



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – DES# 1600693**

### **Intersection Improvement at S.R. 51, S.R. 130, and Cleveland Avenue, Hobart, Lake County**

**March, 2023**

The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) LaPorte District held a public hearing on October 6th, 2021 regarding a proposed roundabout intersection improvement project on S.R. 51 at S.R. 130 and Cleveland Ave. in Hobart, Lake County. The public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase and per federal requirements outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the project is to improve safety at the intersection by reducing frequency and severity of crashes.

The INDOT preferred alternative proposes to convert the existing signalized intersection into a single-lane roundabout with a right-turn bypass lane for southbound traffic on S.R. 130. Under this alternative, a 17-ft wide roundabout lane will be installed, with 15-ft truck aprons between the travel lanes and center island. Lighting improvements are also proposed. 10-ft wide sidewalks will be installed adjacent to portions of the roundabout, connecting segments of the Oak Savannah Pedestrian Trail and routing it around the intersection. The existing storm sewer network will be improved to accommodate stormwater drainage, diverting the water to a new outlet north of the project area. The project will require the purchase of approximately 1.052 acres of new permanent right-of-way (property adjacent to the intersection). The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will be phased, and the intersection will remain open during phase one. It will be closed for the remaining two phases. The official state detours will utilize S.R. 149 and U.S. 6, or U.S. 30, I-65, and I-80/94.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of INDOT's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the official INDOT public hearing held at the Hobart Community Center, INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2024. Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, will remain available for public inspection on-line via the project webpage at <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-laporte-district/sr-51-at-sr-130-cleveland-ave.-intersection-improvement>. Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact the INDOT Customer Service Center at 1-855-463-6848 or [indot@indot.in.gov](mailto:indot@indot.in.gov).

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