

Indiana Department of Transportation
S.R. 3 at Eaton-Wheeling Pike
Intersection Improvement Project
Delaware County

Public Hearing
May 6, 2026

Agenda

- Project Team Introductions
- Existing Conditions
- Purpose and Need of Project
- Alternative Analysis and Preferred Alternative
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- Project Timeline
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Overview
- Environmental Review/Impacts
- Where to Get Project Information/Public Comments
- Opportunity for Questions



Project Team

INDOT Greenfield District

- Taylor Darrah, Project Manager
- Mike MacNeill, Traffic Manager
- Jordan Yaney, Public Relations Director

Consultant Team

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- Laura Jack, Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Environmental Lead
- Erin Pipkin, Compass Outreach Solutions, Public Engagement Lead



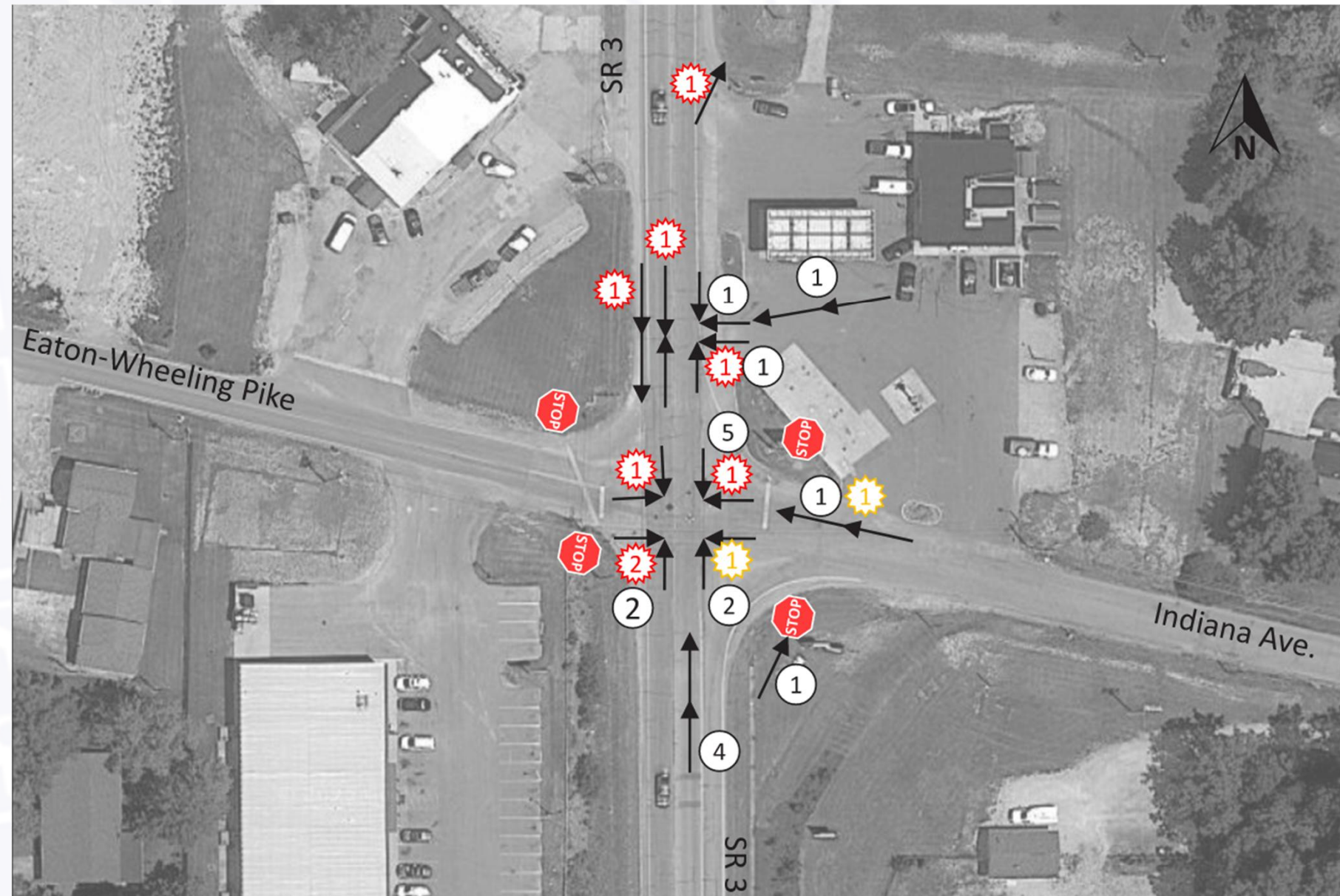
Purpose and Need

- Issue (Need): Above average number of crashes. The index of crash frequency (ICF) is 2.61 and the index of crash cost (ICC) is 2.20. The ICF and ICC exceed the threshold of 1.00 set by INDOT's Office of Traffic Safety, flagging the intersection as a safety concern.
- Goal (Purpose): Reduce the number of crashes and people being injured AND provide safe operation of the intersection.



Crash History

- During the years 2017-2023:
 - 28 crashes occurred at the intersection
 - 8 crashes resulted in one or more people injured
- Severity and number of crashes is significantly higher than what could be expected for an average intersection with similar traffic volumes
- Possible Causes
 - Excessive speeds on S.R. 3
 - Hill obstructing sightlines
 - Two-way stop condition



Alternative Analysis

- **No Build**

- Provides baseline for comparison of alternative solutions
- Does not address the purpose and need, does not improve safety

- **Traffic Signal**

- Would reduce total intersection crashes by about 44%, primarily right-angle crashes
- Risk of increased rear end crashes
- Intersection does not meet traffic volume requirements for a signal to be warranted
- This alternative does not address the purpose and need

Alternative Analysis

- Roundabout (Preferred Alternative)
 - Enhances safety by reducing the number of potential vehicle conflict points
 - Eliminates 90-degree right angle turns, therefore reducing the potential for crashes
 - Improves the ICF and ICC to below 1.00
 - Enhances or maintains operational efficiency
 - Reduces overall time spent at intersection (delay)
 - Level of Service goes from LOS C to LOS A
 - Meets purpose & need of project

