



KENNEDY AVENUE FROM US 30 TO MAIN STREET

RECONSTRUCTION, WIDENING, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



PUBLIC HEARING

- Requirement of Environmental Documentation
- Legal Notice was published in Times on:
 - March 15th and 23rd
- Letters to Adjacent Landowners March 15, 2022
- Sign-Up Sheet
- Information Packets Available at Sign-In Area

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Kennedy Avenue from US 30 to Main Street, in Town of Schererville, Lake County.
DES. #: 1173760, 1382603, 1902000, 1801911 and 1900834
The Town of Schererville will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, (at 6:00 pm - doors open at 5:30 pm) located in the Town of Schererville, Town Hall, Council Chambers at 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN, 46375.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed reconstruction of Kennedy Avenue from US 30 to Main Street for an approximate length of 2.46 mile. The project is located in Sections 4, 9 and 16 of Township 35 North, Range 9 West in Lake County.

The project involves the widening and reconstruction of Kennedy Avenue from approximately US 30 to Main Street, addition of left turn lane for Eastbound US 30 at Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Joliet Street from Kennedy Avenue to 160 ft east of existing Kennedy Avenue, realignment of existing Kennedy Avenue 225 ft north of Joliet Street, cul-de-sac construction of existing Kennedy Avenue at Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Junction Avenue and Penny Greenway Trail from 500 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to 2,000 ft east of Kennedy Avenue, realignment of Public Works Drive/Kaesser Boulevard from 450 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to Kennedy Avenue, Division Street from Kennedy Avenue to 260 ft east, grade separation to carry Kennedy Avenue over the Norfolk Southern and Canadian National Railroads, cul-de-sac construction of Scherland Drive at Kennedy Avenue, Oak Street from 360 ft west of Kennedy Avenue to 260 ft east of Kennedy Avenue, widening for the addition of a second left turn lane for eastbound Main Street at Kennedy Avenue. The project includes concrete multi-use path and sidewalk, replacement of existing traffic signals at US 30, Division Street, and Main Street, a new traffic signal at Oak

marking, and installation of traffic. Portions of Kennedy Avenue will be widened and reconstructed to reduce delays, improve connectivity, capacity, access management, and pavement conditions.

There are 34.51 acre of proposed permanent right-of-way and 1.20 acre of temporary right-of-way acquisition for this project. Right-of-way acquisition acreage may change depending on property research findings and/or final proposed improvements. Relocations are anticipated for 40 residential and 6 business properties.

The proposed improvements will impact existing wetland areas. The anticipated wetland impacts are approximately 5.548 acres and 856.5 linear feet of stream impacts. There will be a short presentation by the design consultant, DLZ Indiana, LLC and an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed improvements.

The environmental document, design plans, and public hearing packet on the project are available for reviewing ahead of time in the following offices:

1. <https://www.schererville.org/town-government/administration/KennedyAve>
2. Town of Schererville Town Hall, Administration Office, 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN 46375, Phone # (219) 322-2211 ext. 1323
3. Lake County Public Library, Dyer-Schererville Branch, 1001 West Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN 46375, Phone # (219) 322-4731
4. Emailing a request to: KennedyEA@dlz.com

All interested persons may express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Trisha Nugent, PE, Project Manager at DLZ Indiana, LLC, 900 Ridge Road, Suite L, Indiana 46321, or email at KennedyEA@dlz.com on or before Monday, May 2, 2022.

Any comments or materials received for the record will be considered in the decision-making process.

