
STATE ROAD (SR) 32 WESTFIELD
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
WESTFIELD, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
DES. NO. 1801731

PROJECT INFORMATION PACKET



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Welcome Concerned Citizens, Local Residents, and Elected/Local Public Officials to the City of Westfield and the Indiana Department of Transportation's public hearing regarding the proposed SR 32 Westfield Reconstruction Project (Des. No. 1801731).

The purpose of this public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans and the environmental document for this project. 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 American Structurepoint, Inc. (see below) Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and also included in your information packet. Comment forms are also available at the project website at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield.
2. **Participate as a speaker** during the comment session following tonight's presentation.
3. **Complete the digital comment box** on the project website at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield.
4. **E-mail comments** to Sarah Everhart of American Structurepoint, Inc. at severhart@structurepoint.com.
5. **Mail comments** to Sarah Everhart of American Structurepoint, Inc. at 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.
6. **Fax comments** to Sarah Everhart of American Structurepoint, Inc. at (317) 547-2070.

Please submit comments by (or have comments postmarked by) **February 10, 2022**. Comments will be reviewed and considered as part of the decision making process. If you have any questions concerning the proposed project or submitting comments, please contact Sarah Everhart of American Structurepoint, Inc. at (317) 547-5580 or severhart@structurepoint.com.

Preliminary design plans along with the State Environmental Assessment (EA) and other project documents are available for review at following locations:

1. In-person at:
 - a. Information stations around the room at the hearing
 - b. Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, IN 46074
2. Online at the American Structurepoint, Inc. Website - www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield

Public Hearing Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Formal Presentation
3. Public Comment Session
4. Project Open House

All substantive comments received will be evaluated and responded to in writing within subsequent project documentation. The documentation will address concerns presented during the public comment process and describe project decisions reached following careful consideration of views and/or concerns of the public.

The project team will be available at the information stations around the room to explain project details and address questions prior to and following the public hearing.

After the hearing, anyone may view the presented information (formal presentation, environmental document with preliminary project plans, project exhibits, etc.) at the project website: www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield.

**Thank you for attending the public hearing for the SR 32 Westfield
Reconstruction Project (Des. No. 1801731)**

Project Description

This project is being developed by the City of Westfield in partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The proposed project will receive a combination of state and local funding. The proposed undertaking is located in Westfield along SR 32 roughly extending from Poplar Street east to Timberbrook Run and from Jersey Street north to Penn Street in Hamilton County, Indiana.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve corridor mobility along SR 32 through the downtown Westfield area for both motorists and pedestrians alike. Currently, the existing corridor does not provide a safe traveling environment for motorists or pedestrians as the existing roadway is congested. The need is derived from existing field observations, which include extensive queuing on SR 32 both east and west of Union Street. As a result of the queue, traffic flow is impeded at numerous drives and intersecting roads along the corridor. In particular, the Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout is negatively impacted when slowed or stopped vehicles on SR 32 back up into the roundabout and prevent other vehicles from entering the roundabout. This restricts access from other directions trying to reach the north leg of the roundabout that leads to Riverview Health Hospital and the Westfield Intermediate and Middle Schools. Due to projected growth in the community, as well as planned developments in the area, the existing traffic congestion is expected to increase in the future.

As proposed, the project consists of widening and reconstructing SR 32 from just east of the Poplar Street roundabout to just east of Timberbrook Run. Outside of the boundaries of the Stultz-Stanley House (209 W Main Street) and the Westfield Historic District (NR-2521), the existing 2-lane section of SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four, 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound), with a raised 13-foot wide center median, curb and gutter, and 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide grass buffers on both sides of the roadway. Along SR 32 left turns will be restricted with left turn movements only available at Westlea Drive/Mill Street and Union Street. This reconstruction will result in widening the roadway to the south by approximately 25-feet.

In front of the Stultz-Stanley House (209 W Main Street), SR 32 will be shifted north by approximately 34-feet, and the typical section of SR 32 will remain the same with the exception of no 6-foot wide grass buffer along the south side of the roadway between the sidewalk and roadway. Within the boundaries of the Westfield Historic District (NR-2521), SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four, 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes, an 11-foot wide turn lane, a 2-foot wide raised center curb with 1-foot wide curb offset, curb and gutter, and 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide buffers on both sides of the roadway. This will result in widening SR 32 to the south by approximately 25-feet and result in the removal of four buildings from the Westfield Historic District: 101 S. Union Street, 102 S. Union Street, 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street.

