

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in room A213 at City Hall on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 8:07 a.m. Darren Peterson, Pete Schwartz, and Todd Thurston were present. Mark Boice was absent.

Also present were Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Public Safety Director Chad Knecht, Deputy Clerk Christina Adamson, Deputy Clerk Ilga Pruzinskis, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, and Project Manager Andrew Rodewald.

1. Street Rehabilitation
 - a. 2023 Street Rehabilitation (No Update)
 - i. Contract II:
 1. Old Town south of Cherry Street and east of 10th Street.
 - a. Concrete work is ongoing. Paving along 10th Street could begin in the next month.
 - ii. Contract III – 2023-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant
 1. Boden from 146th Street/Greenfield Avenue to SR 38
 - a. Paving is complete. Pavement markings most likely will be completed in early April.
 - b. 2024 Street Rehabilitation
 - i. Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) – Trial \$1.5 million per year in 2024, previously \$1 million.
 1. Applications were submitted on January 31, 2024 with notice of award expected in mid-April.
 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).
 3. If the full grant amount is not awarded, an application will be submitted later in the year for the remaining eligible amount.
 - ii. Local funded (highest priority)
 1. Project areas are being finalized.
2. Hamilton County Projects
 - a. 146th Street over Allisonville Road Interchange
 - i. The current configuration is expected to be in use until the construction closure in spring 2024.
 - ii. Two lanes in each direction on 146th Street will remain open at all times. Left turns from 146th Street are prohibited, but left turns from Allisonville Road are allowed.
 - iii. A Public Safety coordination meeting was held last week.
 - iv. Allisonville Road will be closed for 90 days during construction, which is unofficially scheduled for March 1, 2024.
 - v. Staff are evaluating placing temporary speed cushions in Sommerwood and Wellington Heights.

- vi. Sowers and Lynn Drives in Fishers and Kensington Drive and Wellington Court are closed.
- vii. The County has agreed to a temporary signal at Herriman Boulevard and Greenfield Avenue during the Allisonville Road closure.
- b. **Greenfield Avenue Bridge Rehabilitations (No Update)**
 - i. The bridges are on either side of the intersection with 16th Street.
 - ii. Work will require street closures for rehabilitation and preservation of the bridges. No widening is planned.
 - iii. The project will be delayed until 2024/2025 to accommodate construction on Pleasant Street.

3. INDOT Projects

- a. **SR 37 and 141st Street interchange**
 - i. Bids will be opened on April 10, 2024 with construction expected in 2025 and 2026. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$41 million.
 - ii. The intersection has been converted to right in/right out until the interchange is constructed.
 - iii. The City of Fishers did not apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant. Noblesville provided a letter of support. Fishers is looking at other funding options.
- b. **INDOT Roundabouts – Partnership Update**
 - i. **SR 38 at Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge Roundabout (No Update)**
 - 1. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction.
 - 2. Oakmont Drive has reopened as right in, right out, and is in a “winterization” phase. Construction will resume when the weather permits.
 - 3. INDOT addressing the ponding issues at the site.
 - ii. **SR 38/Logan Street Roundabout (No Update)**
 - 1. Letting is scheduled for July 2025.
 - 2. Construction is planned for 2026.
 - 3. INDOT plans to build a two-lane roundabout, so there will be a larger impact on adjacent businesses and residents than originally expected.
 - 4. 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.
 - 5. Project design accommodates future Logan Street trail/sidewalk on the south side.
 - 6. INDOT is considering a full closure to complete the project in two months, rather than 15 months for a phased closure.
- c. **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. The SR 32/Mill Creek Road roundabout will be included as part of this project.
 - iii. INDOT has agreed to construct roundabouts at intersections.

- iv. Noblesville participation will include \$2 million for sidewalk construction. The City has requested asphalt trails instead of concrete sidewalks, and INDOT is considering the request.
 - 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.
- d. SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project
 - i. The project was rebid in October 2023.
 - 1. The contract was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction, Inc.
 - 2. A preconstruction meeting was held on January 9, 2024.
 - ii. Signals will be replaced at SR 19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets.
 - 1. INDOT will install black decorative poles.
 - iii. Construction is scheduled for 2024.
 - 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, tentatively beginning April 1, weather permitting. 8th, 9th, and 10th Street will 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 is developing a communication plan, including a dedicated website with closure information, business access, and references to other local projects.
 - a. A Downtown business owner meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2024 at City Hall.
 - b. The project website is <https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/>.

There was a brief discussion of the official detours to reroute truck traffic, the anticipated local detours, and the school traffic patterns. Police will increase presence in those areas. The committee also discussed pedestrian traffic and crosswalks in Downtown during construction.

- e. SR 37 and 186th Street Reduced Conflict Intersection
 - i. Improvements will be funded using Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.
 - ii. The intersection is planned as right in, right out, but will allow left turns from SR 37 to Field Drive.
 - iii. The rescheduled bid letting was held in October 2023 as part of the SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project.

