

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2024**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in room A213 at City Hall on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:34 a.m. Darren Peterson and Todd Thurston were present. Mark Boice and Pete Schwartz were absent.

Also present were City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, and Project Manager Andrew Rodewald.

1. Street Rehabilitation

a. 2023 Street Rehabilitation

i. Contract II:

1. Old Town south of Cherry Street and east of 10th Street is complete.

- a. Decorative crosswalks will be installed at Seminary Park in late summer.

ii. Contract III – 2023-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant

1. The contract is complete.

b. 2024 Street Rehabilitation

i. Contract I will be locally funded.

1. Bids were opened on May 28 and should be awarded on June 11 to E&B Paving, Inc.

2. Areas of work are:

- a. Hamilton Town Center and 136th Street
 - b. Sommerwood Subdivision
 - c. 156th Street from Summer Road to Boden Road
 - d. 191st Street from State Road 37 to Cumberland Road. Work will also include construction of a trail on the north side of the road from Our Lady of Grace church to Cumberland Road.
 - e. Stony Creek Drive

Mr. Thurston asked when work would begin. Staff replied that is unknown at this time, but most likely it will be as soon as possible.

ii. Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG)

1. Applications were submitted on January 31, 2024. An award of \$1.17 million of an eligible \$1.5 million was received.
2. Bids will be opened on June 11 and will most likely be awarded on June 25.
3. Areas of work are:
 - a. 196th Street/Hague Road
 - b. A portion of South Harbor
 - c. Lakeview Drive and Forest Hills subdivision

- d. Midland Lane and Kipfford Street in Lochaven subdivision.

Staff are planning an October 15 completion date for both contracts.

2. Hamilton County Projects

a. 146th Street over Allisonville Road Interchange

- i. The 90-day closure of Allisonville Road is expected to open to traffic on June 9 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 1. The intersection will only have through and right turns. Left turns will be prohibited.
- ii. 2022 traffic data shows 13,000 vehicles per day on the north leg of Allisonville Road.
- iii. The project website is www.streamline146.com.

3. INDOT Projects

a. SR 37 and 141st Street interchange

- i. Construction will begin in the next month.
 - 1. Construction will not begin until Allisonville Road at 146th Street reopens.
 - 2. Traffic on SR 37 will be restricted to one lane in each direction for approximately 60 days later this year.
- ii. Closure of through traffic on 141st Street
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows 15,000 vehicles per day on the east leg of 141st Street.
- iii. The project website is www.drivesr37.com.

b. SR 37 through Noblesville (Greenfield Ave. to SR 32)

- i. INDOT is heading the project with Noblesville partnership.
- ii. American Structurepoint was selected as the consultant.
- iii. INDOT commitment:
 - 1. They will produce 30 percent design for the corridor.
 - 2. There will be an 80/20 percent partnership for design and construction of a SR 32 and SR 37 interchange.
 - 3. They have not committed to final design and construction of the other interchanges.
- iv. The cost/benefit analysis based on the traffic report is complete and is being reviewed.
- v. RAISE Grant
 - 1. The City and INDOT partnered to apply for the grant for 30 percent design on February 28, 2024.
 - 2. Grant awards are expected to be announced on June 27, 2024.

c. SR 38 at Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge Roundabout

- i. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction.
- ii. Construction is underway.
- iii. A phase switch began on June 4. The change will prohibit left turns.
- iv. The project is on schedule for completion by Labor Day.

d. SR 38/Logan Street Roundabout (No Update)

- i. Letting is scheduled for July 2025.
- ii. Construction is planned for 2026.
- iii. INDOT plans to build a two-lane roundabout, so there will be a larger impact on adjacent businesses and residents than originally expected.
- iv. The City has committed to acquiring the needed right-of-way, which will be included in the City's 50 percent share of the project.
- v. Project design accommodates future Logan Street trail/sidewalk on the south side.

e. SR 32 Added Travel Lanes

- i. INDOT held a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.
- ii. The project scope will be four lanes with medians from just west of River Road to East Street in Westfield.
- iii. INDOT has agreed to construct roundabouts at intersections.
- iv. Noblesville participation will include \$2 million for sidewalk construction.
 - 1. The City will acquire right-of-way at State Road 32/Hague Road/Pleasant Street. The right-of-way acquisition costs and dedicated right-of-way from proposed developments will count towards the City's contribution to the project.
- v. Construction is anticipated in 2025 or 2026.
- vi. The project website is <https://improvetomove32.com>.

f. SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project

- i. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction, Inc.
- ii. Black decorative signal poles will be installed at SR 19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets.
- iii. Construction:
 - 1. Road reconstruction and storm sewer work will necessitate full closure of sections of SR 32.
 - a. Phase I will close the intersection of 16th and Conner Streets for 21 days. The closure began April 2. 8th, 9th, and 10th Street remain open. Phase I was completed on April 23.
 - i. 2022 traffic data shows 18,000 vehicles per day.
 - b. Phase II followed, closing Conner Street from the west side of 16th Street to the west side of 9th Street for 45 days. 8th and 16th Streets will remain open. The closure began April 23. The switch to Phase III is scheduled for June 15.
 - i. 2022 traffic data shows 19,000 vehicles per day.
 - c. Phase III will close Conner Street from 6th Street to the west side of 9th Street for 26 days beginning on June 15. 9th, 10th, and 16th Streets will remain open.
 - i. 2022 traffic data shows 28,000 vehicles per day.
 - 2. INDOT's project website is <https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/>.
 - 3. Staff are working to mitigate traffic and truck concerns on residential streets.

4. Once the street reopens, there will be resurfacing work with traffic restrictions for approximately one month.

Staff have proposed a traffic pattern during the Phase III closure that would make 6th Street between Conner Street and Maple Avenue one way southbound and Maple Avenue from 6th Street to 8th Street one way eastbound. Barricades would be placed at the southwest corner of the intersection with room for East Bank residents to drive around them. Mr. Peterson asked what the westbound route would be. Staff replied traffic can drive eastbound on Conner Street to 9th Street, then north to Logan Street to continue westbound. A map of the proposal will be sent to INDOT.

Mr. Thurston stated he crosses downtown approximately 15 to 20 times per day, and the construction has added approximately five minutes to the drive. He stated the greatest difficulty is caused by people blocking the intersections. He suggested enforcement or warnings to create new driving habits. Staff replied the Police Department has been very active in stopping drivers. Staff stated there will be a smaller problem area for Phase III.

g. SR 37 and 186th Street Reduced Conflict Intersection

- i. Improvements will be funded using Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.
- ii. Temporary upgrades will be installed in the next two weeks, similar to the barriers at SR 37 and Cherry Street.
- iii. The intersection is planned as right in, right out, but will allow left turns from SR 37 to Field Drive.
- iv. Construction is set for 2024.
 1. The schedule is for late July through early October.
 2. The project will include closures of 186th Street on each side of SR 37.

h. SR 37 and 191st Street Intersection Improvement

- i. The scope of the project includes added turn lanes to both 191st Street approaches at SR 37, modified traffic signals, and a pedestrian crosswalk.
- ii. The project was bid in October as part of the SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project and the SR 37 and 186th Street Reduced Conflict Intersection project.
- iii. Construction is scheduled for 2024.
 1. The schedule is for late July through early October.
 2. There will be closures on each side of 191st street.
 3. Staff are coordinating with the Fire Department.
- iv. The City will construct a trail from the drive approach at Our Lady of Grace church to the drive approach at Cumberland Road, completing a trail connection. The plans and project update have been provided to the church.

i. SR 38 and Boden Road Roundabout

- i. Construction: The roundabout opened to traffic on May 24, 2024.
 1. 2022 traffic data shows 14,000 vehicles per day on SR 38.
 2. 2022 traffic data shows 5,600 vehicles per day on Boden Road.

- ii. The contractor for the project was E&B Paving, Inc.
- j. SR 38 and Hinkle Road (No Update)**
 - i. INDOT has chosen to install traffic signals.
 - ii. Construction has been moved to 2024.

