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## Indiana Department of Transportation News Release

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### Multi-phase intersection improvement project to begin on U.S. 31 in Franklin

*Phase 1 work to begin in early April, includes bridge rehabilitation and culvert replacement*

**JOHNSON COUNTY, Ind.** - Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Milestone Contractors, L.P. is scheduled to begin Phase 1 work of a six-phase intersection improvement project on U.S. 31 in Franklin.

On or after Tuesday, April 1, bridge rehabilitation and box culvert replacement work will begin over Canary Ditch located between Acorn Drive and Schoolhouse Road in Franklin. Drivers can expect the following traffic restrictions during Phase 1 through early August, weather permitting.

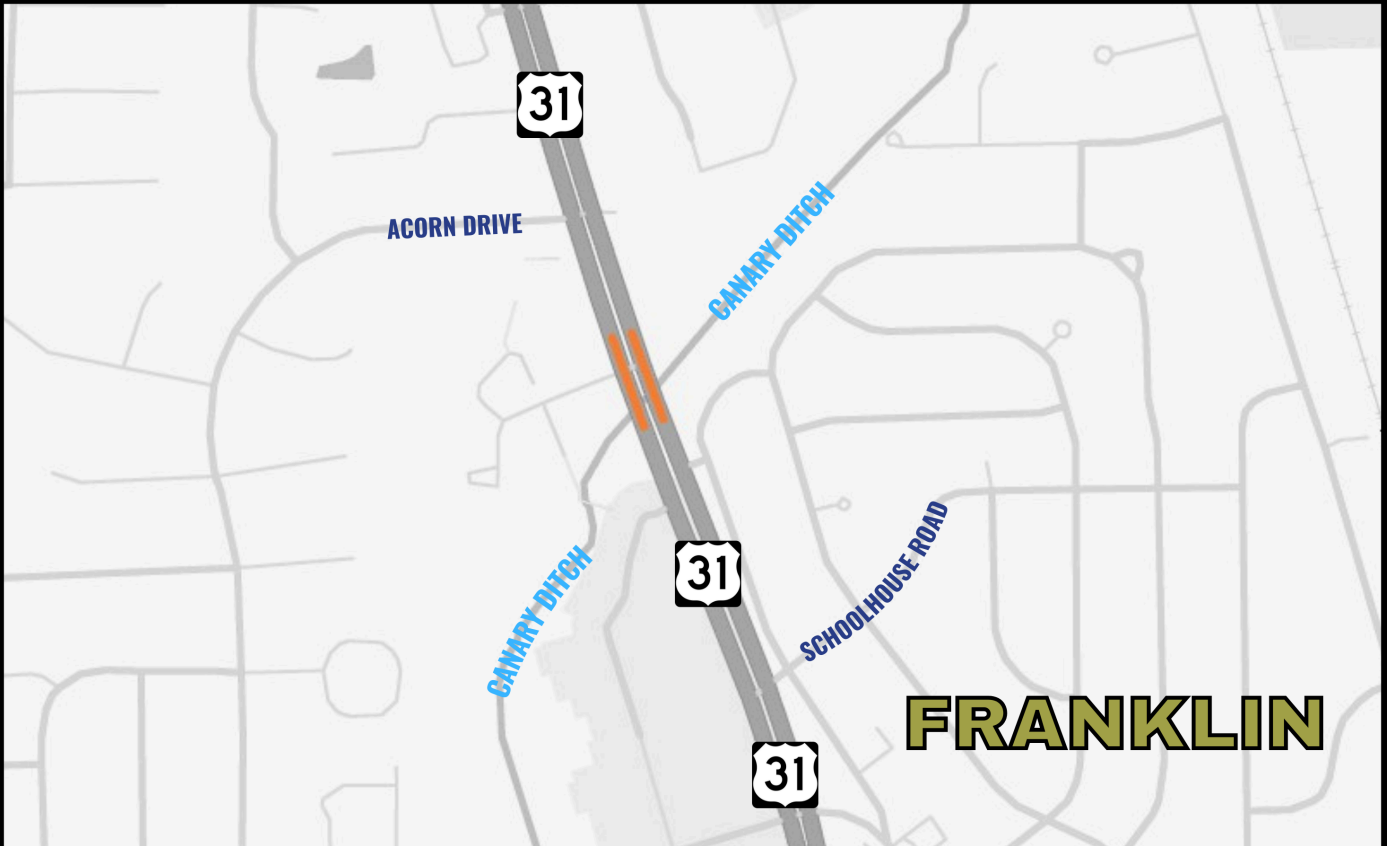
- Northbound and southbound U.S. 31 temporarily reduced to one lane in each direction over Canary Ditch for crossover construction
- All traffic shifted to northbound lanes of U.S. 31 using crossovers for construction of the west half of the box culvert.
- Following completion of the west half, all traffic will be shifted to southbound lanes of U.S. 31 using crossovers for construction of the east half of the box culvert.

Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in late April and will include intersection modifications on U.S. 31 at Ninevah Road and Franklin Lakes Boulevard. This work is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. INDOT will provide additional information regarding traffic impacts at a later date.

This work is part of a \$66.2 million intersection improvement contract awarded to Milestone in February 2025. Overall contract work is anticipated to be complete in 2028.


INDOT will continue to provide information and updates as work progresses. Additional information about the overall contract can be found [here](#).

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.



**PHASE 1 OF SIX-PHASE PROJECT TO BEGIN ON U.S. 31 IN FRANKLIN**

- ON OR AFTER TUESDAY, APRIL 1, CREWS WILL BEGIN BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK OVER CANARY DITCH AS PHASE 1 OF A MULTI-PHASE PROJECT ON U.S. 31 IN FRANKLIN. TRAFFIC WILL BE SHIFTED USING CROSSOVERS WHILE PHASE 1 WORK IS IN PROGRESS.



### Stay Informed

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INDOT is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, and operating the State of Indiana's more than 29,000 highway lane miles and 5,700 bridges, and providing support for 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities throughout the Hoosier State. With six district offices and over 3,500 employees, INDOT works to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable transportation infrastructure while supporting the state's economic vitality. The department is committed to fostering innovation, sustainability, and safety in transportation planning and development, in addition to collaborating with local governments and private sector partners to meet the state's transportation needs. For the eighth consecutive year, Indiana has placed in the top ten in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more at [in.gov/indot](https://in.gov/indot).

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