Drive to Keller Street.

What improvements are planned?

The existing pavement will be improved in two sections. The first section from US 27 to Tower Drive, a PM overlay will consist of milling the top 1-2 inches of asphalt and overlaying a new surface layer. The second section from Tower Drive to Keller Street, full reconstruction, will consist of complete pavement removal and full depth construction. Open shoulder drainage will be converted to concrete curb and gutter, which will drain to a new stormwater system.

Other planned improvements include sidewalk and ADA-compliant curb ramps, pavement markings, signage, and utility relocation as needed.

Why are improvements planned?

The existing S.R. 124 pavement is nearing the end of its design life and requires maintenance or replacement. Most sections of the base pavement are estimated to be at least 80 years old. Also, an insufficient stormwater system has resulted in frequent roadway flooding. The proposed curb and gutter section and stormwater system are intended to improve the drainage along the pavement corridor.

What is the project development timeline?

The project is currently being designed and the environmental study is underway. Pre-construction activities are expected to be completed by the middle of 2024.

When is construction expected to begin and how long will the project be?

Construction is expected to begin in late 2024 and completed in approximately one year.

How much will the project cost and how is it being funded?

The project has been fully funded with a combination of state and federal transportation funds. The project was estimated to cost \$5-6 million during the Engineer's Assessment phase. A detailed cost estimate will be developed during project design.

What traffic impacts are expected during construction?

To minimize traffic impacts during construction, the Project Team will consult with local officials, emergency responders, and the school transportation departments to develop an appropriate maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan.

Will S.R. 124 be closed during construction?

S.R. 124 will be closed during construction but will remain open to local traffic only. Detours for through traffic will be provided.

Will side streets be closed during construction?

Side streets will remain open, however access to S.R. 124 may be restricted during certain construction activities. Detours will be implemented around construction zones.

Will the Post Office be closed during construction?

The Post Office will remain open and accessible during construction.

How will the schools be accessed during construction?

The Project Team will coordinate with school and local officials to maintain access during construction.

Will parking be permitted on S.R. 124 during construction?

Parking is not currently permitted on S.R. 124, and will not be permitted during construction. Access to areas between the roadway shoulder and sidewalk will not be accessible during construction. No parking will be permitted once construction is complete.

Will any land be purchased for the project?

Right of way acquisition is anticipated; but where or how much is an estimate at this time.

If acquisition is required, what is the process?

- The first step is that INDOT will perform an appraisal of the property to be acquired.
- After that a review appraisal will be done by an independent appraiser to verify that the value determined is a fair market value.
- A report will be developed that summarized these appraisals. After that it will go into the offer phase at which time INDOT will make the offer to the property owner.
- The property owner will have the opportunity to mediate if they do not agree with the value.
- If an agreement is not reached during mediation, then it will go into condemnation proceedings, however this is only used as a last resort.
- For more information on the right-of-way acquisition process, details and regulations are spelled out in the blue book, which can be found on this website:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/uniform_act/acquisition/acquisition.pdf

Are historic resources along the project corridor, and how will the project minimize impacts?

The Project Team has identified historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Impacts to historic properties were analyzed as part of the Section 106 consultation process in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, and it was determined to be a "No Adverse Impact" result.