This notice is published in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1)) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary", approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012. With advance notice, the Town of Schererville can arrange accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for persons with disabilities and persons requiring auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or materials in large print. Please contact the Town of Schererville Town Manager's Office at (219) 322-2211 ext. 1323. 3/15, 3/23 - 90215 HSPAXLP

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PUBLIC COMMENT IS ENCOURAGED



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OPTIONS TO PARTICIPATE

- Formal Public Statement
- Recorded Statement(s), after presentation
- Written Comment(s) can be submitted by:
 - Leave comment sheet in box after meeting
 - Email: KennedyEA@dlz.com
 - Mail to: Trisha Nugent, DLZ Indiana, 900 Ridge Road, Suite L, Munster, IN 46321
 - Fax to: Trisha Nugent, 219-836-6013
- To be Included in the Formal Record all Written Comments need to be received by **May 2, 2022**.
- Providing your name and complete address with all comments is greatly appreciated as all comments are logged and responded to in the Environmental Document.
- Responses will not be provided during Public Hearing
 - Documentation of all comments and questions will be included in Environmental Assessment (EA).
 - A copy of the comments & responses can be requested by indicating such on sign-in sheet.

PUBLIC
HEARING
PRESENTATION

Kennedy Avenue

From US 30 to Main Street

PROJECT HISTORY

Town Study 1950's

Environmental Assessment

- 21 alignments
- Narrowed on Basis of:
 - National and State Protected Lands, Wetlands, Potential Hazardous Materials, Other Waters, Floodplains and Floodways, Terrestrial Habitat, Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Relocations, Environmental Justice, Noise Analysis, Cultural Resources, (Historic/Archaeological), Wellheads, Farmland – Examined, but not present

