

U.S. 36 Added Travel Lanes Hendricks/Marion Counties

Thursday, September 19, 2019

6 p.m.



Welcome

- Purpose of public hearing
- Format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Participate during public comment session
- Submit written public comments
- Project display area



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- **INDOT Project Team**

- INDOT Crawfordsville District
- Project Management
- Public Involvement
- Communications
- Design/Engineering
- Environmental Analysis
- Real Estate

- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**

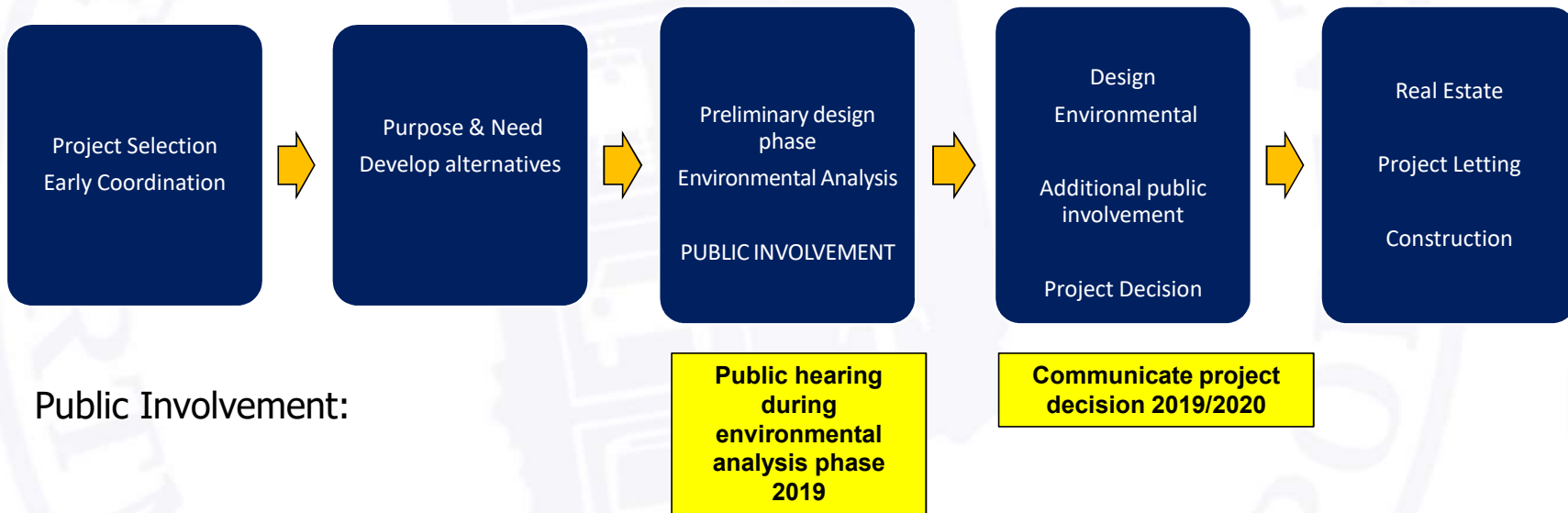
- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- Public hearing notice mailed to known property owners within project area
- Notice published in Indianapolis Star on 9/4/19 & 9/11/19
- Announcement of this meeting was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- A copy of presentation and project documentation are available for review online via INDOT website

Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Hendricks County & Town of Avon
- Elected & local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community organizations



Project Development



Environmental Consideration

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
 - Purpose and Need
 - Develop & Screen Alternatives
 - Preferred Alternative – determine a course of action
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
 - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
 - How can impacts be avoided?
 - Can impacts be minimized?
 - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Draft environmental document(s) released for public involvement August 2019**
 - Available for review via public repositories and online

Types of items evaluated

- Right-of-way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources (Historic/Archaeological)
- Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)
- Air Quality
- Community Impacts
- Public Involvement



Environmental Analysis & Public Involvement

- **Notice of Entry for Survey – 2018**
 - Letters mailed to properties within general area
 - Describes early project proposal
 - Project personnel in area, access to properties
 - Gather data for environmental analysis
- **Project Stakeholder Meetings**
 - Public Information Meeting held on 10/2/18 at Avon Town Hall
 - Community Advisory Committee Meeting on 12/14/18 & 5/21/19 at Avon Town Hall
 - Fire Chief Meeting (emergency response) on 2/27/19
- **Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act**
 - Take into account proposal's impact to historic & archaeological properties
 - Public invited to participate
 - Public notice issued with 30-day comment period (March 2019)
 - Indianapolis Star
 - "No Adverse Effect" finding issued by Federal Highway Administration
- **Draft environmental documents released for public involvement – August 2019**
 - Available for review via public repositories and online



