

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Portage will host a public information meeting regarding the Phase 4 of the Central Avenue Roadway Improvement Project (Des. No. 2100131). The project is located along Central Avenue, beginning approximately 150 feet east of County Line Road and extending east to the intersection of Brandt Street in Portage, Porter County, Indiana. The public information meeting will occur on **June 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM C.T.** at the Portage City Hall - Council Chambers, 6070 Central Avenue, Portage, IN 46368. You can also view project information by going to the project website (<https://www.structurepointpublic.com/centralave>) or calling Preeti Samra at (317) 547-5580 if you do not have internet access.

The purpose of the project is to improve inadequate safety conditions for both pedestrians and motorists along the project corridor by improving the deteriorating conditions and reducing congestion along Central Avenue, as well as improving stormwater drainage.

The preferred alternative would consist of the reconstruction of Central Avenue to include two 12-foot wide travel lanes, curb and gutter, an 8-foot wide sidewalk along the north side of the roadway, a 5-foot sidewalk along the south side of the roadway, and stormwater improvements. Stormwater would be conveyed through a new enclosed storm sewer system, discharging into the existing storm network at Blake Road along the western portion of the project corridor and into a new stormwater pond along the eastern portion of the corridor. Additionally, the existing traffic signal at Dombey Road would be modified to meet current INDOT standards.

It is anticipated Phase 4 would require the acquisition of approximately 2 acres of new permanent right-of-way (ROW). Temporary ROW for grading purposes would be required as well. No relocations are anticipated for Phase 4.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan would consist of the full closure of Central Avenue with detours in place. Construction is anticipated to occur in multiple phases rather than across the entire corridor at once, with closures likely phased between County Line Road and Blake Road, Blake Road and Brown Road, and Brown Road and Brandt Road; however, the exact limits are still to be determined. Although the roadway would be closed to through traffic, local access would be maintained for residents and businesses throughout construction. The MOT is anticipated to be in place for 12 months.

For more information and to view the meeting presentation, exhibits, and access comment forms on the proposed project at your convenience, you can also visit the following webpage at <https://www.structurepointpublic.com/centralave>. All comments are requested by **July 29, 2026**. Comments will be accepted and considered as the project advances.

Notice of Livestreamed Public Meeting: In accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-2.9, the City of Portage is offering livestream of this public meeting. A link to the livestream will be posted on the project website for access prior to the meeting. Comments can be submitted following instructions on the project website. During the meeting, no comments from livestream attendees will be accepted. A recording of the livestream and the presentation will be posted on the project's website following the meeting. The recording will be available online for at least 90 days.

With advance notice, the City of Portage can provide special accommodation for persons with differing abilities, limited English speaking ability, and/or persons needing auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Should special accommodations be needed please contact Preeti Samra, Senior Environmental Specialist, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or by email at psamra@structurepoint.com by June 26, 2026.

For any questions or comments, please contact Preeti Samra, American Structurepoint, Inc., at (317) 547-5580, or by email at psamra@structurepoint.com.