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# WITT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LEBANON, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA  
DES. NO. 2101721

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## PROJECT INFORMATION PACKET



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**Dear Concerned Citizens, Local Residents, and Elected/Local Public Officials:**

The purpose of this Project Information Packet is to explain the proposed Witt Road Improvement project (Des. No. 2101721) and to receive your comments, concerns, suggestions, and/or request for a public hearing. There are several ways your comments may be submitted, as outlined below:

1. **Complete a comment form** and return it to American Structurepoint, Inc. (see below). Comment forms are included in information packet. Comment forms are also available at the project website at [www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad).
2. **E-mail comments** to Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at [psamra@structurepoint.com](mailto:psamra@structurepoint.com).
3. **Mail comments** to Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.
4. **Fax comments** to Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at (317) 547-2070.

Please submit comments by (or have comments postmarked by) **April 8, 2025**. 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 Preeti Samra of American Structurepoint, Inc. at (317) 547-5580 or [psamra@structurepoint.com](mailto:psamra@structurepoint.com).

Preliminary design plans along with the CE document and other project documents are available for review at following locations:

1. In-person at:
  - a. Lebanon Public Library, 104 East Washington Street, Lebanon, IN 46052
  - b. Lebanon Municipal Building, 401 South Meridian Street, Lebanon, IN 46052
2. Online at the American Structurepoint, Inc. Website - [www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad)

**The Witt Road Improvement Project Team thanks you for your participation in this project.**

## Project Description

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The City of Lebanon, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), is developing plans for the proposed Witt Road Improvement project (Des. No. 2101721) located along Witt Road, from Lafayette Avenue to Austin Drive, in Lebanon, Boone County, Indiana.

The need for the project is evidenced by the lack of pedestrian facilities along Witt Road, from Lafayette Avenue to Austin Drive, as well as the deteriorated condition of the pavement surface throughout the corridor. Additionally, the existing curve radius of Witt Road from Lafayette Avenue to Rovine Drive is too narrow for the current design speed, and therefore does not meet current INDOT design standards.

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian mobility and update curb ramps to meet American with Disabilities (ADA) standards, improve the existing curve radius of Witt Road to meet current INDOT design standards, as well as preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement condition throughout the corridor.

As proposed, the project will widen Witt Road to include two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one northbound and one southbound), a 10-foot wide asphalt multi-use path along the west side of the roadway, and a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk on the east side of the roadway. The existing sidewalk along the west side of Witt Road will be removed and replaced by the multi-use path. Additionally, a 6-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed along the northeast side of Lafayette Avenue, beginning at Witt Road and extending southwest to Mar Lee Lane. The project will also include the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps at the intersection of Witt Road with Lafayette Avenue, Rovine Drive, Elizabeth Drive, Victoria Drive, Ashley Drive, Thomas Drive, and Austin Drive. The existing horizontal alignment of Witt Road will be altered by increasing the radius of the curve between Lafayette Avenue and Rovine Drive in order to meet current INDOT design standards. The existing storm sewer network will be reconfigured to accommodate the revised geometry and will direct drainage to Small Reynolds Ditch. A new storm sewer trunkline will be installed under the roadway along the entire length of the project area. New drainage inlets/castings will be installed along Witt Road and connect to the new storm sewer trunkline.

## Project Schedule

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Milestone	Completed/Expected Dates
Environmental Document Release for Public Involvement	March 18, 2025
Public Comment Opportunity	April 8, 2025
Right-of-Way Appraising Begins	Spring 2025
Anticipated Construction Start	Fall 2026

## Description of Right-of-Way

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The project will require the acquisition of right-of-way (ROW). Acquisition information can also be viewed at the project website at [www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad](http://www.structurepointpublic.com/wittroad) or <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real-estate/right-of-way/>. The project will require approximately 0.93 acre of new permanent right-of-way and 0.41 acre of temporary right-of-way. The proposed project will not result in the relocation of businesses, residences, or farms along the project corridor.

## Estimated Project Cost

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The cost associated with this project is approximately \$4,317,500 which includes design, right-of-way, and construction costs. Both federal and local funding will be used.

