

# THE NEW US 31

## HAMILTON COUNTY

**DATE/TIME:** March 24, 2015 9:00 a.m. (EDT)

**LOCATION:** Grand Park, administration building, 711 E. 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Westfield, IN 46078

**SUBJECT:** Meeting #14 - Community Advisory Committee (final meeting)

**CAC ATTENDEES:** Jim Neal (Hamilton County), Jennifer Miller (City of Westfield), Jeremy Kashman (City of Carmel), Tiffany Boone (City of Carmel), Christine Altman (Hamilton County), Tom Morlock (St. Vincent Carmel), Brad Davis (Hamilton County), Ron Farrand (Carmel Clay Schools), Paul Seppel (Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company) Melody Jones (City of Westfield), Jeremy Lollar (City of Westfield), Phil Sundling (City of Westfield), Monica Faurote (Village Farms HOA)

**US 31 TEAM MEMBERS:** Chad Nierman (INDOT) Jason Rowley (CHA Companies), Tom Karis (CHA Companies), KimberLee Peters (INDOT), Mary Higgins (Borshoff), Whitney Pflanzler (Borshoff), Brandye Hendrickson (INDOT), Gail Lee (INDOT), Eryn Fletcher (FHWA)

Notes by: Mary Higgins

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**PURPOSE:** To provide updates regarding 2014 construction progress and upcoming 2015 construction/closures associated with INDOT and City projects.

**PRESENTATION:** Several members of the US 31 team provided a PowerPoint presentation to the above Community Advisory Committee members and then responded to a question and answer session. An overview of the presentation is outlined below:

### 1. Construction progress – Presented by KimberLee Peters (INDOT)

- a. US 31 between Old Meridian and 136<sup>th</sup> streets
  - US 31 closed between Old Meridian and 136<sup>th</sup> streets in April 2014, and opened to traffic on time before Thanksgiving 2014
  - 136<sup>th</sup> Street is open to traffic
  - 131<sup>st</sup>/Main Street bridge is open to traffic, but will have lane restrictions thru fall 2015
  - 126<sup>th</sup> Street/Carmel Drive bridge is expected to open to traffic in May/June
- b. Completed work (Carmel)
  - Southbound US 31 ramps to I-465
  - Mainline US 31 between Old Meridian and 136<sup>th</sup> streets
  - US 31/131<sup>st</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup> streets interchanges
  - US 31/Keystone Parkway
  - Demolition and clearing
  - Land acquisition and utility relocation
- c. Completed work (Westfield)
  - US 31/146<sup>th</sup>, 151<sup>st</sup> and 161<sup>st</sup> streets interchanges
  - SR 32/Shamrock Boulevard/Poplar Street roundabout
  - Wheeler Road/Blackburn Road/Tomlinson Road/186<sup>th</sup> Street connection
  - 191<sup>st</sup>/East streets roundabout, East Street extension
  - Westfield Park Road and Sun Park Drive
  - US 31/SR 38 interchange
  - Demolition and clearing
  - Land acquisition and utility relocation

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### 2. INDOT construction in Carmel – Presented by Chad Nierman (INDOT)

- a. Current construction contract in Carmel includes the area from 96<sup>th</sup> Street to Range Line Road
  - Crews are working to construct the outside lanes of US 31 in this area through May, then traffic will be shifted and construction will begin on the inside lanes of US 31 thru fall 2015
- b. 2015 anticipated INDOT closures in Carmel
  - 103rd Street/US 31 – July/Aug, Permanent closure
  - 106th Street/US 31 - July/Aug, Approx. 7-day closures of on/off-ramps
  - 106th Street – March/April (water line), Up to 7-day closures west of US 31
  - 111th Street/US 31 – June/July, Bridge opens
  - 116th Street/US 31 – Aug/Sept, Approx. 14-day closures of on-ramps
  - 116th/Pennsylvania streets – July/Aug, Approx. 60-day closure
  - Old Meridian Street ramp – May/June, Approx. 30-day closure
  - 126th Street/Carmel Drive - May/June, Bridge opens
- c. I-465 update
  - New ramps now open from southbound US 31 to eastbound and westbound I-465
  - All ramps are expected to be open and interchange construction substantially complete by end of 2015
- d. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street update
  - Access to/from US 31 will be permanently closed in July/August
  - Nearest interchange will be located at 106th Street
- e. 106<sup>th</sup> Street update
  - Various seven-day ramp closures in July/August
  - Three-day and seven-day closure west of US 31 for water line installation in March/April
  - Construction to be substantially complete in fall 2015
- f. 111<sup>th</sup> Street update
  - Bridge over US 31 opens in June/July
  - No direct access to/from US 31
  - Nearest interchanges are located at 106th and 116th streets
- g. 116<sup>th</sup> Street update
  - 14-day on-ramp closures in August/September
  - 116th/Pennsylvania streets closure in July/August for approx. 60 days
  - Construction to be substantially complete in fall 2015
- h. 126<sup>th</sup> Street/Carmel Drive update
  - Bridge construction continues
  - Expected to open to traffic in May/June
  - No direct access to/from US 31
  - Nearest interchanges will be located at 116th and 131st/Main streets
- i. 131<sup>st</sup>/Main Street update
  - New interchange open to traffic
  - Minor lane restrictions remain through fall
  - Signage and lighting additions are coming soon
- j. 136<sup>th</sup> Street update
  - New interchange open to traffic
  - Signage and lighting additions are coming soon