Moving east outside of the district, the intersection of SR 32 and East Street will be reconstructed to a two-lane roundabout with 15-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound) with 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide grass buffers on all sides. North of the roundabout, East Street will be reconstructed to consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one northbound, one southbound) with 6-foot wide sidewalks adjacent to the curb and gutter on the west side of the roadway. East Street will be realigned to provide the appropriate transition into the roundabout as well as to straighten out the existing S-curve along East Street, north of Penn Street. East of the roundabout and extending to just east of Timberbrook Run, SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound).

The existing 186-foot long 6-foot tall by 10-foot wide box culvert between Westlea Drive and Camilla Court, which conveys the unnamed tributary (UNT) to Grassy Branch under SR 32, will be replaced with a 220-foot long 6-foot tall by 14-foot wide box culvert to account for the widening of SR 32. Throughout the project area the existing overhead utilities along the south side of SR 32 will be moved underground beneath the new sidewalk.

The project will require approximately 3.34 acres of permanent right-of-way and 1.62 acres of temporary ROW from residential and commercial properties. The project will result in the relocation of thirteen buildings.

Project Schedule

Milestone	Completed/Expected Dates
Environmental Document Release for Public Involvement	November 30, 2021
Public Comment Opportunity	January 10 – February 10, 2022
Final Design	Fall 2022
Anticipated Construction Start	Spring 2023

Description of Right-of-Way

The project will require the acquisition of right-of-way. Acquisition information is available at the hearing information stations and at the project website at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield or http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/. The project will acquire approximately 3.34 acres of new permanent right-of-way and approximately 1.62 acres of temporary right-of-way will be acquired for construction of the project. The project will result in the relocation of thirteen buildings, which includes four buildings from the Westfield Historic District: 101 S. Union Street, 102 S. Union Street, 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street.

Estimated Project Cost

The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$15,945,550 which includes design, right-of-way, and construction. Both state and local funding will be used.

Maintenances of Traffic (MOT)

The MOT plan for the project is proposed as phased construction that will maintain at least one-lane of traffic in each direction during construction. Closure of Union Street and East Street will be required during certain phases of the project. Union Street traffic would be detoured utilizing 181st Street, Wheeler Road/Westfield Park Road, and 169th Street. East Street traffic would be detoured utilizing 181st Street, Wheeler Road, 186th Street, and Grassy Branch Road. Pedestrian detours will be provided during each phase of construction to route pedestrians around the various construction areas. A full closure of SR 32 is currently being evaluated between Poplar Street to Union Street for a period of time during construction to determine if it would minimize the construction timeline, as well as reduce construction costs. If a full closure of SR 32 is determined to be the preferred MOT, the public will be notified of the revised MOT. Access to all properties within and adjacent to the project limits will be maintained at all times during project construction.

Environmental Documentation

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has reviewed the State Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by American Structurepoint, Inc. for this project and released the document for public involvement on November 30, 2021. The State EA evaluates the impact of the SR 32 Westfield Reconstruction Project on the natural and human environment. No area of potentially significant impacts have been identified.

Water Resources

A Wetland Delineation and Waters report was completed on June 30, 2021 by American Structurepoint, Inc. There is one wetland (Wetland A) totaling 0.034 acre and two streams (Grassy Branch and UNT to Grassy Branch) totaling 954 linear feet (0.149 acre) within investigated area. Wetland A, Grassy Branch, and UNT to Grassy Branch appear to drain to the White River, a Traditional Navigable Water (TNW). Therefore, they are anticipated to be jurisdictional waters of the U.S. Additionally, UNT to Grassy Branch (also referred to as Anna Kendall Drain) and Grassy Branch are Hamilton County regulated drains.

The project is anticipated to impact a total of approximately 256 linear feet of UNT to Grassy Branch due to the replacement of the culvert CV 032-029-078.87. Of the 256 linear feet, approximately 34 linear feet will be additional encapsulation and approximately 36 linear feet is due to the placement of riprap at the culvert ends. Additionally, the project is anticipated to impact approximately 30-feet of Grassy Branch due to the installation of riprap at the new storm sewer outlet.

A Section 401 Water Quality Certificate Regional General Permit (RGP) from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and a Section 404 RGP from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

(USACE) are anticipated for impacts to waters of the U.S. Mitigation for stream impacts is not anticipated, but will be determined during permitting.