## Maintenances of Traffic (MOT)

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The MOT plan will include phased construction with detours. Phase I of the MOT will begin at the north end of the project area to just north of Ashley Drive, leaving the intersection of Witt Road and Ashley Drive open. Phase II of the MOT will span from the intersection of Witt Road and Ashley Drive to just north of the intersection of Witt Road and Rovine Drive. Phase III of the MOT will span along Witt Road from Rovine Drive to Lafayette Avenue. Witt Road will be closed to thru traffic and local access will be provided. The detour route will follow Lafayette Road, West Main Street, SR 39 and West County Road 250 North, and will be approximately 4 miles in length. Access to all properties, both residential and commercial, will be maintained during construction. Walkability throughout the project area will be maintained with ADA-compliant pedestrian detour routes installed prior to any sidewalk or curb ramp removal. All pedestrian detour routes will be marked as needed. The MOT is scheduled to be in place for approximately five months. The anticipated start date of construction is Fall 2026. Project stakeholders including local school corporations(s) and emergency services will be notified of potential closures and/or detours prior to construction.

## Environmental Documentation

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INDOT has reviewed the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document prepared by American Structurepoint, Inc. for this project and released the document for public involvement on March 18, 2025. The CE evaluates the impact of the Witt Road Improvement Project on the natural and human environment. No area of potentially significant impacts have been identified.

## Water Resources

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A wetland delineation was completed on February 8, 2024, that identified any water resources within the project area. It was determined that one stream, Small Reynolds Ditch, is located within the project area.

Small Reynolds Ditch is anticipated to be considered a jurisdictional waters of the United States (US). The USACE makes all final determinations regarding jurisdiction.

Small Reynolds Ditch is an intermittent stream that enters the project area approximately 215 feet north of the Witt Road and Victoria Drive intersection. The stream flows east to west for approximately 187 linear feet through the project area and is conveyed beneath the existing Witt Road bridge over Small Reynolds Ditch. The ordinary highwater mark (OHWM) of Small Reynolds Ditch is 13.4 feet wide by 0.8 feet deep. Small Reynolds Ditch would be considered a poor stream due to proximity to urban development and runoff received from surrounding roadways.

No structure work will occur to the existing Witt Road over Small Reynolds Ditch bridge, and work within the vicinity of Small Reynolds Ditch will remain above the OHWM. Therefore, no stream impacts are expected.

## Terrestrial Habitat

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Approximately 1.344 acres of total terrestrial disturbance, which includes approximately 0.003 acre of tree clearing and 1.341 acres of maintained lawn, will occur in order to facilitate the proposed road improvements. Tree species to be removed include Norway spruce (*Picea abies*), northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), silver maple (*Acer sarccharinum*), and callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) within 100 feet of the existing roadway. Tree removal will occur during the bat inactive season (between October 1st and March 31st).

## Cultural Resources

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On September 5, 2024, the INDOT Cultural Resource Office (CRO) determined that this project falls within the guidelines of Category B, Types 1, 2, 3, and 8 under the Minor Projects Programmatic Agreement (MPPA).

Category B, Type 1 covers *Replacement, repair, or installation of curbs, curb ramps, or sidewalks, including when such projects are associated with roadway work such as surface replacement, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or resurfacing projects, including overlays, shoulder treatments, pavement repair, seal coating, pavement grinding, and pavement marking* that meets the listed conditions.

Category B, Type 2 covers *Installation of new lighting, signals, signage and other traffic control devices* that meets the listed conditions.

Category B, Type 3 covers *Construction of added travel, turning, or auxiliary lanes (e.g., bicycle, truck climbing, acceleration and deceleration lanes) and shoulder widening* that meets the listed conditions.

Category B, Type 8 covers *Construction of pedestrian facilities including trails, multi-use paths, greenways, and associated minor activities defined below*, that meets the listed conditions.

Work will occur in undisturbed soils; therefore, an archaeological survey was required for the project. An *Archaeological Phase 1a Reconnaissance* report was completed for the project area by Weintraut & Associates, Inc. Shovel probes were excavated, and visual walkovers were performed throughout the project area. Two archaeological sites, 12BO712 and 12BO713, were recorded within the survey area. The sites were determined to not be eligible for listing in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (IRHSS) or the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); therefore, no further work is recommended.

No further consultation is required. This completes the Section 106 process and the responsibilities of the FHWA under Section 106 have been fulfilled.

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

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