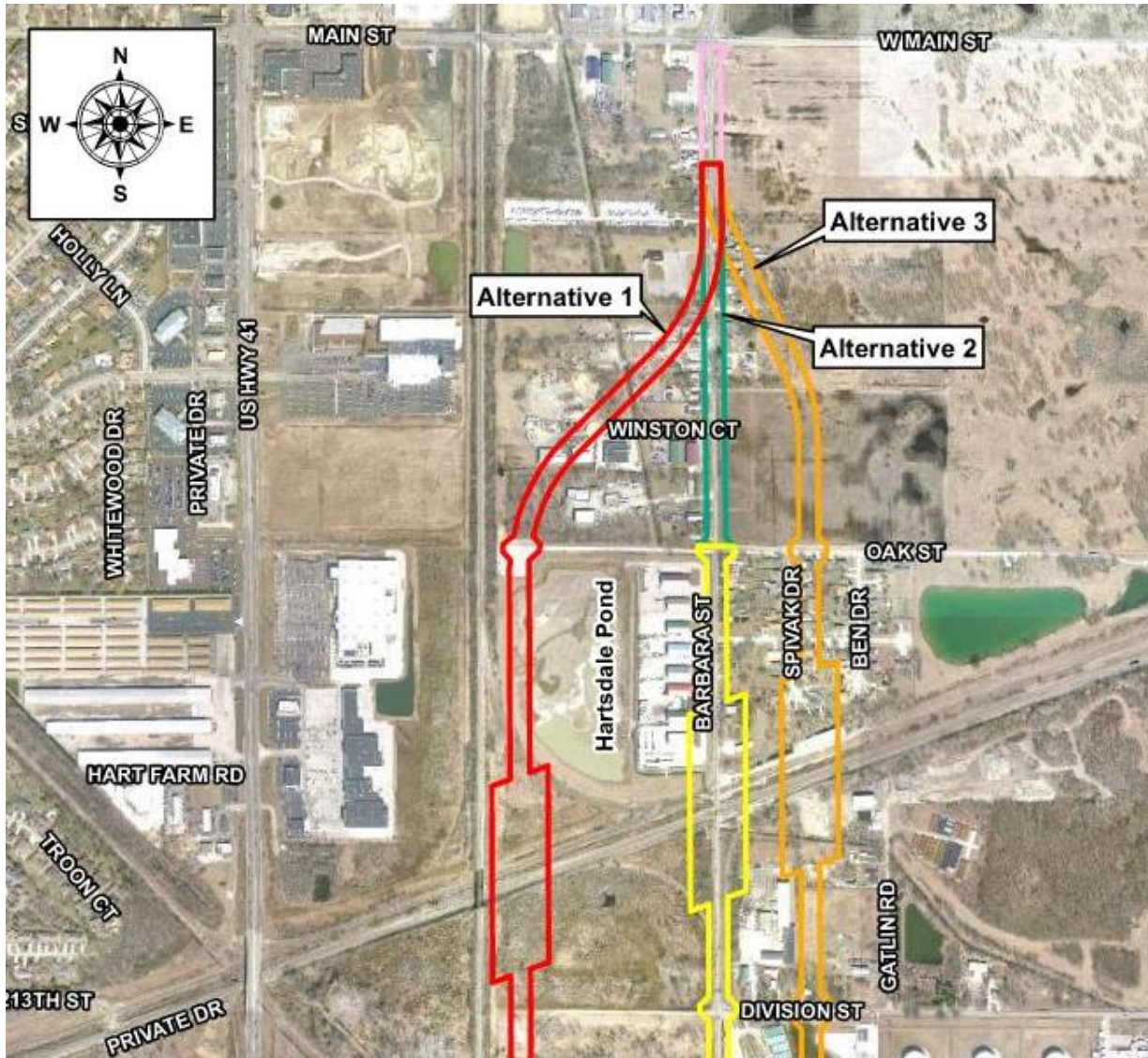
Environmental Studies

- Wetland Delineation, Historic, Archaeological, Conceptual Stage Relocation Study, and Noise Analysis

