
US24 at County Road 600 East Intersection Improvement

Thursday, November 2, 2017



Welcome

- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Participate during public comment session
- Submit written public comments
- Project display area



US 24 at County Road 600 East

- **Introduction of INDOT Project Team**

- Project Management
- Public Involvement
- LaPorte District – INDOT Regional Office
- Environmental Services
- Design

- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**

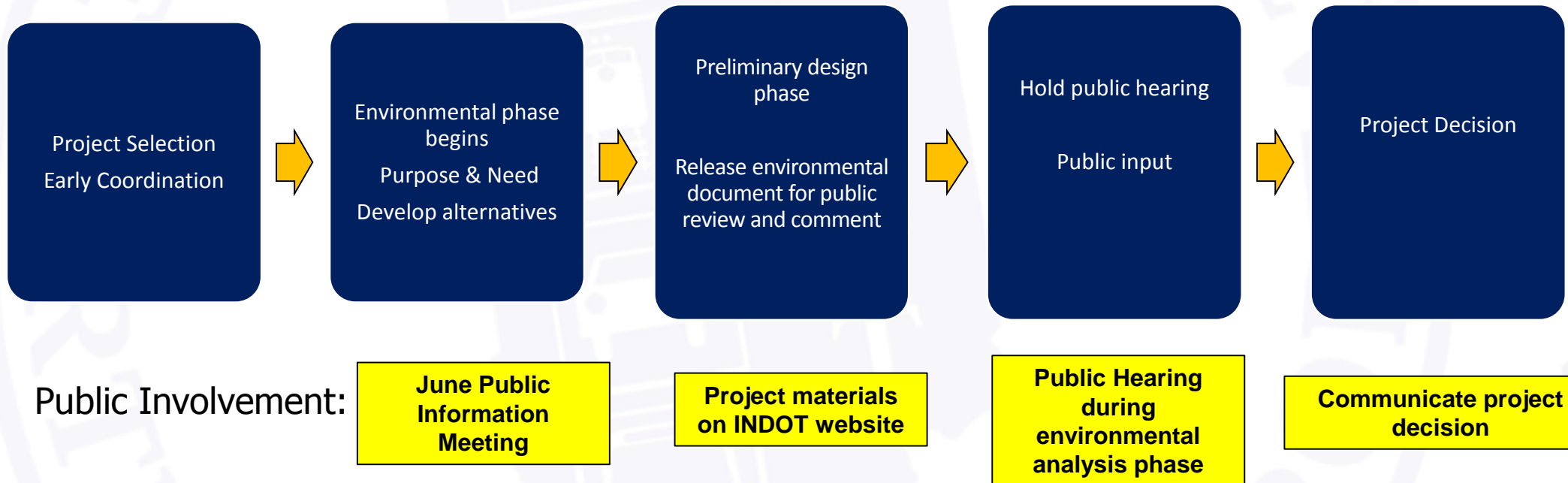
- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- Legal notice of public hearing was published in Pharos-Tribune on 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
- A notice of the public hearing was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- A copy of presentation and project documentation are available for review on-line via INDOT website

Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Cass County & City of Logansport
- Elected & Local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations



Project Development



Environmental Document

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives Screening
 - Preferred Alternative
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
 - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
 - How can impacts be avoided?
 - Can impacts be minimized?
 - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Draft environmental document released for public involvement**
 - Available for public review at several locations and INDOT website

Need for Improvement & Alternatives

- **Enhance safety at intersection**

- Traffic directly crossing U.S. 24 at County Road 600 East poses a safety concern

- **No Build**

- No additional work beyond routine maintenance activity

- **Signalized Intersection**

- Traffic on minor leg (County Road 600 East) does not warrant a signalized intersection when compared to traffic on major leg (US 24)

- **Re-Align Intersection** (to 90 Degrees)

- Would require purchase of right-of-way
- Minimal reduction in number of crashes

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- Significant increase in cost

- **Interchange**

- Implementation would require years of planning and design, would not address safety concerns in a timely fashion
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- **J-Turn Intersection**

- Enhances safety at intersection by eliminating or significantly reducing injury crashes
- Can be implemented in one construction season

Project Resource Locations

- **INDOT LaPorte District Office**

315 E. Boyd Boulevard, LaPorte, IN 46350

- Toll Free number 1-855-464-6368
- LaPorteDistrictCommunications@indot.in.gov
- <http://www.in.gov/indot/2705.htm>
- Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for Northwest Indiana

- **Logansport Public Library -** 616 East Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947; Phone (574)753-6383

- **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**

100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Phone (317) 232-6601

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Crash Data

Crash Data for US 24 at C.R. 600 East (2012-2016)						
SEVERITY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Crash with no Injury	2	2	2	4	1	11
Non-Incapacitating Injury	-	2	3	2	1	8
Incapacitating Injury	-	1	-	3	8	12
Fatal	1	-	1	-	1	3
TOTALS	3	5	6	9	11	34

A total of 4 injury crashes have occurred in 2017 (3 non-injury crashes) (1 incapacitating injury crash)

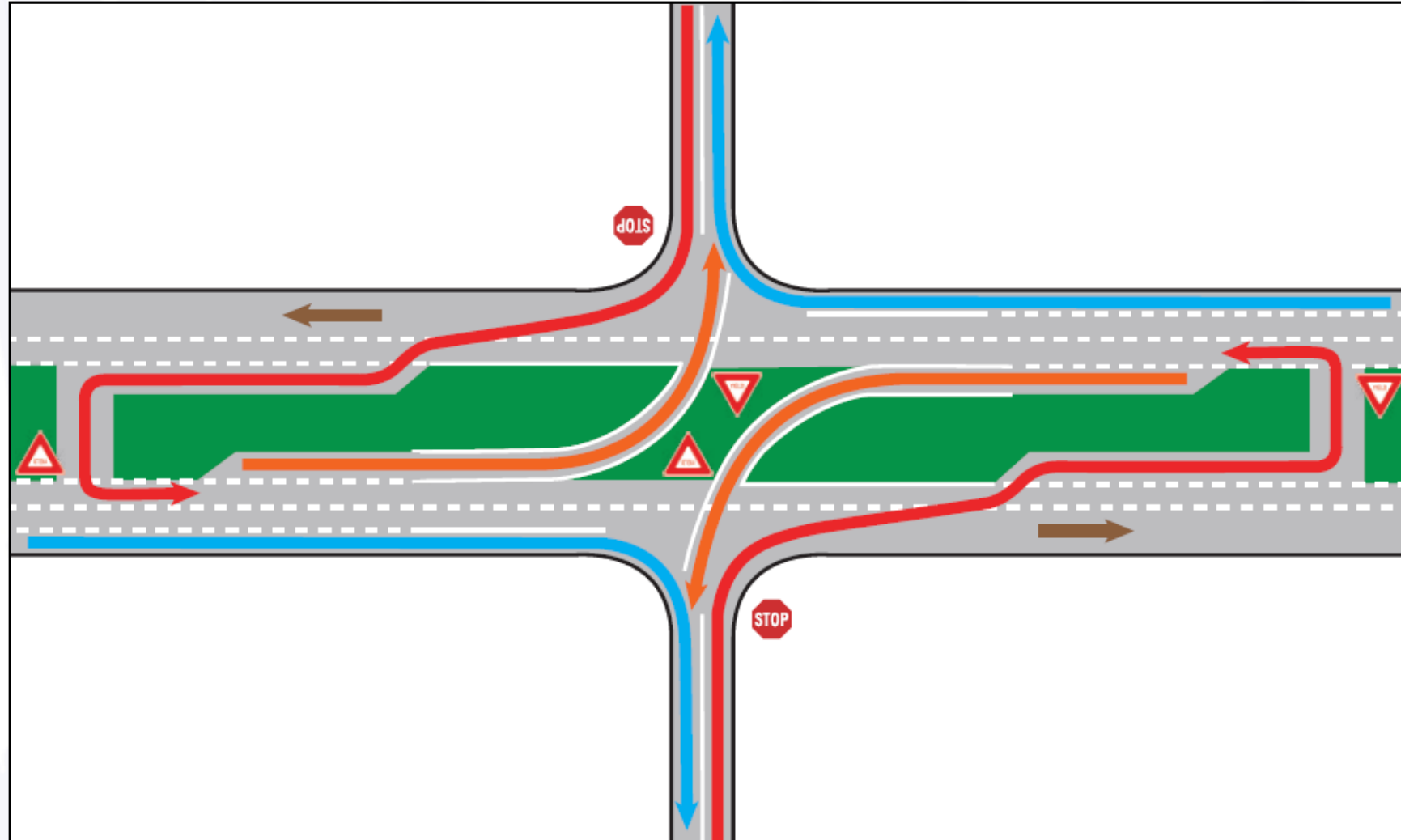
Intersection Safety

- Crashes can occur when vehicles directly cross multiple lanes of traffic through wide intersections with varying directional movements



J-Turn is an alternative for consideration

- Conflict points are dramatically reduced
- J-Turn intersections prevent direct crossing and left turn movements
- Left turns & crossing minor roads are made using U-turn movement on major road
- Left turns from major road are made under yield (as current)



Recap of Alternatives Considered

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Timeline

- Public Information Meeting – June 2017
- Environmental document released for public involvement - August 2017
- Public Hearings – October/November 2017
- INDOT Decision - Fall 2017

Your Input is Needed

- **Submit public comments using the options described in first page of information packet:**
 - Public Comment Form
 - Via e-mail
 - Participate during public comment session following formal presentation
- **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Friday, November 17, 2017**
- All comments submitted will become included in an official public hearings transcript and made part of the public record
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during decision making process

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Next Steps

- **Public and project stakeholder input**
 - Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet
- **INDOT review and evaluation**
 - All comments are given full consideration during decision-making process
 - Finalize/approve environmental document
- **Communicate a decision**
 - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
 - Work through local media, social media outlets, paid legal notice
 - Make project documents accessible via repositories
- **Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team**



Thank You

- **Please visit with the design team and INDOT project officials following the presentation**
- **Project Open House**
 - Project maps, displays, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
 - INDOT LaPorte District page <http://www.in.gov/indot/2705.htm>
 - LaPorteDistrictCommunications@indot.in.gov