4. Federal Aid and State Aid Projects

a. Pleasant Street – Phase I

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$8.5 million in state funds for the project.
- ii. Construction:
 - 1. Upcoming Closures and Restrictions (maps are being updated)
 - a. River Road Restrictions for the future Pleasant Street roundabout:
 - i. Restrictions began on April 11, 2024.
 - ii. River Road will not be closed during construction.
 - b. Walnut Street between 8th and 10th Streets
 - i. The street was closed beginning April 11, 2024.
 - c. Pleasant Street between 8th Street and 10th Street
 - i. The portion of street is expected to close on or after June 15, but most likely on Monday, June 17.
 - ii. 9th Street will be closed, but 8th and 10th Streets will remain open. Traffic will be directed to 10th Street.
 - iii. 2022 traffic data shows 5,600 vehicles per day.
 - d. Pleasant Street from 8th Street to 13th Street
 - i. The street will be closed on or after July 18, 2024 to October 2024, after SR 32 and 8th Street reopens.
 - ii. 9th, 10th, and 11th Street will be closed, but 8th Street will remain open.
 - iii. 2022 traffic data shows 9,200 vehicles per day.
 - iv. Pleasant Street from 8th Street to River Road, including the bridge over White River, will be complete and open by Thanksgiving.
 - iii. The next Quarterly Update Meeting should be in September, 2024.

b. Pleasant Street - Phase II:

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$494,400.00 in state funds for the project.
- ii. A full closure of Pleasant Street from 13th Street to 16th Street is anticipated during construction, which is anticipated to begin in September 2024.
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows 10,400 vehicles per day.
- iii. Construction Status:
 - 1. Environmental and ground improvement approvals are in process.
 - 2. Utility relocation has begun.

c. Pleasant Street - Phase III:

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$5,475,700.00 in state funds for the project.

- ii. A full closure of State Road 32 will be needed in 2025 for roundabout construction at the intersection of State Road 32, Hague Road, and the future Pleasant Street.
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows 21,000 vehicles per day.
 - iii. Construction Status:
 - 1. Cherry Tree Road was closed permanently.
 - a. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 2,400 vehicles per day.
 - 2. Submittals and shop drawings are being reviewed.
 - 3. Force main construction is ongoing.
 - 4. Construction of the bridge over Cicero Creek is scheduled to begin in June, 2024.
- d. Little Chicago Road Trail over Morse Lake**
 - i. The project area includes Elderberry Road to Carrigan Road.
 - ii. The project was awarded to Pontem Contractors.
 - iii. Road closures and restrictions in 2024:
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows 10,000 vehicles per day on Little Chicago Road.
 - 2. The road is closed until Thanksgiving 2024.
 - 3. An E-newsletter is being distributed.
 - iv. Boat Access will be coordinated for docks west of Little Chicago Road.
 - 1. The waterway under Little Chicago Road will be closed intermittently throughout the project.
 - 2. The contractor will allow intermittent openings depending on the construction activities being performed at that time.
 - 3. The waterway will be open for Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day weekend, and Labor Day weekend.
 - v. Pile driving will begin in June for the retaining wall between Hawthorn Place and the reservoir. Door hangers will be used to advise nearby residents of noise and vibration, with contact information if they have questions.
- e. 141st Street and Promise Road Roundabout**
 - i. Bids were opened on December 13, 2023. The bids were within the budget.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$1.86 million in MPO federal funds for the project.
 - iii. Road closure for construction is expected to begin June 17 due to utility relocation delays.
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows 8,000 vehicles per day on 141st Street.
 - 2. 2022 traffic data shows 4,000 vehicles per day on Promise Road.
 - iv. Utility relocation is ongoing and has delayed the original closure date of June 3.
- f. Olio Road between 146th Street and 156th Street (No Update)**
 - i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2027.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$7,710,202.00 in Rural State funds.
 - iii. The grant for the project does not include a bridge or a roundabout at 156th Street and Olio Road, but they are included in the design documents.

- iv. Preliminary design is 60 percent complete. Initial meetings with utilities have been held.
 - 1. Duke Energy recently found an easement from the 1930s, so the relocation costs must be reimbursed.
- v. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners offering to meet and discuss the project. Staff have met with five property owners to date.
- g. Boden Road and 166th Street Roundabout (No Update)**
 - i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2026.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$3.01 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) State funds for a 90 percent federal, 10 percent City cost share.
 - iii. The Stage 2 design phase was submitted on December 1, 2022.
 - iv. Construction is planned for 2026.
- h. Boden Road between Beauty Berry Drive (Ruoff Music Center) and 156th Street**
 - i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2028. The award had been postponed to 2029 but recently was restored to 2028.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$6,041,525.00 in state funds, plus \$422,650.00 for right-of-way acquisition.
 - iii. Stage 1 of the design is complete.