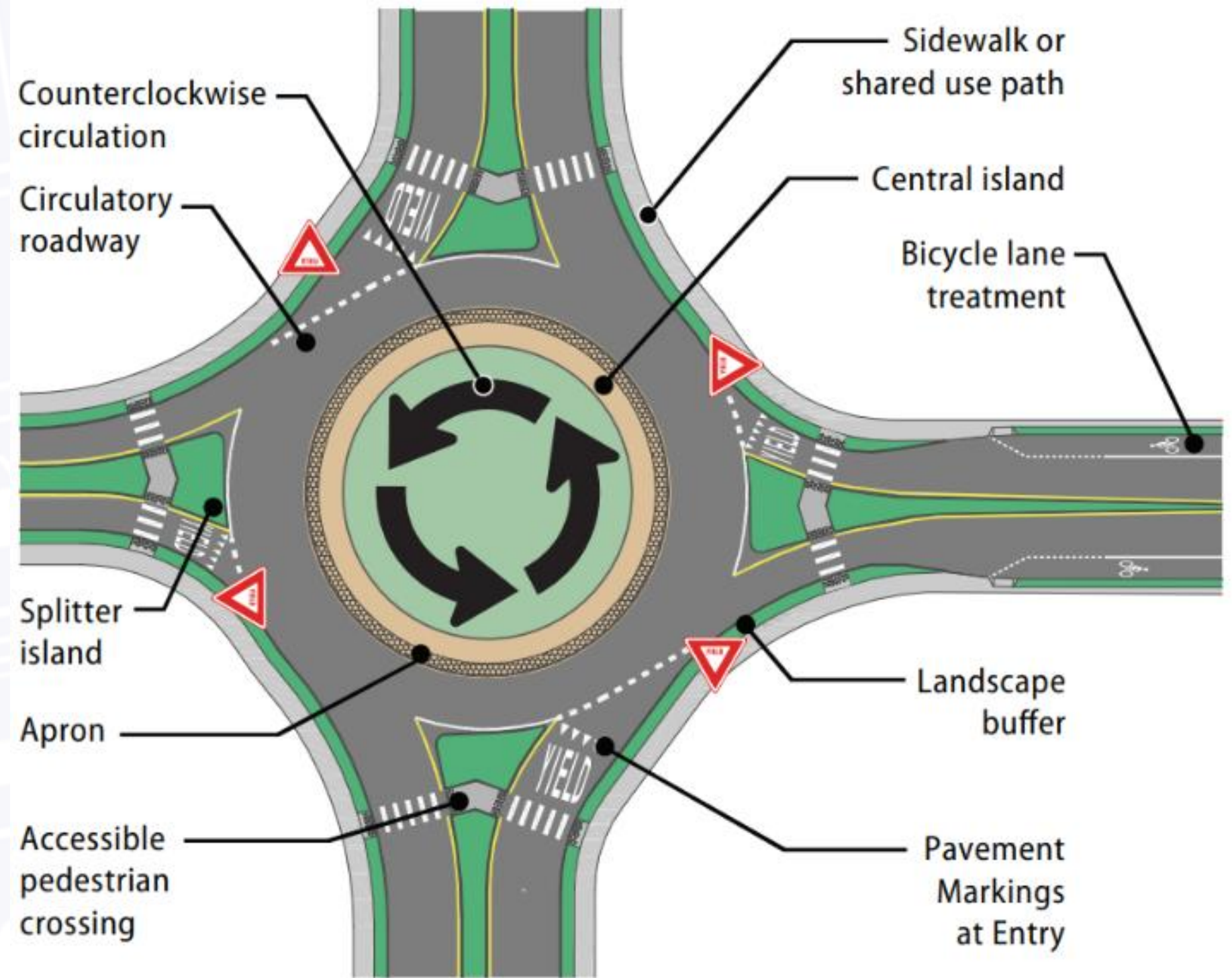


Preferred Alternative – Roundabout Intersection



Roundabout Basics

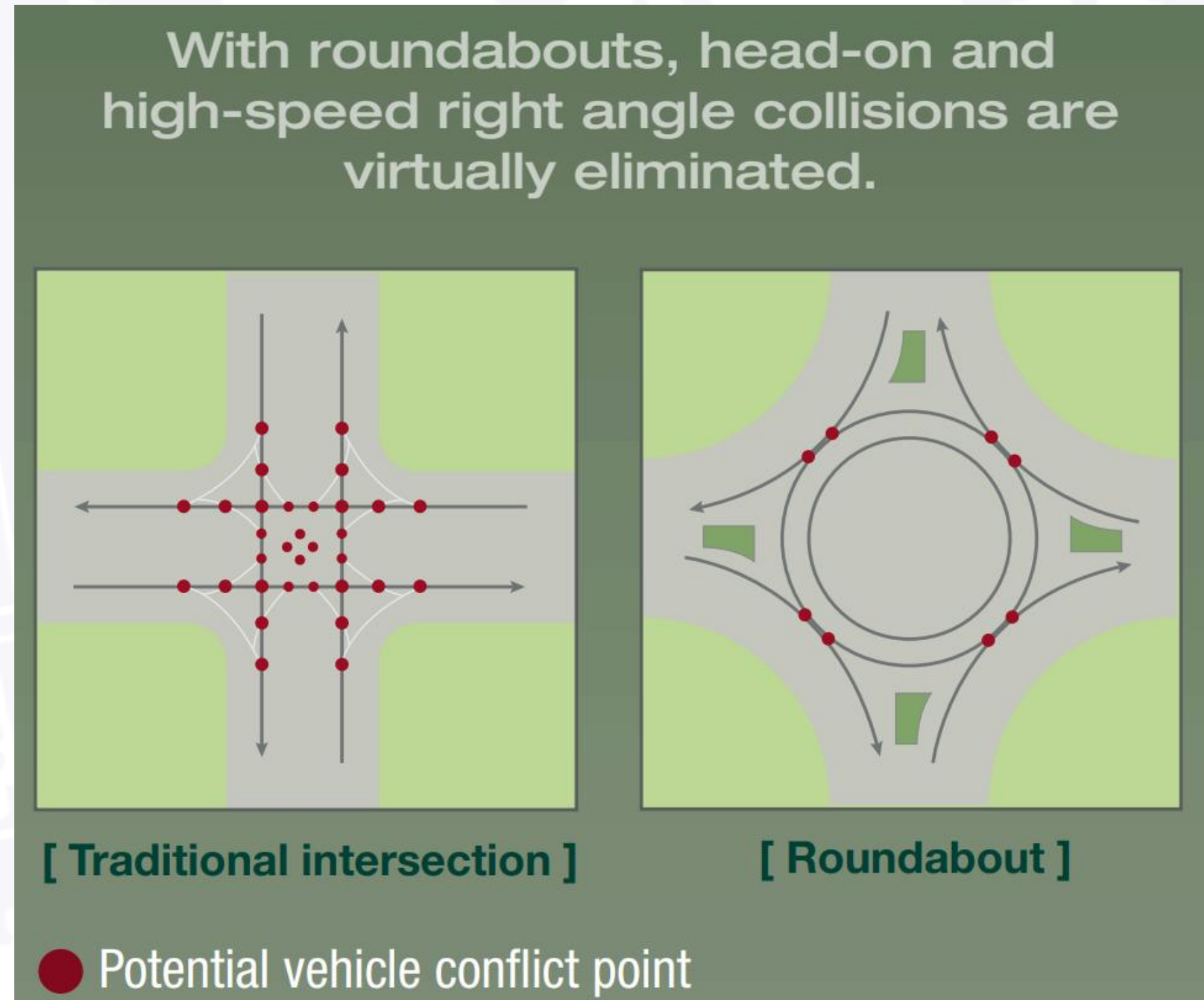
- Counterclockwise flow
- Yield at entrance to traffic already circulating
- Low speed entering and throughout the roundabout
- Designed to accommodate large trucks and farm implements
- Minimal landscaping in center island



Source: <https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-06/fhwasa14097.pdf>

Roundabout Benefits

- Improves Safety
 - More than 90% reduction in fatalities
 - 76% reduction in injuries
 - 35% reduction in all crashes
- Improves Traffic Flow
- Reduces Pollution and Fuel Use
 - Fewer stops and hard accelerations
 - Less time idling



Source: <https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-06/fhwasa08006.pdf>

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

- Total construction duration expected to last one season (spring to fall)
 - Construction anticipated to begin in 2028
 - *Total duration for construction can vary depending upon weather and other external factors such as utility conflicts, supply chain delays, equipment failures, etc.*
- Construction in phases, with road closures
 - Build Eaton-Wheeling Pike approaches offline first
 - Build S.R. 3 approaches and roundabout second
- Closures of east and west approaches required
 - Expected duration: 3-5 weeks
- Closure of S.R. 3 required
 - Expected duration: 3-5 weeks
- Timing of closures in 2028 to be determined

Anticipated Project Timeline

Now to Summer 2026: Complete NEPA Study



Summer 2026 to Summer 2027: Right-of-Way Acquisition



Winter 2027/2028: Contract Bidding



Spring to Fall 2028: Construction

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- **Federal Requirement:** Environmental review for all federally funded projects
- **Document Type:** Categorical Exclusion Level 2 (CE-2) due to ≥ 0.5 acre right-of-way need
- **Alternatives Evaluated:** Includes the “No-Build” option
- **Environmental & Community Considerations:**
 - Identifies social, economic, and ecological impacts
 - Evaluates avoidance, minimization, and mitigation options

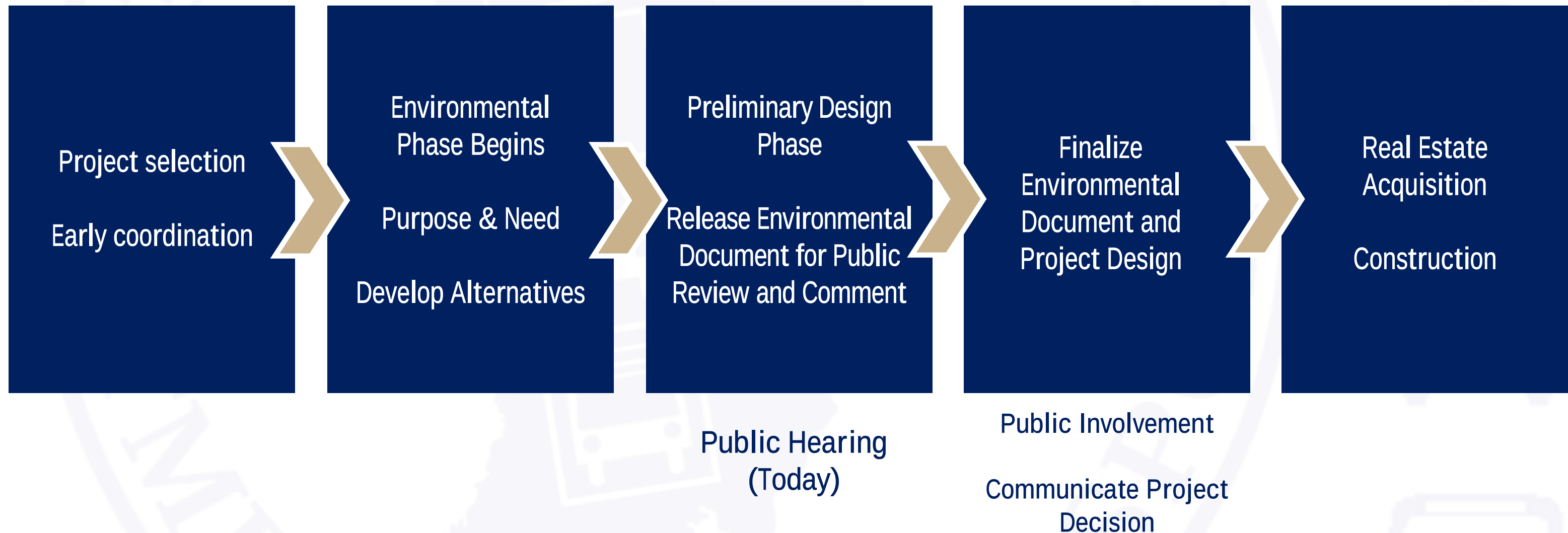
Public Involvement:

- Public hearing notice mailed to nearby property owners and stakeholders
- Notice posted on INDOT’s Greenfield District website
- Legal notice published in local newspapers

Decision Process: Public comments are fully reviewed and considered before final decisions



Project Development



Environmental Review

- CE-2
- Estimated project cost is \$3.4M
- Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - Permanent: 1.28 acre
 - Temporary: 0.19 acre

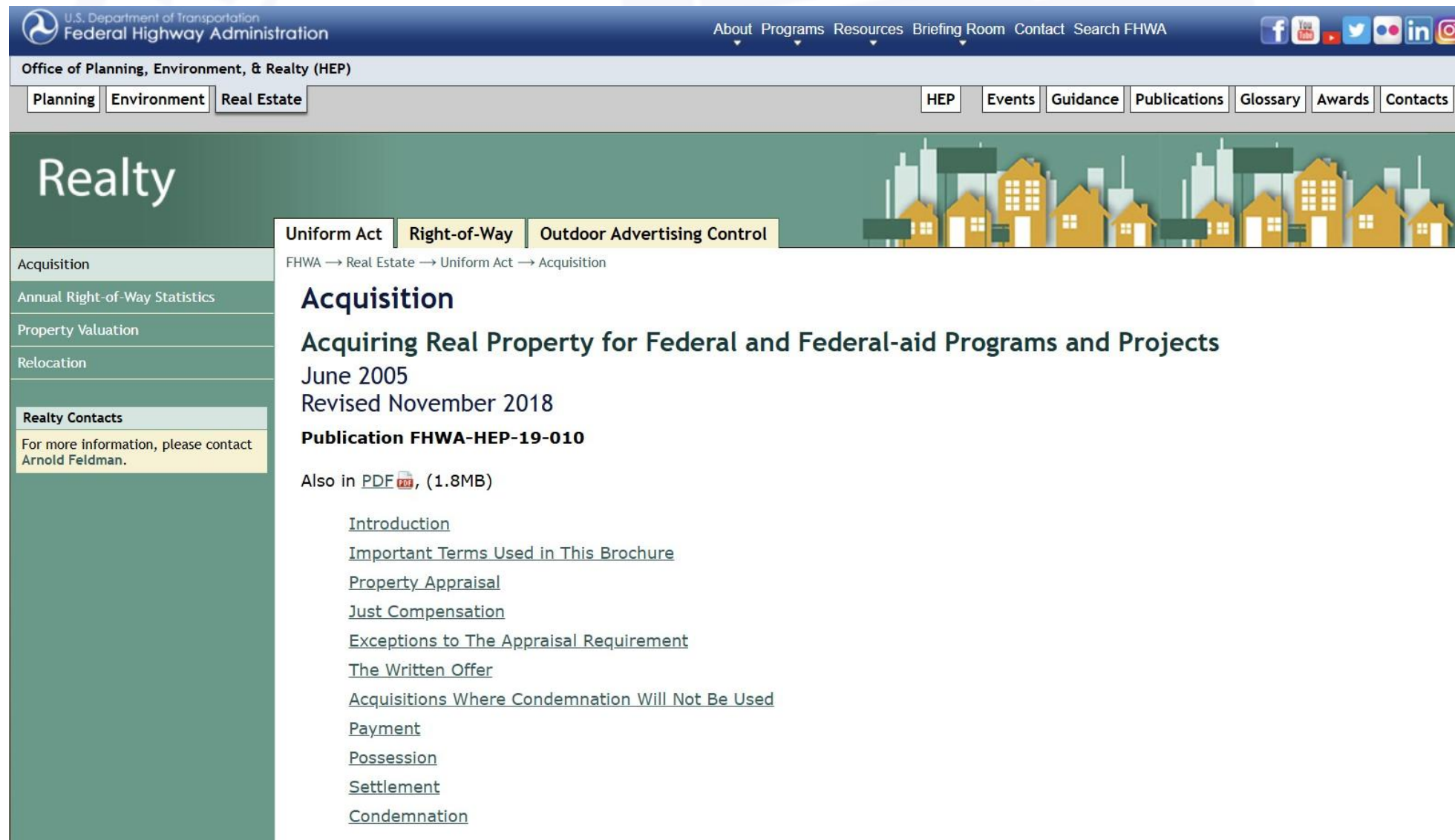


Environmental Impacts

Resources	Impacts
Cultural Resources	“No Historic Properties Affected “
Streams	No impact
Wetlands	No impact
Floodplain	No substantial impact
Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Bat Species	“Not likely to affect” the Indiana bat, NLEB, or Tricolored bat
T&E Species	No critical habitat within project area, no impacts
Trees	No impact
Terrestrial habitat	1.75 acre

Real Estate Acquisition Process

- https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/uniform_act/acquisition/real_property.cfm



The screenshot shows the FHWA website's 'Real Estate' section. The header includes the FHWA logo and navigation links. The 'Real Estate' tab is selected, and the 'Uniform Act' sub-tab is active. The main content area is titled 'Acquisition' and provides information about acquiring real property for federal and federal-aid programs. It includes a list of links for various stages of the process, from introduction to condemnation.