Cultural Resources

Two historic resources (Westfield Historic District and the Stultz-Stanley House) were identified within or adjacent to the project area. The Westfield Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Stultz-Stanley House is listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures.

Initially, the City anticipated funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which required the project to follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Section 106 process was initiated on February 22, 2019. Consultation with interested parties continued after it was determined the project would receive State funding only. Four meetings with interested parties were held throughout project development.

The project will widen SR 32 to the south by approximately 25-feet within the Westfield Historic District. The project will acquire approximately 0.28 acre of ROW from the Westfield Historic District. Additionally, the project will result in the removal of four contributing buildings from the Westfield Historic District: 101 S. Union Street, 102 S. Union Street, 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street.

In front of the Stultz-Stanley House, SR 32 will be shifted north by approximately 34 feet, and the typical section of SR 32 will remain the same with the exception of no 6-foot wide grass buffer along the south side of the roadway between the sidewalk and roadway. Although the roadway will be shifted north, some widening will be required to the south. As a result, the sidewalk will conflict with the existing stairs and front yard of the Stultz-Stanley House. Due to a significant difference in elevation between the yard in front of the Stultz-Stanley House and the existing roadway, a retaining wall will be constructed in front of the house to stabilize the current yard and to avoid compromising the structure. Due to the area needed to provide the 15-foot wide utility corridor, the top of the stairs and the closest edge of the retaining wall will be approximately 7-feet from the edge of the front porch steps to the house. The rest of the retaining wall will be approximately 18-feet from the edge of the front porch.

Under the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IC-14-21-18-1), historic sites or structures listed on the state or national register may not be altered, demolished, or removed by a project funded, in whole or in part, by the state unless the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board grants a Certificate of Approval. On March 5, 2021 an application for a Certificate of Approval was submitted to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. On May 27, 2021, a Certificate of Approval was granted to the City of Westfield and INDOT to alter the Westfield Historic District and demolish or remove historic structures 101, 102, and 103 S Union Street and 111 E Main Street per specific conditions, which include:

1. **Historic Preservation Commission:** A Local Preservation Ordinance shall be drafted under the guidance of Indiana Landmarks and in consultation with other local groups with a demonstrated interest in historic preservation. The City of Westfield, in partnership with Indiana Landmarks, shall educate each City Council member on the benefits of a local preservation ordinance and the mechanics of how a local preservation ordinance works. The City of Westfield shall fully advocate for the adoption of the local preservation ordinance and it is anticipated that the ordinance will be passed by Westfield City Council.
2. **SR 32 Westfield Reconstruction Historic Preservation Advisory Committee:** Convening a SR 32 Westfield Reconstruction Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (“Advisory Team”) whose duty shall be to review and comment upon refined Mitigation Items for Advisory Team Review.
3. **Photo documentation** of the existing structures and streetscapes within the project area of the Westfield Historic District and the Stultz-Stanley House prior to the commencement of project activities.
4. **Westfield Historic District National Register of Historic Places Nomination:** Completing additional documentation or a revised National Register nomination if the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (IDNR DHPA) determines that the existing Westfield Historic District nomination requires official revisions, or if the district would no longer be eligible for listing in the National Register with its current boundaries.
5. **Relocating and rehabilitating** the historic structure located at 102 S Union Street.
6. **Mitigation Fund:** In the event that the historic structure located at 102 S Union Street is unable to be relocated, a mitigation fund will be created and utilized for historic preservation work, initiatives or programs that focus on preserving the community of Westfield and on themes related to the Westfield Historic District.
7. **Context Sensitive Design Solutions:** Implementing context sensitive design solutions that will enhance the areas in and around the Westfield Historic District.
8. **Interpretative Signage:** Manufacture and install signage or plaques at the boundaries of the Westfield Historic District that identify the district and up to eight additional signs or plaques within the Westfield Historic District.
9. **Wayfinding Signage:** Manufacture and install wayfinding signage to direct visitors to the Westfield Historic District.

10. **INDOT Progress Report to the Historic Review Board:** INDOT will provide quarterly progress reports to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board as to updates related to these historic mitigation commitments.

The Certificate of Approval along with the more detailed specific conditions can be found in the State EA in Appendix D.

For more information regarding the project plans and potential impacts of the proposed project, please refer to the State EA document, which is available at the following locations:

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