



## US 41 & Washington Avenue

Improved Intersection (Des 2000186)

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- 1. What is the Purpose of this project?** To enhance safety for vehicular traffic at the intersection (reduce number & severity of vehicle collisions).
- 2. Why do we need to do anything at this intersection?** Between 2016 and 2018, there were 15 fatal and/or incapacitating crashes, 15 non-incapacitating and/or possible injury crash, and 85 property damage only crashes; which makes this intersection a “high crash” location. The purpose and goal of this project is to enhance safety for vehicular traffic at the intersection.
- 3. What advantages are there to having a Boulevard Left?** This type of intersection design eliminates some vehicle paths that cross each other, reducing the number of conflict points dramatically. Vehicles will only be contending with one direction of traffic at a time, improving safety and traffic performance at this intersection.
- 4. Why are we building a Boulevard Left at this intersection instead of an interchange?** The traffic analysis suggests this intersection configuration will produce the optimal performance compared to other alternatives. The analysis considers multiple factors including intersection traffic volumes, safety, and overall level of service.
- 5. How much travel time will this add to my trip?** The Boulevard Left will add 30-60 seconds for what is currently the left-turn movement. Right turn and through traffic movements will not see an increase in travel times.
- 6. How long are the left turn lanes for the Boulevard Left?** The current design includes left turn lanes that are 500-530 feet long. That length would hold approximately 11 busses.
- 7. Are we going to have lighting at the intersection?** The existing level of lighting will be maintained for the final condition at this intersection.
- 8. Will traffic still be able to turn left through the intersection during construction?** Maintenance of Traffic design is currently underway and final determination of turning movements during construction will not be complete until later in the design process.
- 9. How long will it take to build the Boulevard Left?** Construction is expected to last a full construction season.
- 10. Will construction of the Boulevard Left happen at the same time as the Pedestrian Bridge?** The Pedestrian Bridge construction will occur prior to the construction of the Boulevard Left.