

# NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – Bristol Street Roadway Improvement Project, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, DES #1801611

**April 2023**

The City of Elkhart held a public hearing on January 19, 2023 regarding the roadway improvement project located along Bristol Street from Jeanwood Drive to CR 15 in Elkhart, Elkhart County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required and per federal requirements outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. The purpose of the project is to improve left turn mobility for vehicles, improve existing surface drainage facilities, and to reduce the potential of vehicle and pedestrian conflicts while also increasing pedestrian mobility along Bristol Street.

**The Preferred Alternative** will widen Bristol Street to accommodate one 11-foot wide through lane in each direction with a center two way-left-turn lane (TWTL) throughout most of the project corridor. The existing four-lane section between Jeanwood Drive to just east of Pinewood Elementary School will be reduced to the proposed three-lane typical roadway section allowing the roadway cross-section to be reallocated for other uses (i.e. sidewalk, multi-use path). The existing two-lane section between Pinewood Elementary School and just west of Glenwood Park Drive will be maintained due to minimal drives and/or access points. The existing two-lane section from just west of Glenwood Park Drive to County Road (CR) 15 will be widened to the three-lane typical roadway section. A retaining wall is proposed at a location in the project area where steep drop-offs are present. Concrete curbs and gutters, curb inlets, and storm sewers will be constructed from just west of Glenwood Park Drive to the end of the project. New curbs and gutters, curb inlets, and modifications to the existing storm sewer will occur along the section of Bristol Street where the number of lanes will be reduced. A 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of the roadway and a sodded buffer strip, typically 5-foot wide, will be installed between the curb and sidewalk. A 10-foot wide multi-use path will be constructed along the south side of the roadway and a sodded buffer strip, typically 5-foot wide, will be installed between the curb and multi-use path

Additional details regarding the Bristol Street Roadway Improvement Project (DES # 1801611) are available in-person at the Elkhart Public Library (300 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Elkhart, IN 46516) and online via the project webpage at [www.structurepointpublic.com/bristolstreet](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/bristolstreet).

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of the City of Elkhart's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the Hillcrest United Methodist Church on January 19, 2023, the City of Elkhart will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2025. Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, are available for public inspection at the Elkhart Public Library and via the project webpage at [www.structurepointpublic.com/bristolstreet](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/bristolstreet). Should you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Scott Farrell, American Structurepoint, Inc., at 317-547-5580 or [sfarrell@structurepoint.com](mailto:sfarrell@structurepoint.com).