

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in the Council conference room at City Hall on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 8:10 a.m. Megan Wiles was present, and Pete Schwartz arrived at 8:20 a.m. Mark Boice participated electronically via Microsoft Teams. Todd Thurston was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, City Engineer Alison Krupski, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, and Engineering Project Manager Andrew Rodewald.

New information appears in red.

1. 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, which should be disbursed to the City by year end.
- ii. Punchlist work and landscaping are scheduled for completion in 2025.

b. Pleasant Street - Phase II:

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$494,400.00 in state funds for the project.
- ii. Utilities relocation work is underway.
- iii. Staff are working to receive environmental approvals from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All issues are related to the former Firestone property.
- iv. There will be a full closure of Pleasant Street from 13th Street to 16th Street during construction.
 1. The closure is expected to continue through the end of the year.
 2. Two maps will be available to the public with detours, including 16th Street and Greenfield Avenue.
 3. The temporary signal at 16th Street and Greenfield Avenue will remain in place. Left turns are not allowed.
 4. Access to businesses and the Street Department will be maintained.
 5. 2022 traffic data show 10,400 vehicles per day.
- v. **Indiana American Water Company Closures**
 1. Pleasant Street west of 19th Street will be closed for three days beginning on February 10 to connect a water main to the fairgrounds.
 2. 19th Street north of the roundabout at Pleasant Street will be closed for three days during work hours only beginning on February 17.

c. Pleasant Street - Phase III:

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

- ii. Cherry Tree Road was closed permanently.
 - 1. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 2,400 vehicles per day.
- iii. 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. Hague Road north of SR 32 is expected to close for 30 days in June.
 - 2. The intersection at State Road 32 and Hague Road is expected to fully close for 75 days beginning in July.
 - 3. INDOT's official detour will be on SR 38, but the City is investigating options for unofficial detour routes. Traffic signal timings will be adjusted to accommodate the extra traffic.
 - 4. **Staff are working to begin the closure in May and adjust the detour route to 146th Street.**
 - 5. 2022 traffic data show 21,000 vehicles per day.
- 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. Little Chicago Road has reopened to traffic.
 - 3. The Trail will open to pedestrians in spring 2025.
 - a. Final asphalt will be installed in the spring.
 - 4. An E-newsletter is being distributed.
- e. **Olio Road between 146th Street and 156th Street**
 - i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2027. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2026 and continue to the end of 2027.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$7,710,202.00 in Rural State funds.
 - iii. A new grant award of \$2.8 million was awarded for a roundabout at 156th Street and Olio Road, in a special safety call through INDOT.
 - 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 their relocation costs must be reimbursed.
 - v. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners offering to meet and discuss the project. Staff have met with seven property owners to date. Staff have met with a few property owners multiple times.
 - vi. A resolution concerning land acquisition was adopted by the Council on January 14, 2025.
 - vii. **Due to recent Executive Orders, the Federal Highway Administration is not signing off on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents to this level of impact, so right-of-way acquisition will be delayed.**
- f. **Boden Road and 166th Street Roundabout**
 - i. The award of funds was moved from State Fiscal Year 2026 to 2027 or 2028.

- 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. Duke Energy will need multiple years to move their lines, which necessitated delaying construction.
 - v. Construction is planned for 2028 to allow for utility relocation.
 - vi. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin this **spring**. A resolution is expected to be presented to Council early in 2025.
- g. Boden Road between Beauty Berry Drive (Ruoff Music Center) and 156th Street (No Update)**
- 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 rural project state funds, plus \$422,650.00 for right-of-way acquisition.
 - iii. Stage 1 of the preliminary design is complete.
 - 1. Environmental review is ongoing. Additional investigations of found artifacts will continue through the winter.
- h. Highway Safety Improvement Program**
- i. Sign Modernization Project
 - 1. The City received a new grant award of \$441,000.00.
 - 2. The project will replace regulatory and warning signs in “pre-1995 Noblesville”.
 - a. The area includes Old Town, the Wellingtons, and the Harbours, among other neighborhoods.
 - 3. Construction will most likely take place in 2027.
 - 4. **Work is beginning on the design contract.**
 - ii. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Project
 - 1. The City received a new grant award of \$244,800.00.
 - 2. The project will install curb bump outs, ramps, striping, and signage on 10th Street to improve speed control and shorten crosswalks for pedestrian safety.
 - a. The project area is proximity to North Elementary on Wayne, Harrison, Monument, and Grant Streets.
 - 3. Construction will most likely take place in 2027.
 - 4. **Work is beginning on the design contract.**
- i. Safety Action Plan**
- i. Federal Highway Administration Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funds were used.
 - ii. A public meeting will be held to obtain more public involvement in the Greenfield Avenue between 10th and 16th Streets.
 - 1. The meeting took place at Stony Creek Elementary School on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 2. A roundabout at 16th Street was discussed.
 - 3. Extension of the Stony Creek Trail was discussed.

