



LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Intersection Improvement Project at State Road 39 and State Road 47 in Boone County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Lebanon High School at 510 Tiger Way, Lebanon, IN 46052. The open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a presentation to follow at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to learn about the proposed intersection improvement project at State Road (S.R.) 39 and S.R. 47, DES# 2000271, and to provide feedback to INDOT.

The proposed project is located at the intersection of S.R. 39 and S.R. 47 in Boone County, Indiana. Along S.R. 39, the project area extends from approximately 750 feet north and 420 feet south of the center of the intersection. Along S.R. 47, the project area extends approximately 950 feet west and 680 feet east of the center of the intersection. S.R. 39 and S.R. 47 are both classified as two-lane major collectors in the project area.

The need for this project is due to above average crash frequency and severity, as well as congestion and delays from traffic backups at the intersection. Between 2019 and 2021, there were 29 crashes at the four-way stop-controlled intersection. Of those, approximately 65% were rear-end or right-angle type crashes. Three of the crashes resulted in fatal or incapacitating injuries. Additionally, a capacity analysis determined that the four-way stop-controlled intersection would experience excessive traffic congestion during peak traffic hours by the 2045 design year. In 2021, a temporary traffic signal was installed at the intersection to help regulate the timing of conflicting vehicular movements. From 2022 to 2024, there were 51 crashes at the intersection, and the majority continued to be rear-end or right-angle crashes. Of them, five resulted in fatal or incapacitating injuries. Therefore, the purpose of this project is to reduce the number and severity of crashes and to reduce vehicle queueing on S.R. 39 and on S.R. 47 at the intersection.

As currently proposed, the project would construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection. The S.R. 39 and S.R. 47 approaches would maintain one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction with an 18-foot circulating lane within the roundabout. A 15-foot-wide concrete truck apron would be constructed in the center of the roundabout, maintaining movement through the intersection for large vehicles and farm equipment. Two-foot-wide paved and 6-foot-wide aggregate shoulders will be constructed along both sides of S.R. 39 and S.R. 47. As the roadways approach the roundabout, the open shoulders will transition to concrete curb and gutter. Concrete splitter islands will be constructed at the roundabout on all approaches. A hot mixed asphalt (HMA) mill and overlay will occur along the approaches of S.R. 39 and S.R. 47 to tie the new roundabout into the existing roadways. Drainage improvements including constructing drainage turnouts, installing new drainage pipes and small culverts, and grading side ditches would occur as needed at the new roundabout. All private driveways within the project area would be reconstructed, and any culverts carrying drainage under private drives would be replaced.

Approximately 0.686 acre of new, permanent right-of-way and approximately 0.229 acre of temporary right-of-way would be required for this project. An additional 1.799 acres of apparent existing right-of-way would be reacquired. Approximately 1.769 acres of terrestrial habitat disturbance and 0.1 acre of tree removal would be required. No wetlands or streams would be impacted by this project. Ecological impacts have been minimized as much as possible, and mitigation for impacts are not expected.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan is anticipated to include five phases. During all phases, the northern approach of S.R. 39 and the western approach of S.R. 47 would remain open to traffic. The southern approach of S.R. 39 and the eastern approach of S.R. 47 would be closed to traffic for approximately three months. A detour utilizing S.R. 32, S.R. 28, and I-65 will be in place for the southern approach of S.R. 39, and a detour utilizing I-65, S.R. 32, and US 421 will be in place for the eastern approach of S.R. 47.

INDOT is seeking your input on this project. Comments can be submitted in person or through the U.S. Postal Service or email. Written comments may be submitted at the public information meeting and within the comment period to Cassidy Hunter, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204 or cahunter@HNTB.com. **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Friday, August 29, 2025.**

Notice of Livestreamed Public Information Meeting

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-13-1.5-2.9, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is offering livestreams of all public information meetings and public hearings. You can access the livestream starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the following link: <https://rebrand.ly/SR-39-SR-47>.

A recording of the livestream and the presentation will be posted on INDOT's website 48 hours after the meeting. The recording will be available online for up to 90 days.

Livestream audience comments will **only** be accepted in electronic form, not verbally.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, INDOT will provide accommodations persons with disabilities requiring assistance and/or accommodation, or persons of limited English proficiency (LEP) requiring accommodation related to accessibility to documents and participation at the public meeting venue or on the livestream. Should accommodations be required, please contact Cassidy Hunter, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204, 317-636-4682, or cahunter@HNTB.com by **August 7, 2025**.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary." approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on July 7, 2021.