Project Resources

- **INDOT Crawfordsville District Office**

41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- <http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>
- Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for West Central Indiana

- **Avon-Washington Township Public Library**

498 North Avon Avenue, Avon, IN 46123

- **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**

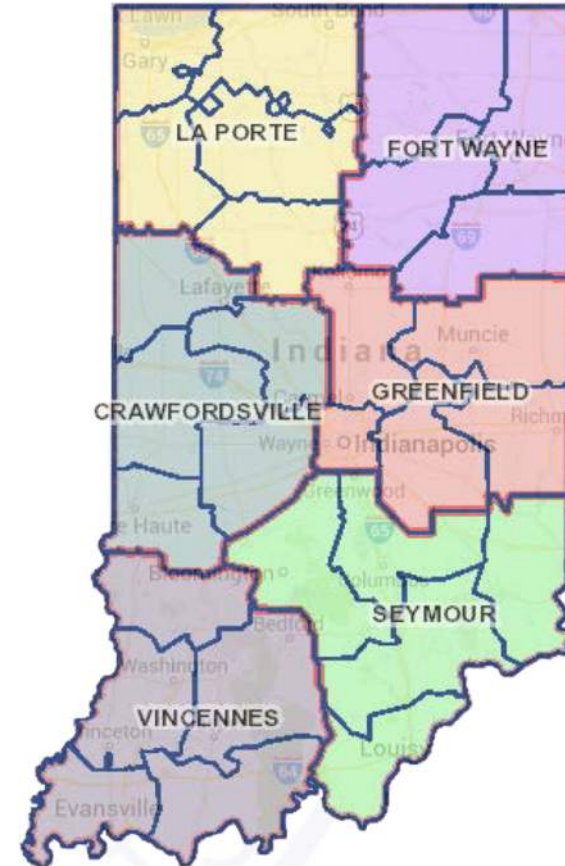
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204

- Phone: (317) 232-6601
- rclark@indot.in.gov
- Project Webpage: <https://www.in.gov/indot/3968.htm>