4. A trail on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side of Greenfield Avenue was discussed.
5. **The meeting was well attended, and feedback was positive overall.**
- iii. **Staff are working toward closing out the grant.**
- j. **Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road Roundabout**
 - i. There has been a preliminary recommendation to award \$1,633,915.00 in Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funds for construction.
 - ii. Staff are awaiting final notice.
 - iii. If awarded, the funds would be used for construction in 2029.
 - iv. **Preliminary 30 percent design would also study the corridor.**
- k. **141st Street and Howe Road Roundabout**
 - i. There has been a preliminary recommendation to award \$2,002,400.00 in Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funds for construction in stated Fiscal Year 2028.
 - ii. Staff are awaiting official notice.

2. Local Projects

a. 2025 Street Rehabilitation

- i. **Contract I – Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG)**
 1. There was a new award of \$438,500.00 on November 7, 2024 for the remainder of eligible 2024 grant funds.
 2. The project will include a portion of West Haven and Lochaven east of Cherry Tree Road.
 3. **The project will bid on February 11.**
- ii. **Contract II**
 1. **This project will use local funds and is being finalized for a March bid.**
- iii. **Contract III**
 1. **The Community Crossing Matching Grant application was submitted on January 31, 2025.**
 2. **The bid opening will be dependent on the award notification, which will likely be in May.**

b. Boden Road Corridor

- i. **Segment 2 (156th Street to 166th Street) (No Update)**
 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is complete and includes the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
 2. Scoping and fees for the final design have begun.
- ii. **Segment 3 (166th Street to SR 38)**
 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is complete and includes the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
 2. Final design has begun and is being coordinated with the 166th Street roundabout project.
 3. The utilities also are coordinating with the 166th Street roundabout project.
 4. Right-of-way acquisition will coincide with the 166th Street roundabout project.

5. 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.
 6. Construction is scheduled for 2028, concurrent with the Boden Road/166th Street roundabout construction.
- c. **Nickel Plate Trail (No Update)**
- 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. Hamilton County may participate.
 - ii. Bridge over 146th Street
 1. Preliminary design alternatives have begun for a grade-separated crossing over 146th Street.
 - a. Hamilton County has expressed interest in participating in the project.
 2. Full design will begin in early 2025.
 3. Options are being investigated for connecting the Nickel Plate Trail to the Allisonville Road Trail at Wellington Parkway.
- d. **Forest Park to Federal Hill Trail and Logan Street Drainage**
- i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Construction is planned for 2024.
 1. Work on the drainage line began on June 10. Boring under the rail line was completed on July 31.
 - a. Approximately 40 feet of the main line remains to be installed.
 - b. The line will cross under Forest Park Drive for future use by the park.
 2. The tunnel under the railroad tracks is complete.
 - iv. Work is paused for the winter. The project is expected to be completed in April 2025.
- e. **Innovation Mile – 141st Street**
- i. 141st Street is expected to open soon. A one-week closure in Spring 2025 for installation of the final road surface and a sewer crossing east of the new roadway.
- f. **Embrace Downtown (new project title)**
- i. An analysis of alternatives is underway.
 - ii. Additional survey work has begun.

