



I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project



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- The outside shoulder and existing lanes will be resurfaced and a third lane and inside shoulder will be constructed in the median on I-65 just south of State Road 2 (S.R. 2) to U.S. 231.
- Mainline I-65 bridge work will include structure widening and/or resurfacing.
- Crossing overpasses will have rehab and/or resurfacing (short-term closures will occur).
- Northbound and southbound I-65 bridges over the Kankakee River will be replaced.



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The I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project is the Indiana Department of Transportation's initiative to improve traffic flow and add capacity on Interstate 65 from State Road 2 (S.R. 2) to U.S. 30 in Newton and Lake counties.

The project will add one additional travel lane in each direction on this approximately 13-mile stretch of I-65. Additionally, the northbound and southbound bridges over the Kankakee River will be replaced to accommodate future expansion of the I-65 corridor.

The project also includes rehab and/or resurfacing the overpasses at 93rd, 113th, 137th and 153rd avenues and mainline bridge work at 109th Avenue, U.S. 231, S.R. 2, Beaver Dam Ditch and Wirtz Ditch.

To minimize the impact on local cross-traffic, construction has been scheduled so that no two consecutive overpasses are restricted at the same time. In addition, work has been scheduled to avoid closures during higher traffic volumes and restrictions during the school year.

The I-65 Northwest Indiana Expansion Project is broken into three segments:

- 1 I-65 from U.S. 231 to just south of U.S. 30**
A new outside shoulder will be constructed and the existing lanes will be restriped to accommodate three lanes in each direction. During construction, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be shifted toward the existing median. This increases the amount of space between traffic and the work zone, increasing safety for motorists and construction crews. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak hours with single lane closures occurring at night as needed to support construction activities.
- 2 I-65 just south of S.R. 2 to U.S. 231**
Resurfacing of the existing lanes and outside shoulder will occur, and a third lane and inside shoulder will be constructed in the median. Two lanes of mainline traffic will remain open in each direction, as well as all interchange ramps during peak hours. Single lane closures will occur at night.
- 3 Kankakee River Bridges**
The dual northbound and southbound bridges will be replaced. In 2017, only southbound traffic will be affected, with two lanes maintained. In 2018, northbound and southbound traffic will be crossed over to the newly constructed southbound bridge with two lanes maintained in each direction.

Construction is underway. Because the project is being constructed on an accelerated timeline, work is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018, 18 months earlier than previously expected.

All questions should be directed to INDOT's LaPorte District Customer Service Department at (855) 464-6368 or LaPorteDistrictCommunications@indot.in.gov. Additional information may be found at www.I-65Northwest.com.



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