

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2024**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in room A213 at City Hall on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:05 a.m. Darren Peterson, and Todd Thurston were present. Mark Boice and Pete Schwartz were absent.

Also present were City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Public Safety Director Chad Knecht, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, Deputy Clerk Ilga Pruzinskis, City Engineer Ali Krupski, and Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann.

1. Street Rehabilitation

a. 2023 Street Rehabilitation

i. Contract II:

1. Old Town south of Cherry Street and east of 10th Street
 - a. Milling and paving is ongoing.

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

1. Boden from 146th Street/Greenfield Avenue to SR 38
 - a. Pavement markings are scheduled for spring completion.

b. 2024 Street Rehabilitation

i. 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. Areas included in the grant application are: 196th Street/Hague Road; portions of Oakmont, South Harbor, and West Haven; Lakeview Drive, Forest Hills, and Midland/Kipfford (Lochaven). Staff have not learned which areas were included in the grant yet.
3. An application for the remaining eligible amount will be submitted later this year.

ii. Local funded

1. Project areas are being finalized.

2. Hamilton County Projects

a. 146th Street over Allisonville Road Interchange

- i. Allisonville Road was closed on March 1, 2024.
- ii. The closure of Allisonville Road will last 90 days.
- iii. The project website is www.streamline146.com.

3. INDOT Projects

a. SR 37 and 141st Street interchange

- i. Bids were opened on April 10, 2024, and the winning bid was below the engineer's estimate.
- ii. Construction is expected in 2025 and 2026.

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

- i. INDOT is heading the project with Noblesville partnership.
 - 1. A contract was awarded for 30 percent design, known as Stage 1 Plan Development. INDOT has committed to interchanges at Greenfield Avenue and SR 32 only, but the design will include the entire corridor.
 - 2. American Structurepoint was selected for the contract. The City had been working with United Consulting and Lochmueller, so that information will be transferred to American Structurepoint.
- ii. The City has engaged Lochmueller to work on the environmental document.
- iii. The cost/benefit analysis based on the traffic report is ongoing.
- iv. The City and INDOT partnered to apply for a RAISE grant for 30 percent design on February 28, 2024. The City applied for \$12 million, and INDOT applied for \$3 million.

c. SR 38 at Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge Roundabout

- i. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction.
- ii. Construction resumed April 1.

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. The project scope will be four lanes with medians from just west of River Road to East Street in Westfield.
 - 1. If developers want additional access to SR 32, staff advised that they contact INDOT.
- ii. INDOT has agreed to construct roundabouts at intersections.
- iii. 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.
 - 2. Developers in the corridor will be allowed to make cash payments to the City in lieu of construction required sidewalks, since sidewalks will be a part of INDOT's project.
- iv. Construction is anticipated in 2025 or 2026.

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.
 - b. Phase II will follow, closing Conner Street from the west side of 16th Street to the west side of 9th Street for 45 days, reopening by June 5. 8th and 16th Streets will remain open.
 - c. Phase III will close Conner Street from 6th Street to the west side of 9th Street for 26 days. 9th, 10th, and 16th Streets will remain open.
 - 2. INDOT's project website is <https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/>.
 - 3. There was a discussion regarding large truck traffic on residential streets. Staff requested photos when possible.
- 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 early 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.
- i. **SR 38 and Boden Road Roundabout (No Update)**
 - i. Construction began April 9, 2024. The roads will be closed for 45 days.
 - ii. The contract was awarded to 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. INDOT Rural Call

- i. Application for funding was submitted December 1, 2023.
- ii. The application was for funding for Olivo Road north of 156th Street and SR 38.
- iii. No funds were awarded.

b. 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
 - 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 from 8th Street to 13th Street
 - i. Restrictions are expected to begin in May 2024.
 - d. 10th Street at Pleasant Street
 - i. Restrictions are expected to begin in June 2024.
 - ii. During this closure, a temporary signal will be installed at 16th Street and Greenfield Avenue.
 - iii. The next Quarterly Update Meeting should be in June, 2024.

c. 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.
- iii. Construction Status:
 1. Tree clearing has been completed.
 2. Demolition of county fairground buildings has been completed.
 3. Environmental and ground improvement approvals are in process.

d. 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.
- iii. Construction Status:
 1. Tree clearing is complete.
 2. Cherry Tree Road was closed.
 3. Submittals and shop drawing review is ongoing.

e. 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. Construction of the trail, road, and bridge will take place in 2024.
- iv. Utility relocation is ongoing and behind schedule.
- v. Road closures and restrictions in 2024:
 - 1. Temporary signals will be used with one lane in each direction at the bridge for approximately three to four months, from approximately April 15, 2024 through June 20, 2024.
 - 2. The bridge will be fully closed for four months, from June 20, 2024 through October 18, 2024.
- vi. Boat Access will be coordinated for docks west of Little Chicago Road.
 - 1. The waterway under Little Chicago Road will be closed for up to one month beginning in mid-April.
 - 2. The waterway will be closed again for one month beginning in midsummer 2024.
 - 3. The waterway will be open for Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day weekend, and Labor Day weekend.
- vii. A letter was mailed to adjoining property owners last week.
- viii. LED lighting is on the lower bar of the railing.
- f. 141st Street and Promise Road Roundabout**
 - i. Bids were opened on December 13, 2023.
 - ii. The City was awarded \$1.86 million in MPO federal funds for the project.
 - iii. Road closure for construction will occur during the schools' summer break in 2024.
 - iv. Utility relocation is ongoing.
- g. 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 30 percent complete. Initial meetings with utilities have been held.
 - v. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners offering to meet and discuss the project. Staff have met with five property owners.
- h. 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.
- i. 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 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. The City is seeking outside funding opportunities.
- 3. 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. The City is seeking outside funding opportunities, but due to funds being awarded years in the future, the project will most likely be locally funded.
- 3. Scoping and fees for final design have begun.

b. Carrigan Road over Morse Reservoir (No Update)

- i. The bid was awarded to Pontem Contractors.
- ii. Construction is ongoing.
- iii. The original project is complete. The bridge was reopened on February 3, 2023.
- iv. Static Discharge Issue
 - 1. Staff met with the material supplier on June 29, who agreed the issue is greater than they have seen previously. Several options are underway on a trial basis as possible solutions.
 - 2. A follow-up meeting was held on August 11, 2023.
 - 3. A warning sign cautioning of possible static discharge has been posted.
 - 4. Matching caulk has been placed over the metal clips on the bridge surface.
 - 5. A trial composite railing “cap” was installed to act as an insulator, but it will not remove the risk of static from other railing surfaces.
 - 6. Paint options for the rail are being investigated. A painted section of railing will be installed in the spring as a test, once materials are delivered.

c. 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, but it would be a difficult project.
- d. **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.
 - 4. A resolution for right-of-way acquisition was approved by the Council on January 23, 2024.

Mr. Thurston asked if the drainage project will improve drainage at the Forest Park golf course. Mr. Hellmann replied no, the golf course is in a different drainage shed.

- e. **Innovation Mile – 141st Street**
 - i. A six-month closure is expected to begin in May 2024, dependent on Duke Energy and AT&T utility relocation and approval of the wetland mitigation plan. Utility relocation is almost finished. The federal Environmental Protection Agency is now involved with the wetland plan due to a recent Supreme Court decision.
- f. **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. New poles were installed at 10th and Hannibal Streets and at 9th Street and Maple Avenue on February 1, 2024.

- a. Duke Energy will provide electrical service to the signals in the next several weeks.
 - 2. 10th and Clinton Streets
 - a. Staff are coordinating with Duke to minimize the time the intersection is without a flasher. Additional signage and public notices are planned.
 - b. Existing poles will be removed to allow for new pole installation.
- 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.
 - 3. A bid opening is planned for March 12, 2024 with construction planned for the fall.
 - 4. The project is being coordinated with the County Surveyor's office.
 - ii. **Mill Creek over Sly Run Regulated Drain (No Update)**
 - 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.

6. Discussion

Ms. Krupski stated more projects will be added to the agenda, including a study of 8th Street to Christian Avenue.

Mr. Peterson asked when 141st Street will be extended east between Marilyn Road and Brooks School Road. Mr. Hellmann stated developers have committed to constructing the road, but a long bridge will be needed as a part of the project. He stated more TIF revenue from other Hyde Park projects will need to be generated to fund the extension.

Mr. Peterson asked if the Port Authority will participate in constructing the Nickel Plate Trail bridge over 146th Street. Mr. Hellmann replied he was not sure, but he will check.

Mr. Peterson commended staff for their construction communication efforts.

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The next meeting will be on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.



MARK BOICE, COMMITTEE CHAIR



EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK
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