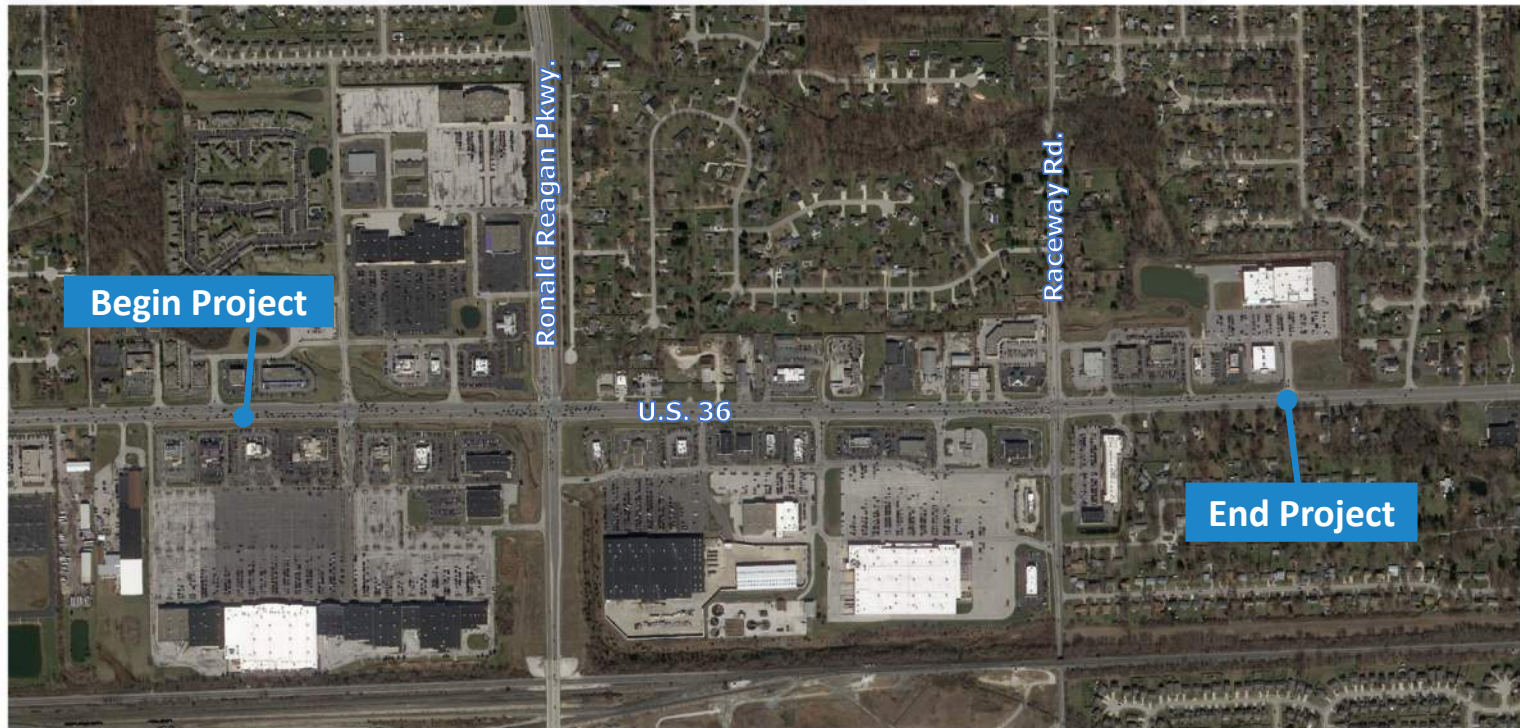
Transportation Services Call Center

Provides citizen and business customers with a single point-of-contact to request transportation services, obtain information, or provide feedback through multiple channels of communications.

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U.S. 36 Added Travel Lanes – Project Limits



Purpose and Need

- **Purpose**

- Enhance safety within the corridor
- Increase capacity by adding lanes to address congestion
- Reduce traffic delays and number of vehicular conflicts

- **Need**

- Enhancements to the U.S. 36 corridor are needed to address current and future traffic volumes
 - High volume of traffic on U.S. 36 between Raceway Road and Ronald Reagan Parkway
 - High volume of traffic traveling in each direction on Raceway Road and Ronald Reagan Parkway



Alternatives Considered

- **Do Nothing/No Build**

- Perform routine maintenance only
- Does not meet purpose and need

- **Added travel lanes with dual left turn lanes**

- Add travel lanes from CR 900 East to 1,500 ft east of Raceway Road
- Dual left turn lanes at Ronald Reagan and Raceway Road
- Would address congestion and vehicular delays
- Greater wetland impacts at Ronald Reagan Parkway intersection would increase project costs



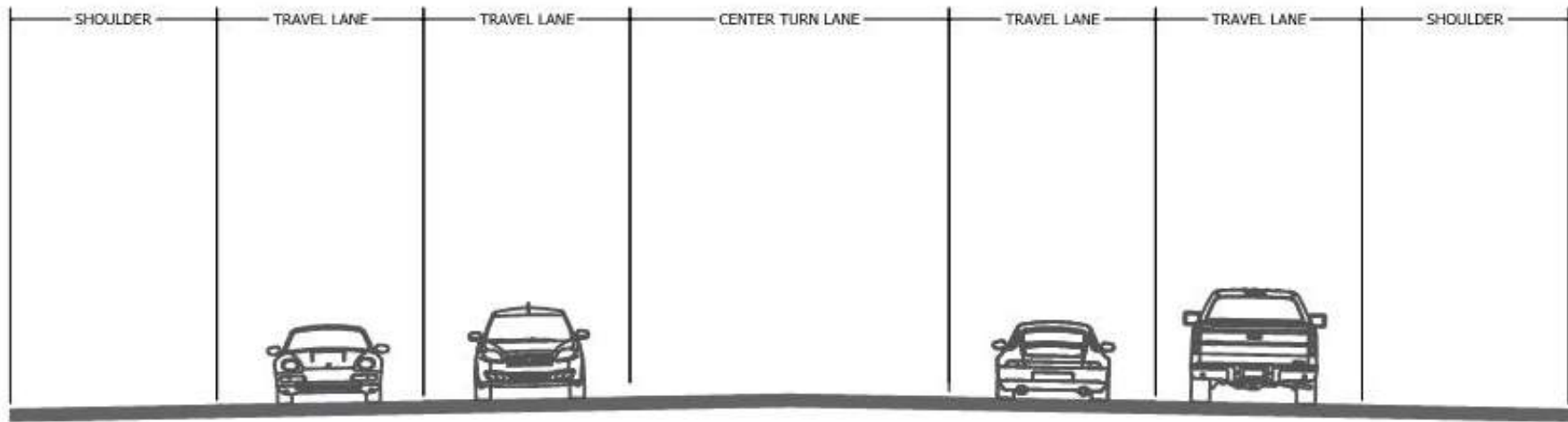
Preferred Alternate

Added travel lanes with Single left turn lanes

- Add travel lanes from Shiloh Park Drive to 1,500 ft east of Raceway Road
- Single left turn lanes at Ronald Reagan and Raceway Road
- Addresses congestion and vehicular delays
- Minimizes wetland impacts at the Ronald Reagan Parkway intersection
- Within the programmed construction budget

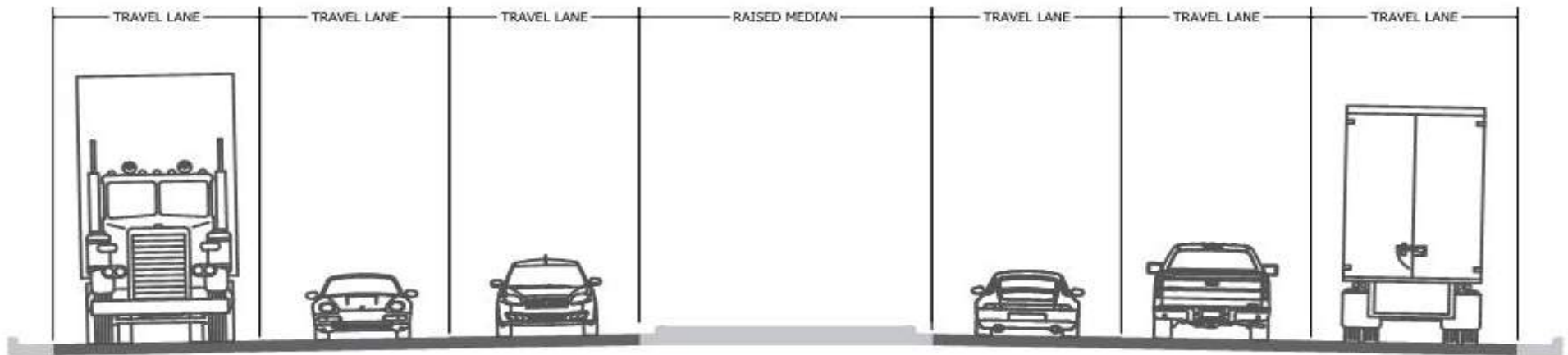


Existing Roadway



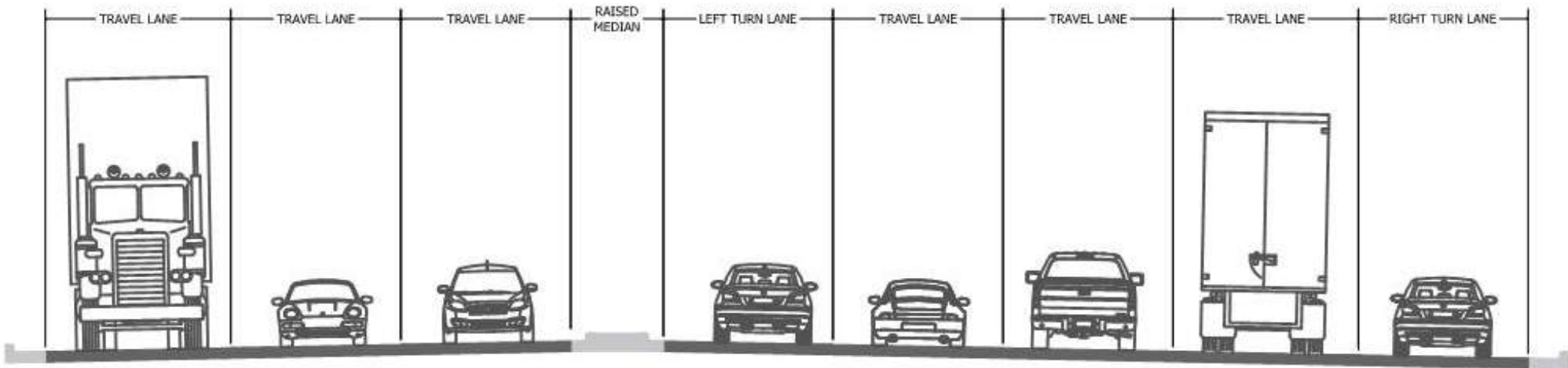
Preferred Alternative - Proposed Improvements

- Proposed Roadway Configuration



Preferred Alternative - Proposed Improvements

- Proposed Intersection Approach



Vehicular Accident Data

Years 2010 through 2014						
SEVERITY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
No Injury	47	56	55	68	82	308
Non-Incapacitating Injury	7	10	8	14	12	51
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	54	66	63	82	94	359



Maintenance of Traffic

- All existing access points will be maintained.
- Existing access points at unsignalized intersections will be restricted to right in, right out movements.
- Specialized signing will be incorporated into the project to direct motorists to businesses
- Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction
- Construction is anticipated to take place at night to minimize impacts to the surrounding businesses.
- One construction season is anticipated
- Construction will be completed in five phases
 - Phase I includes strengthening of the westbound shoulder at night.



Maintenance of Traffic – Phase II

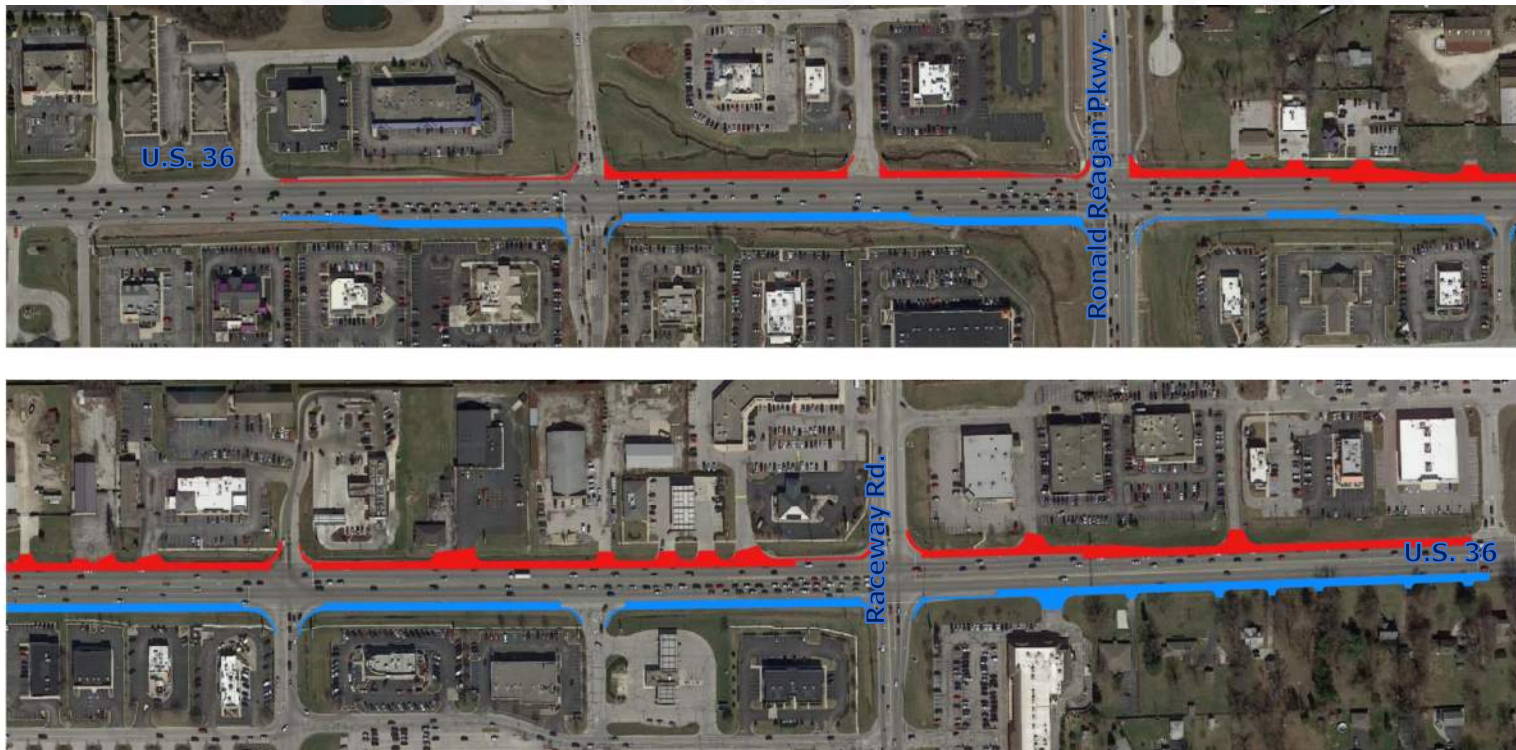
- Shift traffic to the north side of US 36 and widen eastbound US 36.