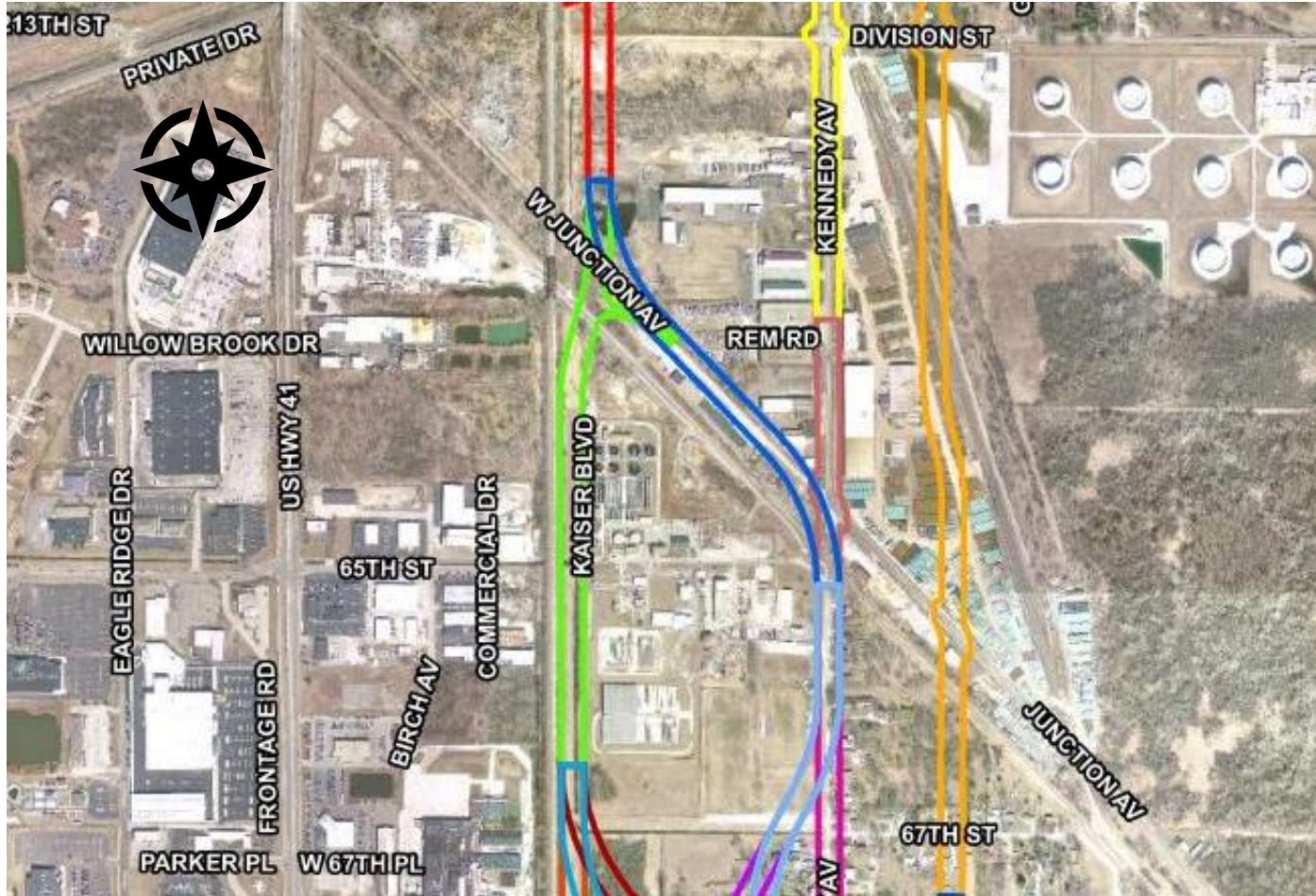
Community Advisory Committee Meetings

- April 9, 2018
- July 10, 2018
- May 21, 2019
- Email – April 20, 2021

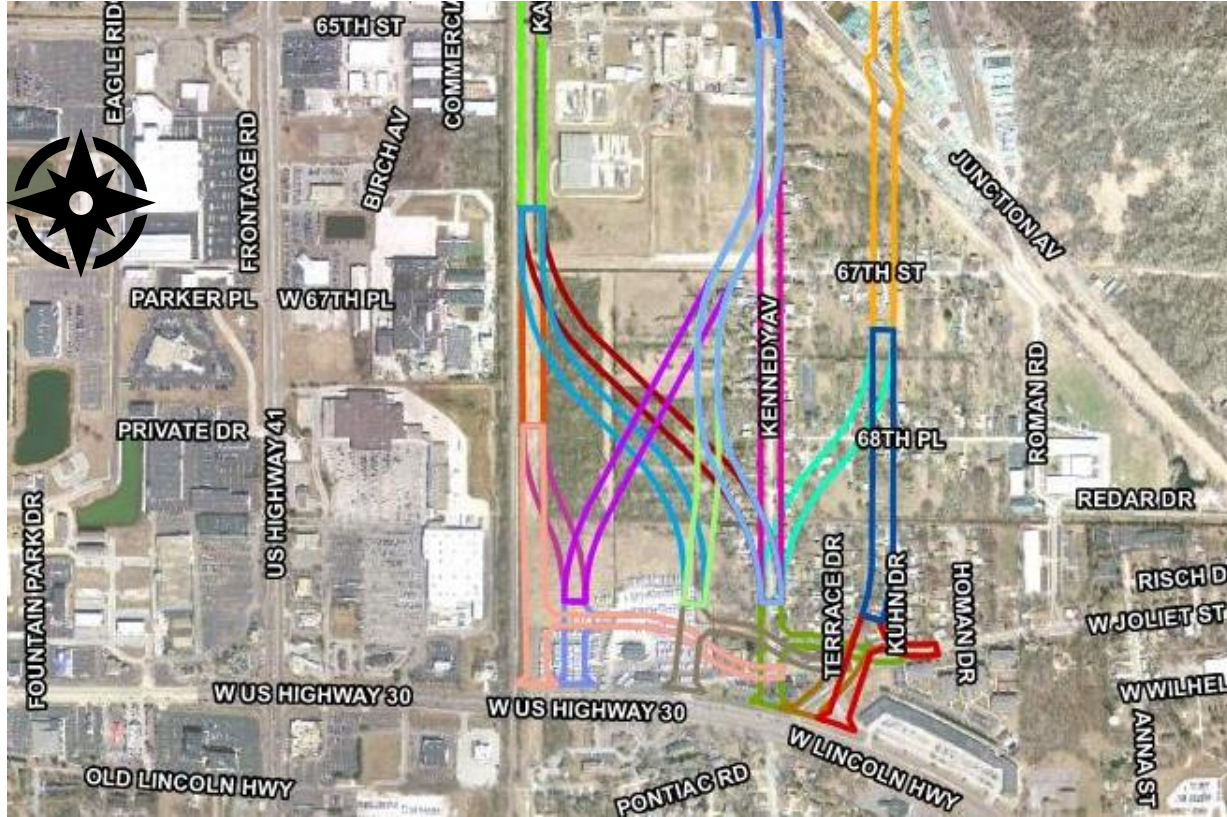