- iv. Construction will most likely take place from early July through early October 2024.
 - f. 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 to better coordinate construction schedules and phasing.
 - iii. Construction is scheduled to start in late July through October, 2024.
 - 1. There will be closures on each side of 191st street.
 - 2. Staff is coordinating with the Fire Department.
 - g. SR 38 and Boden Road Roundabout **(No Update)**
 - i. Construction is scheduled to begin April 9, 2024, with a 45-day closure.
 - ii. The contract was awarded to E&B Paving, Inc.
 - h. 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. MPO Call for Projects for Fiscal Year 2027 (Federal Fund Exchange)
 - i. Application for funding was submitted December 1, 2023, anticipating a decision in March 2024.
 - ii. Awarded funding would be used for the following projects: 156th Street Trail and Culvert, 16th Street/Greenfield Avenue Trail and Roundabout, Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road Roundabout, and Stony Creek Trail.
 - b. INDOT Rural Call
 - i. Application for funding was submitted December 1, 2023. A decision is anticipated in March 2024.
 - ii. The application is for funding for Olio Road north of 156th Street and SR 38.
 - c. Pleasant Street – Phase I
 - i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$8.5 million in state funds for the project.
 - ii. Construction:
 - 1. On schedule, approximately 65% complete.
 - 2. Bridge work continues with small concrete pours, railing installation, and causeway removal.
 - 3. Roadwork is paused for the winter and is scheduled to resume on April 9, after the eclipse.
 - 4. Water line relocation on 9th, 10th, 11th, and Pleasant Streets started on January 29 and will continue for several weeks.
 - 5. River Road will not close for roundabout construction. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late March.
 - iii. The next Quarterly Update Meeting will be on March 1, 2024.

- d. Pleasant Street - Phase II:
 - i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$494,400.00 in state funds for the project.
 - ii. Right-of-way acquisition have agreed to terms. Documents are being finalized.
 - iii. A full closure of Pleasant Street from 19th Street to 10th Street is anticipated during construction, which at the earliest will begin in July 2024.
 - iv. Tree clearing has been completed.
 - v. Demolition of county fairground buildings is expected in mid-February to allow utility relocation to begin. Utility disconnections are being finalized.
- e. Pleasant Street - Phase III:
 - i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$5,475,700.00 in state funds for the project.
 - ii. Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing.
 - 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.
 - iv. The combined bids for Phases II and III were seven percent below the engineer's estimate.
 - v. Building demolition at Cherry Tree Road and tree clearing west of the river started January 31. The Board of Works will vote on a closure of Cherry Tree Road on February 13.
- f. 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: Utility relocation is ongoing with major construction of the trail, road, and bridge in 2024.
 - iv. Road closures and restrictions in 2024:
 - 1. Temporary signals will be used with one lane in each direction at the bridge for five months, from March 1, 2024 through June 20, 2024.
 - 2. The bridge will be closed for four months, from June 20, 2024 through October 18, 2024.
 - v. Boat Access will be coordinated for docks west of Little Chicago Road.
 - 1. The waterway under Little Chicago Road will be closed from March 1, 2024 through May 1, 2024 but will open by Memorial Day.
 - 2. The waterway will be closed again from June 1, 2024 through August 16, 2024.
 - vi. LED lighting is on the lower bar of the railing.
- g. 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.

- h. 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.
- i. 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.
- j. Boden Road between Beauty Berry Drive (Ruoff Music Center) and 156th Street **(No Update)**
 - i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 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.

Mr. Peterson left the meeting.

5. SR 37 North

- a. INDOT has a Request for Proposal on the street to select a designer for Stage 1 (30 percent) plans.
- b. The final traffic report is complete, and the alternatives analysis is complete.
- c. The alternatives analysis and cost estimates have been submitted to INDOT.
- d. The environmental document has been initiated.
 - i. Survey letters were sent to property owners along the corridor.
 - ii. Reinitiation letters were sent to historic agencies and groups to meet Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act) requirements for federal funding.
- e. The Cost/Benefit analysis will begin soon.
- f. Staff have met with INDOT to move the project forward.

6. 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.
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.
- d. Forest Park to Federal Hill Trail and Logan Street Drainage
 - i. Status: Design
 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.
 5. Bidding is planned for February 27, 2024.
- e. Downtown District
- i. Streetscape Phase I
 1. Status: Design is ongoing.
 2. Schedule: The project has been paused. Some items are being evaluated.
 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. The Downtown District Council Committee was given approval to move forward with the project.
 2. Project materials have been delivered.
 3. New poles were installed at 10th and Hannibal Streets and at 9th Street and Maple Avenue on February 1, 2024.
 - a. Staff is working with Duke to schedule new electrical service.
 4. 10th and Clinton Streets
 - a. Staff is 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.
- f. Small Structures
- i. Culvert at Greenfield Avenue over Wheeler Ditch and Wheeler Arm
 1. Project design by WSP is complete.
 2. All right-of-way is secured.
 3. A bid opening is planned for March 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.

7. Traffic Committee

- a. January meeting
 - i. Residents requested a speed limit change on Sandbrook Drive in Pebble Brook.
 - ii. Residents requested lighting and/or a signal at Marilyn Road and Greenfield Avenue. A roundabout at the intersection is included in the Thoroughfare Plan but has not been scheduled.
 - iii. Residents requested lane signage at the Campus Parkway/Cabella Parkway intersection, but it is a county road.
- b. The Safety Action Plan Steering Committee will be comprised primarily of Traffic Committee members. The City received a Federal Highway Administration Safe Streets and Roads for All grant for implementing a Safety Action Plan to improve fatal and serious injury crashes on the City's transportation network.
 - i. Noblesville Towards Zero Resolution
 1. The resolution will be presented to Council on February 13.
 2. The resolution is a requirement of the grant program. The document is a public commitment by City officials acknowledging the importance of reducing fatalities and serious injuries on Noblesville's transportation network.
 3. The goal of the program is zero fatalities by the year 2050.


8. Discussion

- a. There was a discussion about the use of electric scooters and electric bicycles on trails.
- b. City Engineer Alison Krupski will return from maternity leave next month.

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.


 MARK BOICE, COMMITTEE CHAIR


 EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK
 CITY OF NOBLESVILLE