5. Local Projects

a. Boden Road Corridor

i. Segment 2 (156th Street to 166th Street)

- 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is ongoing, to include the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
- 2. Scoping and fees for final design have begun.

ii. Segment 3 (166th Street to SR 38)

- 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is ongoing, to include the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
- 2. Final design has begun.
- 3. INDOT constructed a single-lane roundabout at SR 38, so Boden road will have to reduce to one lane to match the roundabout. The Boden Road level of service is not affected.
- 4. Construction is scheduled for 2026, concurrent with the Boden Road/166th Street roundabout construction.

b. Nickel Plate Trail

- i. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded a Next Level Trails grant of \$3,130,000.00, to be paid as reimbursements.
 - 1. The grant agreement is being revised to include funding for the design of a bridge over 146th Street.
- ii. Bridge over 146th Street
 - 1. Design
 - a. Preliminary design alternatives have begun for a grade-separated crossing over 146th Street.

- b. Options are being investigated for connecting the Nickel Plate Trail to the Allisonville Road Trail at Wellington Parkway.
- c. **Forest Park to Federal Hill Trail and Logan Street Drainage**
 - i. Status: A contract was awarded.
 - 1. TRAIL: The trail will connect Forest Park to Federal Hill Commons. The selected alternative will construct a tunnel under the rail line at Forest Park.
 - 2. DRAINAGE: The project will provide drainage along the former trolley line near the Nickel Plate rail line. The project will improve undrained and under-drained areas around Forest Park, Park Street, Legacy Christian School, and future redevelopment opportunities.
 - 3. Construction is planned for 2024.
 - a. A pre-construction meeting was held on May 8.
 - b. The contractor began mobilizing equipment on June 6. Work on the drainage line will begin on June 10.
 - c. The tunnel under the railroad tracks will most likely be constructed after Labor Day.
 - d. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.
- d. **Innovation Mile – 141st Street**
 - i. A six-month closure is expected to begin in May 2024, dependent on federal approval of the wetland mitigation plan.
- e. **Downtown District**
 - i. Streetscape Phase I
 - 1. Status: Design is ongoing.
 - 2. Schedule: The project has been paused. Some items are being evaluated. There is a possibility that the project may resume soon.
 - 3. Storm sewer separation and design scoping are underway.
 - ii. Signals
 - 1. Scope: Replacement of existing signal poles with decorative poles on Logan Street at SR 19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets began February 1, 2024.
 - 2. Status: 60 percent design is underway, but the project is paused along with Streetscape Phase I.
 - 3. Schedule:
 - a. Design is being coordinated with changes to the overall Downtown Improvement project.
 - b. Construction will take place with the Downtown Improvement project.
 - iii. 4-Way Signal Flashers
 - 1. 10th and Clinton Streets, 10th and Hannibal Streets, and 9th Street and Maple Avenue
 - a. The project is complete. The contractor is waiting for delivery of street sign brackets.
- f. **8th Street and Christian Avenue Roundabout**
 - i. Status: Preliminary design has begun.

ii. Schedule:

1. Design will consider alternatives for both corridors with a decision on layout in fall 2024.
2. Construction is scheduled for 2026.

g. Small Structures

i. Culvert at Greenfield Avenue over Wheeler and Wheeler Drain Arm

1. Project design by WSP is complete.
2. All right-of-way is secured. Utility work has begun.
3. Bids were opened on May 28, 2024. The bid was awarded to Midwest Paving on June 11.
4. Construction is planned for the fall 2024, after Labor Day.
5. A 30-day closure of Greenfield Avenue will be required during construction.
 - a. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 6,681 vehicles per day.

ii. Mill Creek over Sly Run Regulated Drain

1. A culvert was to be widened to allow for construction of a trail between Promenade and Promenade Woods, both Justus developments.
2. Hydraulic modeling shows a downstream culvert will limit hydraulic improvements.
3. The project has been scaled back to only widening the trail and not expanding the size of the culvert. The downstream property owner does not plan to develop the property. Downstream restrictions prevent size improvements to the culvert under Mill Creek Road.
4. Construction will most likely be in 2025 due to the permitting process.

h. Riverwalk Trail


- i. The work entails repairing joists under the boardwalk.
- ii. Work is needed on portions of the trail north of Logan Street and south of Conner Street.
- iii. The project was completed before the Main Street Duck Race took place.

6. Discussion

No additional topics were discussed.

The next meeting will be on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.


EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE


MARK BOICE, COMMITTEE CHAIR