- Area of Construction
- Completed Construction

Maintenance of Traffic- Phase III

- Shift traffic to the south side of US 36 and widen westbound US 36.



- Area of Construction
- Completed Construction

Maintenance of Traffic- Phase IV

- Shift traffic to the eastbound and westbound lanes and construct the median.



 Area of Construction

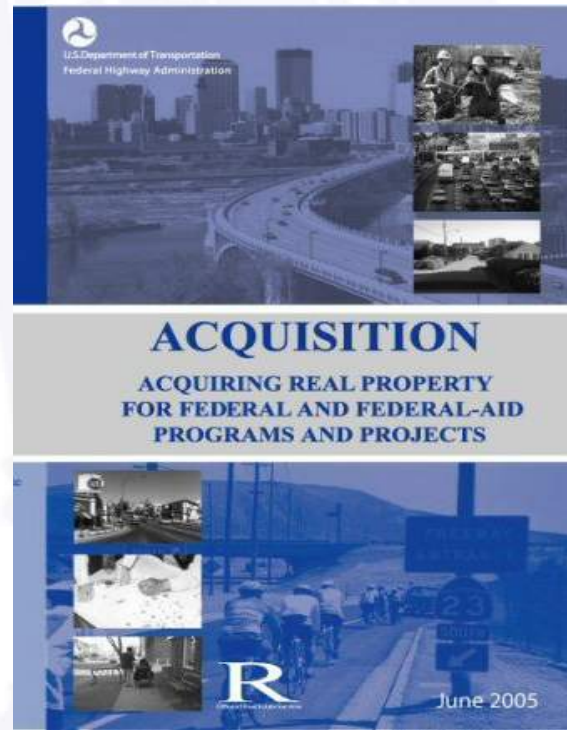
 Completed Construction

Maintenance of Traffic- Phase V

- Mill and resurface the entire project limits under flagging operations.



Real Estate



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- **Uniform Act of 1970**

- All federal, state and local governments must comply
- Requires an offer for just compensation

- **Acquisition Process**

- Appraisals
- Review Appraisals
- Negotiations

- **Right-of-way (ROW)**

- Permanent
 - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from the legal land owner, becomes ROW owned by INDOT
 - Approximately 0.2 acre proposed
- Temporary
 - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction-related activity
 - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction
 - Approximately 0.5 acre proposed

Project Schedule

- Preliminary design, evaluate community and environmental impact – 2018/2019
- Public Hearing – 2019
- Complete environmental analysis Phase – 2019
- Real estate acquisition activities – 2020
 - Appraising
 - Negotiations/buying
 - Utilities coordination
- Construction – 2021



Submit Public Comments

- Submit public comments using the options described in first page of information packet:
 - Public Comment Form
 - Via e-mail
 - Participate during public comment session following formal presentation
- **INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by Monday, October 7, 2019**
- All comments submitted will become included in an official public hearings transcript and made part of the public record
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated and considered during the INDOT decision-making process



Next Steps

- **Public and project stakeholder input**
 - Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet
- **INDOT review and evaluation**
 - All comments given full consideration during decision-making process
 - Finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design
- **Communicate a decision**
 - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
 - Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
 - Make project documents accessible via repositories
- **Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team**



Thank You

- **Please visit with INDOT project team following the presentation and public comment session**
- **Project Open House**
 - Project maps, displays, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
 - INDOT Crawfordsville District page <http://www.in.gov/indot/2701.htm>
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