- iii. Replacement of existing signal poles with decorative poles on Logan Street at SR 19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets will be included in the Streetscape project.
- iv. **Public announcements of the project were sent out.**
- v. **The first “Downtown Office Hours” were held on February 5, 2025 to receive feedback and answer questions.**
- g. **Logan Street and Clinton Street Brick Rehabilitation**
 - i. Initial scoping of the project is planned for spring 2025 to determine limits and phasing of the project. **Light Detection and Radar (LiDAR) technology may be used.**
- h. **8th Street and Christian Avenue Roundabout (No Update)**
 - i. Alternatives for the 8th Street corridor will be presented to the Nickel Plate Trail steering committee for comment. The Nickel Plate Trail master plan will include the trail corridor from 146th Street to Downtown.
 - ii. Construction is currently scheduled for 2026 but is dependent on completion of the Nickel Plate Masterplan and construction of the Embrace Downtown project.
- i. **Logan Street Corridor (No Update)**
 - i. The project will be limited to west of SR 19.
 - ii. Preliminary engineering and alternatives analysis is planned to begin in 2025.
- j. **Little Chicago Road Corridor Improvements (No Update)**
 - i. The project will be limited to the section between SR 38 and Carrigan Road.
 - ii. Preliminary engineering and alternatives analysis is planned to begin in late 2025.
- k. **Carrigan Road and North Harbour Drive/Oakbay Drive (No Update)**
 - i. Preliminary engineering and alternatives analysis is planned to begin in late 2025.
- l. **Culvert at Greenfield Avenue over Wheeler and Wheeler Drain Arm**
 - i. Bids were opened on May 28, 2024. The bid was awarded to Midwest Paving on June 11.
 - ii. Utilities relocation is underway and is scheduled to resume on February 10.
 - iii. A 30-day closure of Greenfield Avenue will be required.
 - 1. **Construction is expected to begin in late March.**
 - 2. **Construction will coincide with Spring Break.**
 - 3. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 6,681 vehicles per day.
- m. **Mill Creek over Sly Run Regulated Drain (No Update)**
 - i. A trail will be constructed between Promenade and Promenade Woods, both Justus developments.
 - ii. Hydraulic modeling shows a downstream culvert will limit hydraulic improvements.
 - iii. 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.

- iv. Construction will most likely be in fall 2025 due to the permitting process. **Staff are evaluating whether to move construction to 2026 due to other closures in the area.**

- n. **156th Street over William Lehr Ditch**

- i. Preliminary design is planned to begin in late 2025.

3. Hamilton County Projects

- a. **146th Street over Allisonville Road Interchange (No Update)**

- i. Left turns are prohibited at the intersection.
 - 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.

4. INDOT Projects

- a. **SR 37 and 141st Street Interchange (No Update)**

- i. Completion is expected by October 2026.
 - ii. 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. INDOT Memorandum of Agreement commitment:
 - 1. They will produce 30 percent design for the intersections at SR 32 and Pleasant Street.
 - 2. There will be an 80/20 percent partnership for design and construction of a SR 32 and SR 37 interchange.
 - 3. INDOT has not committed to final design and construction of the other interchanges.

- iii. Interlocal Agreement with INDOT

- 1. The agreement will fund initial 30 percent design of an interchange at Greenfield Avenue.
 - 2. The City will fund the contract, but the cost will count towards the City's 20 percent share of the larger project.

- iv. **FY25 BUILD Grant (formerly RAISE Grant)**

- 1. **The application was submitted on January 30, 2025.**
 - 2. **Notification is expected by June 28, 2025.**

- v. INDOT's project website is www.sr37improvement.com.

- vi. Individual meetings with property owners and business owners are planned.

- c. **SR 38/Logan Street Roundabout**

- i. **Letting is scheduled for January 2026.**
 - ii. Construction is planned for 2026.
 - iii. 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.
 - 1. **Right-of-way offers will begin the week of February 9.**

- d. **SR 32 Added Travel Lanes (No Update)**
 - i. The project scope will be four lanes with medians from just west of River Road to East Street in Westfield.
 - ii. INDOT has agreed to construct roundabouts at intersections.
 - 1. The right-of-way acquisition costs and dedicated right-of-way from proposed developments such as Midland Pointe will count towards the City's \$2 million contribution to the project.
 - iii. Construction is anticipated in 2026.
 - iv. The project website is <https://improvetomove32.com>.
- e. **SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project**
 - i. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction, Inc.
 - 1. Punch list work remains to be completed, including reconstruction of the ramp at the northwest corner of 8th and Conner to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Work has not yet been scheduled.
 - 2. **INDOT will add a pedestrian crossing on the west side of SR 19 from the Riverview overflow lot to Federal Hill Commons.**
 - ii. INDOT's project website is <https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/>.
- f. **SR 38 and Hinkle Road**
 - i. INDOT has chosen to install traffic signals.
 - ii. Construction has been scheduled for spring 2025.
 - 1. **Hinkle Road will be temporarily closed.**
 - 2. **Staff will work to notify neighbors of the closure.**

5. Discussion

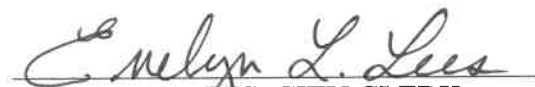
Ms. Johnson stated replacement of school zone flashers had begun.

Staff informed the committee that 146th Street between Olio Road and Prairie Baptist Road may be paved before the Arena at Innovation Mile opens later in the year, since that road would be a main exit for traffic, and it is in very poor condition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.



MARK BOICE, COMMITTEE CHAIR



EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE