

NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – College Avenue Roadway Improvement Project, Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, DES #1900739

May 2023

The City of Goshen held a public hearing on December 6, 2022 regarding the roadway improvement project located along College Avenue from US 33 to the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing in Goshen, Elkhart County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase 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 reduce congestion and potential for rear end crashes caused by left turning vehicles, improve access to existing pedestrian facilities along College Avenue, and reduce potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians traveling along the College Avenue corridor.

The Preferred Alternative will widen College Avenue from just east of US 33 to the Norfolk Southern Railroad to accommodate a center two-way-left-turn (TWLT) lane. The existing 2-lane section of College Avenue will be reconstructed to consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one eastbound, one westbound) separated by a 14-foot wide center TWLT lane. The widened roadway will be bordered by 2-foot, 7-inch wide combined curb and gutter along both sides. The project will also construct a new, 10-foot wide paved multi-use path along the north side of College Avenue, which will tie into the existing multi-use path that currently terminates approximately 350 feet east of US 33. The addition of the multi-use path will include a new pedestrian bridge over Horn Ditch. The pedestrian bridge will be constructed immediately north of the existing CR 36 Bridge over Horn Ditch. The new bridge will be a single span, prefabricated pedestrian bridge with a structure length of 54 feet, 6 inches and an out-to-out truss width of 11 feet, 10 inches. The clear pathway along the bridge will be 10 feet wide. Revetment riprap will be installed for scour protection along both end bents. The project will also include the construction of a new storm sewer system to convey drainage from the roadway towards Horn Ditch.

Additional details regarding the College Avenue Roadway Improvement Project (DES # 1900739) are available in-person at the Goshen Public Library (601 South 5th Street, Goshen, IN 46526) and online via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/collegeavenue.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of the City of Goshen'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 Goshen Public Library on December 6, 2022, the City of Goshen will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2024/2025. Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, are available for public inspection at the Goshen Public Library and via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/collegeavenue. Should you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Leigh Stevenson, American Structurepoint, Inc., at 317-547-5580 or l Stevenson@structurepoint.com.