### 3. City of Carmel construction projects – Presented by Tiffany Boone (City of Carmel)

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- a. Illinois Street extension
    - 106th/Illinois Street – Roundabout
      - Closure: 106th Street – May/June, Approx. 60 days
      - Closure: Illinois Street – June/July, Approx. 15 days
      - Detour route: Illinois Street and Springmill Road
    - 103rd/Illinois Street - New pedestrian paths, landscaping, HMA surface pavement and pavement markings
      - Lane restrictions as needed
  - b. 111th/Pennsylvania Street – Roundabout
    - Intersection closure: On or after March 30, Approx. 60 days
    - Detour route: 106th Street, College Avenue, 116th Street, Illinois Street
  - c. Main Street improvements - Roadway reconstruction and widening
    - Closure: Main Street between Pennsylvania and Old Meridian streets – On or after March 23
    - Mid-July completion
    - Detour route: Old Meridian Street, Carmel Drive, Pennsylvania Street
- 4. INDOT construction in Westfield – Presented by Chad Nierman (INDOT)**
- a. Current construction contract includes area from 169<sup>th</sup> to 203<sup>rd</sup> streets
  - b. Traffic on US 31 was shifted to the new southbound lanes in January 2015 between 169<sup>th</sup> and 196<sup>th</sup> streets, contractor is building new northbound lanes in this area
  - c. Current access in Westfield
    - Full access to/from US 31 at 196th Street and SR 32
    - Right-in and right-out turns only at local driveway south of 191<sup>st</sup> Street (near Paddock's Towing)
    - No direct access to/from US 31 at 169<sup>th</sup>, 181st and 191st streets
  - d. 2015 anticipated INDOT closures in Westfield
    - 169th Street/US 31 – Aug/Sept, Approx. 14-day closure
    - Northbound US 31 ramp to SR 32 – April/May, Duration TBD
    - SR 32 ramp to northbound US 31 – April/May, Duration TBD
    - 181st Street/US 31 – July/Aug, Approx. 14-day closure
    - 191st Street/US 31 – Aug/Sept, Bridge opens over 191st Street
    - 196th Street/US 31 – Sept, Permanent closure
  - e. 169<sup>th</sup> Street update
    - Construction continues through fall 2015
    - Closure in Aug/Sept for approx. 14 days
    - No direct access to/from US 31
    - Nearest interchanges are located at SR 32 and 161st Street
  - f. SR 32 update
    - Former traffic signal removed in January
    - Traffic on US 31 now travels above SR 32
    - Single-point urban interchange (SPUI), will provide direct access to/from US 31 with a single traffic signal underneath the new US 31 bridge over SR 32
    - INDOT anticipates closures of northbound US 31 ramp to SR 32 and SR 32 ramp to northbound US 31 in April/May
  - g. US 31/SR 32 northbound ramp detours
    - For access to northbound US 31 from SR 32, motorists will be detoured to southbound US 31 and 161st Street
    - For access to SR 32 from northbound US 31, motorists will be detoured to SR 38 and southbound US 31
  - h. 181<sup>st</sup> Street update

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- Construction continues through fall 2015
  - INDOT anticipates closure of 181st Street in July/Aug, approx. 14 days
  - No direct access to/from US 31
  - Nearest interchanges will be located at SR 32 and 191st Street
  - i. 191<sup>st</sup> Street update
    - Access was restricted in 2014; Grand Park and local traffic were directed to SR 32 and 196th Street
    - Chad Hittle Drive open to local businesses
    - Anticipated interchange opening in August/September
  - j. 196<sup>th</sup> Street update
    - Temporary signal and access to/from US 31 expected to be permanently removed as early as September
    - Nearest interchanges will be located at 191st Street and SR 38
- 5. City of Westfield construction projects – Presented by Chad Nierman (INDOT)**
- a. 156th Street/Spring Mill Road
    - Intersection closure: April/May, Approx. 60 days
  - b. 161st Street/Oakridge Road
    - Expected to be under construction August thru October
  - c. 191st Street/Tomlinson Road roundabout
    - Intersection is currently closed thru July
- 6. Other design elements**
- a. INDOT expects the majority of landscaping throughout the US 31 Hamilton County corridor to be installed in 2015, with completion in 2016
- 7. Public outreach – Presented by KimberLee Peters (INDOT)**
- a. Stay updated on construction
    - Visit [US31HamiltonCounty.in.gov](http://US31HamiltonCounty.in.gov)
    - Subscribe to project e-newsletter
    - Subscribe to text messaging program by texting ROADS to 411247 (standard texting rates apply)
    - Follow/Like INDOT East Central on Twitter and on Facebook
    - REMINDER: Public open house at Carmel High School (freshman cafeteria) on March 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m.

### Q&A session

Q: Will there be a way to help with traffic for Fourth of July fireworks in Carmel and Westfield?

A: INDOT continues to work closely with Carmel and Westfield regarding necessary closures and construction timing. We recommend signing up for our project e-newsletter on our website or our text messaging program to stay updated on real-time construction and closure information.

Q: Residents on Greyhound Pass are continuing to experience increased traffic and speeding motorists. Are there plans to redirect traffic to alternate roads to help alleviate the congestion? At this point, there doesn't seem to be much that INDOT can do, so the Village Farms neighborhood will likely need to take their requests to the City of Westfield for assistance.

A: Due to ongoing construction along the corridor, some motorists are still adjusting to the new configuration and speed limits. We appreciate you sharing your concerns and will continue to monitor this area for improvements.

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Q: Will any upcoming city events such as fireworks, the Carmel Marathon, etc. be impacted by construction?

A: The City of Carmel and The New US 31 Hamilton County project team are currently working with City and race organizations to minimize impacts to events such as the Carmel Marathon due to construction. The project team encourages anyone who is planning or attending an upcoming event in either cities to reach out to us so we can help minimize construction-related impacts when possible.