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Acquisition

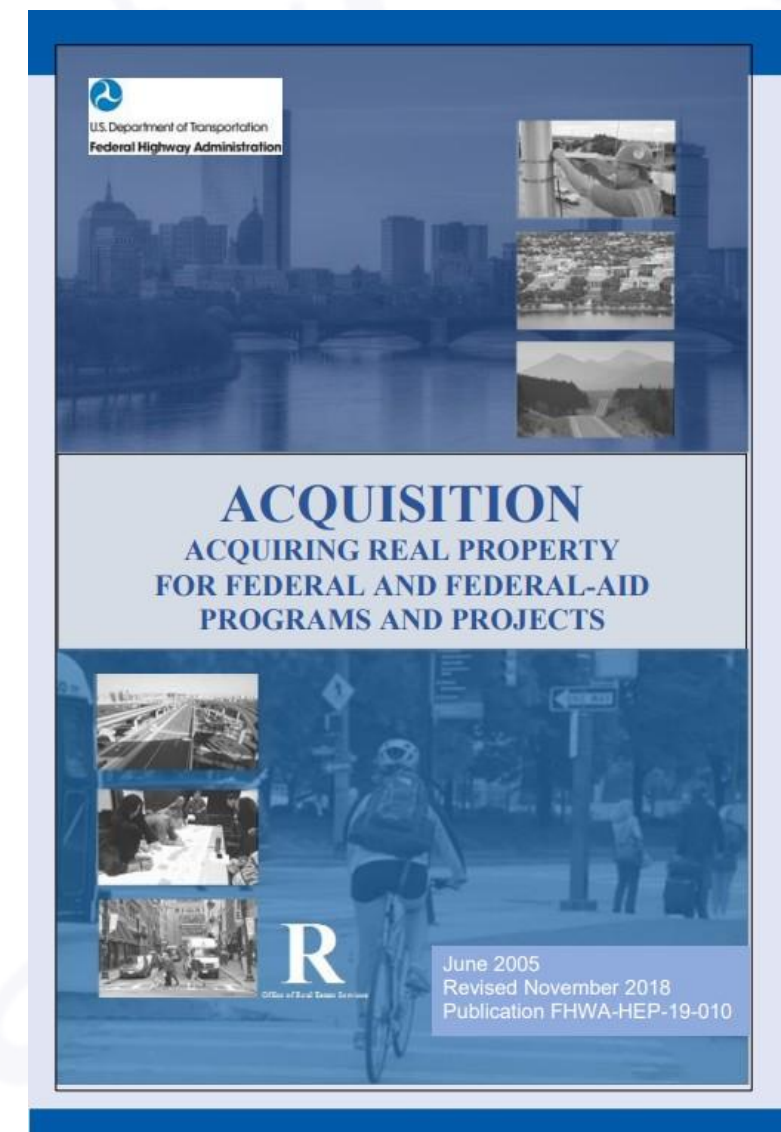
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Project Resource Locations

INDOT Greenfield District website

View project materials, this presentation, and Draft CE Document

Transportation Services Call Center

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

Call 855-463-6848 or visit INDOT4U.com

Paper copies of Draft Environmental Document and project plans can also be reviewed at the following locations:

- Eaton Town Hall, 107 E Harris St., Eaton, IN 47338
- INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140



Providing Verbal Comments

- Opportunity for verbal comments will follow this presentation based on those who indicated on the sign-in sheet that they wanted to speak.
- Please state your name and address before providing your comment.
- All comments will be reviewed, evaluated, and given due consideration during the decision-making process.
- Verbal comments can also be made after the public hearing by using INDOT's Transportation Services Call Number: **855-463-6848**
- The project team will not respond to verbal comments made today. Comments made officially today will be addressed in the Final Environmental Document



Thank You!

Please visit with the design team and INDOT project officials following the presentation

Share Your Feedback: Comments are accepted through May 22, 2026

In Person:

- Leave your written comment at the comment table.
- Make a verbal comment today.



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