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SR 13 Roundabout Intersection Improvement Projects

(DES #s: 2003081 & 2003082)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Dear Interested Citizen:

Welcome to the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) public hearing regarding the SR 13 Roundabout Intersection Improvement Projects in Hamilton, Madison and Tipton counties. This includes the intersections of SR 13 at Strawtown Avenue/W. 8th Street near Perkinsville and SR 13 at SR 128/E. 296th Street near Elwood. The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Documents (Level 2 Categorical Exclusions) for this project.

Public Comments

There are several ways your comments may be presented this evening and following tonight's public hearing. You may submit comments in the following manner:

- 1) Complete a comment form and return it to an INDOT or project team representative attending the public hearing. Comment forms are available at the registration table and in this information packet.
- 2) Participate as a speaker during the comment session following tonight's presentation. Registering to speak before the presentation is encouraged but not required.
- 3) E-mail comments to vflynn@kaskaskiaeng.com.
- 4) Mail comments to Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC, 208 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Belleville, IL 62220.
- 5) Call 1-855-INDOT4U (1-855-463-6848).
- 6) Submit comments (or have comments postmarked) by Monday, March 5, 2025.

Comments will be reviewed and considered as part of INDOT's decision-making process.

Public Hearing Agenda

4:45 p.m. – Doors open

5:30 p.m. – Presentation begins

TBD - Public comment session following the presentation, followed by open house

7 p.m. – Hearing adjourns

All comments received prior to, during, and following the public hearing will be evaluated and responded to in writing within the environmental documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public hearing process and describe project decisions reached following careful consideration of the views and concerns of the public.

The SR 13 Roundabouts Project team and INDOT representatives will be available in the display area to explain project details and address questions prior to and following the public hearing.

The Draft Environmental Documents are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Lapel Branch Public Library, 610 Main Street, Lapel, IN 46051
- Elwood Public Library, 1600 Main Street, Elwood, IN 46036
- INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway, Greenfield, IN 46140
- Project webpage: <https://bit.ly/SR13Roundabouts>

Thank you for attending this evening's public hearing.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The purpose of these projects is to reduce the crash potential and provide a long-term solution to ensure safe operation of the intersections. The need for these projects is due to the high frequency of crash severity, particularly right-angle crashes, at the existing intersections.

The projects propose to convert both existing intersections from two-way stop control into a single lane roundabout. Proposed roadway elements include 12-foot travel lanes with a mix of open and curbed shoulders. A central concrete island and truck apron will be provided, as well as exterior truck aprons to facilitate turning movements. Additionally, drainage improvements will include installation of curb and gutter turnouts, a stormwater system and new roadside ditches.

At the SR 13 and SR 128/296th Street intersection stormwater improvements would include an approximately 0.45 acre stormwater detention pond. Utility relocations will be required at the existing intersection, as well as new lighting.

The projects will require approximately 3.26 acres of permanent right-of-way (ROW), and approximately 0.55 acre of temporary ROW for DES. 2003081, and approximately 3.42 acres of permanent ROW and no temporary ROW for DES. 2003082. The proposed start of construction is 2026.

The cost associated with these projects is approximately \$5,786,486 (DES. 2003081) and \$5,695,749 (DES. 2003082), which includes preliminary engineering, ROW acquisition, and construction with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed each of these projects falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan for the SR 13 and SR 128/296th Street project will require phased closures of SR 13 and SR 128/296th Street. Phase one of the MOT will maintain through traffic on SR 13 and the connection to 296th Street, and closure of SR 128. Phase one detours include: closure of SR 128 (north) utilizing SR 13, SR 28, and SR 9, adding nearly 17 miles of travel; closure of SR 128 (south) utilizing SR 9, SR 32, and SR 13, adding nearly 31 miles of travel. Phase two of the MOT will include a full closure of the intersection of SR 13 and SR 128/296th Street. Phase two detours will include: closure of SR 13 utilizing SR 32, SR 9, and SR 28, adding nearly 33 miles of travel; the same two detours for SR 128 as in Phase one; and lastly, closure of 296th Street, utilizing CR 500S, SR 213 and 281st Street, adding nearly 10 miles of travel. Phase three of the MOT will include closure of the west leg of 296th Street, utilizing the same detour as Phase two.

The MOT plan for the SR 13 and Strawtown Avenue/West 8th Street project will require phased closures of SR 13 and Strawtown Avenue. Phase one will maintain through traffic on SR 13, and closure of Strawtown Avenue/W 8th Street during construction of the west and east legs of the proposed roundabout. Phase one detour includes Prairie Baptist Road, CR 100 N, Hamilton Road, and College Corner Road, adding nearly 14 miles of travel. Phase two will include a closure of SR 13, during construction of the center of the roundabout and north and south legs, as well as the installation of storm sewers, final surface pavement markings, and signage. Phase two detour will maintain the detours of local roads from Phase one and includes SR 37, SR 38, and SR 32 for traffic on SR 13, adding nearly 19 miles of travel. Phase three will be used for final roadway restoration and demobilization activities, with no detours required.

The detours will remain for the duration of each phase of construction for the projects, which is anticipated to be approximately one construction season combined for all phases. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction.

PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS

Copies of meeting materials are online at <https://bit.ly/SR13Roundabouts>.

SR 13 Roundabouts

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) proposes to construct new roundabouts at two State Road 13 intersections in Hamilton, Madison and Tipton counties:

1. **Strawtown Avenue-West 8th Street near Perkinsville**
2. **SR 128-East 296th Street near Elwood**

Safety: Low-cost improvements at these intersections have not reduced crash frequency and severity. Reasons for the higher-than-normal number of crashes and injuries include:

- Limited sight distance for local cross traffic
- High traffic speeds on SR 13

Cost: The cost associated with these projects is approximately \$5,786,486 (DES 2003081) and \$5,695,749 (DES 2003082), which includes preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction, with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used.

Project status: Following the public comment deadline of March 5, the project team will finalize the Categorical Exclusion Level 2 documents. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.

Comment on the Environmental Document by March 5, 2025:



Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC, 208 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Belleville, IL 62220

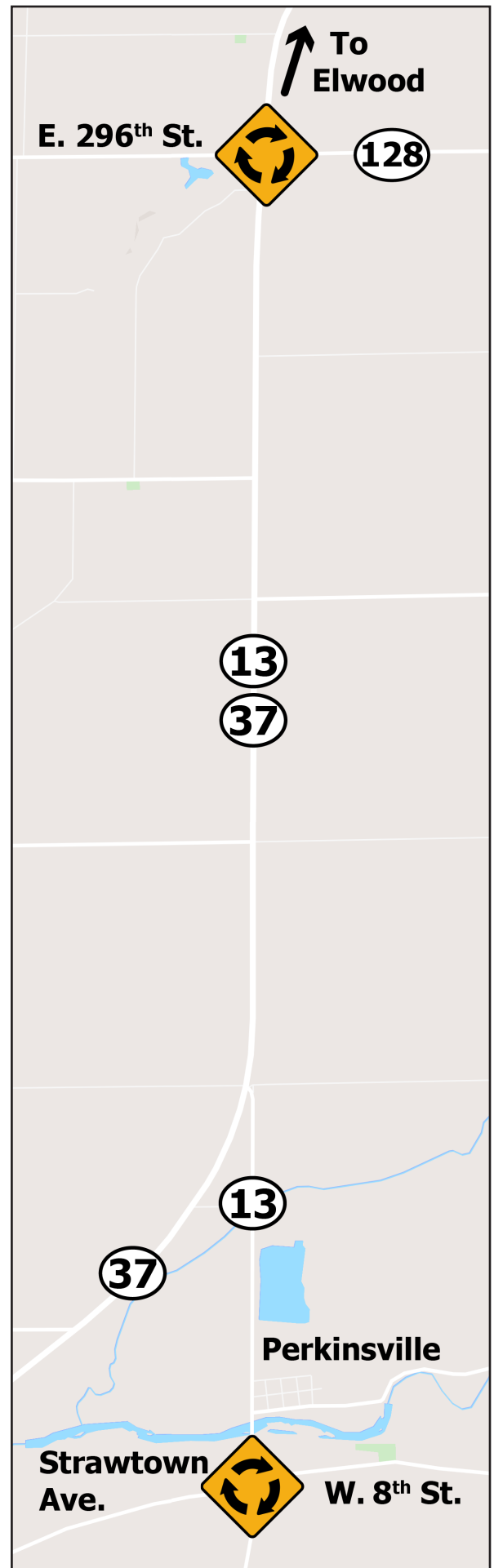


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SR 128/E. 296th St. near Elwood (DES. 2003081)

Location: State Road (SR) 13 is also SR 37 at this intersection where the Hamilton, Madison and Tipton county lines intersect.

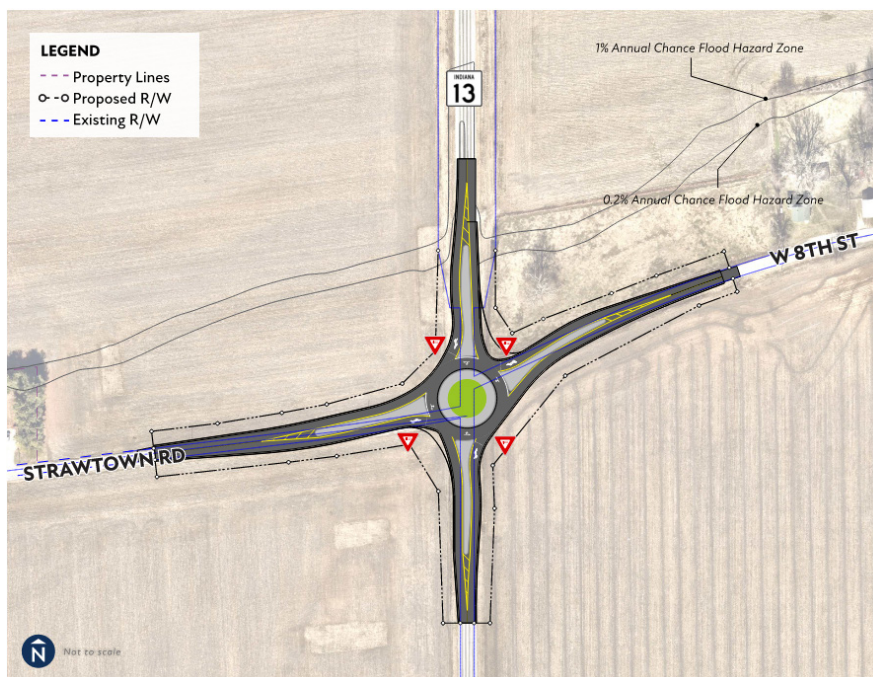
Safety: There were 18 crashes at this intersection over a three-year period, including seven injury crashes.

Right of Way (ROW): Approximately 3.26 acres of permanent ROW and approximately 0.55 acre of temporary ROW will be acquired.

Construction traffic: The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will close SR 128 during phase one and SR 13 during phase two.



Strawtown Ave./8th St. near Perkinsville (DES. 2003082)



Location: This roundabout is located near the Hamilton/Madison County line outside of Perkinsville.

Safety: There were 22 crashes at this intersection over a three-year period, including eight injury crashes.

Right of Way: Approximately 3.42 acres of permanent ROW and no temporary ROW is required.

Construction traffic: The MOT plan for this intersection will require phased closures of SR 13 and Strawtown Ave., with Strawtown Ave./8th St. closed during phase one and SR 13 closed during phase two.



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Comment Form (comments due March 5, 2025)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

(Please use back, if needed)