Agency Coordination – November 16, 2020



PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES – NORTH

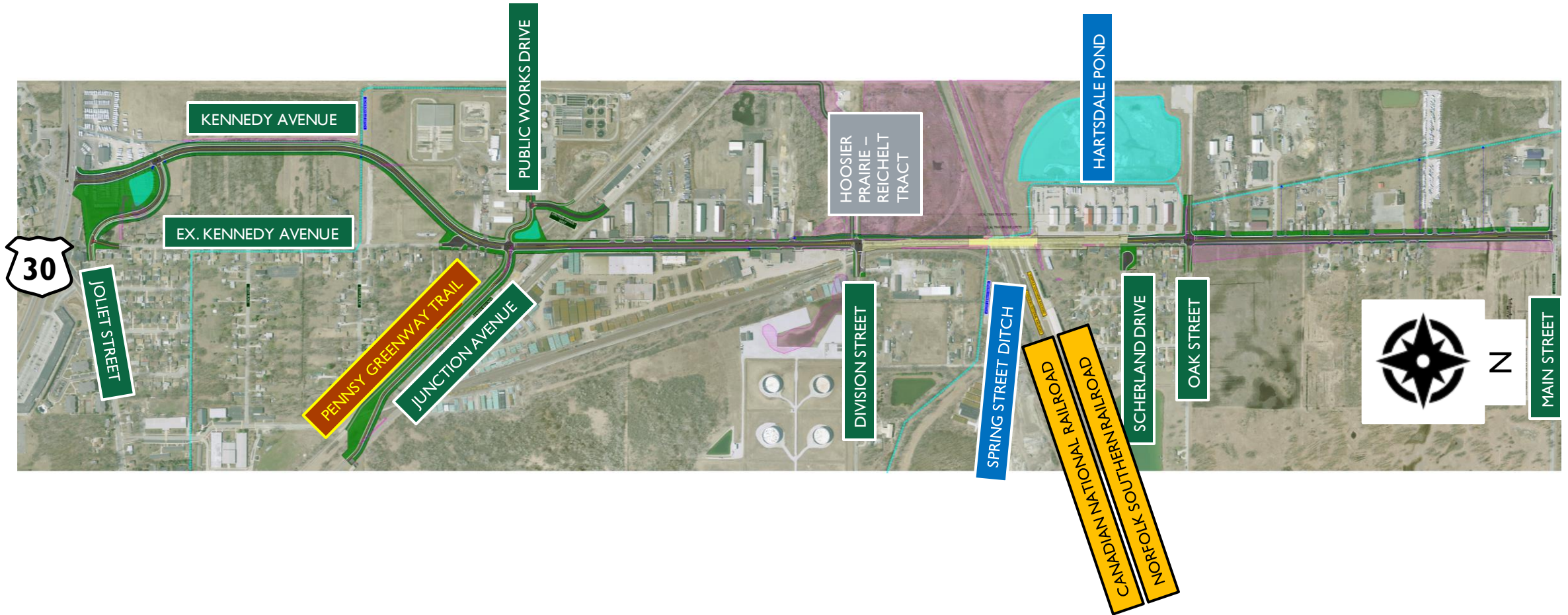


PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES – MID

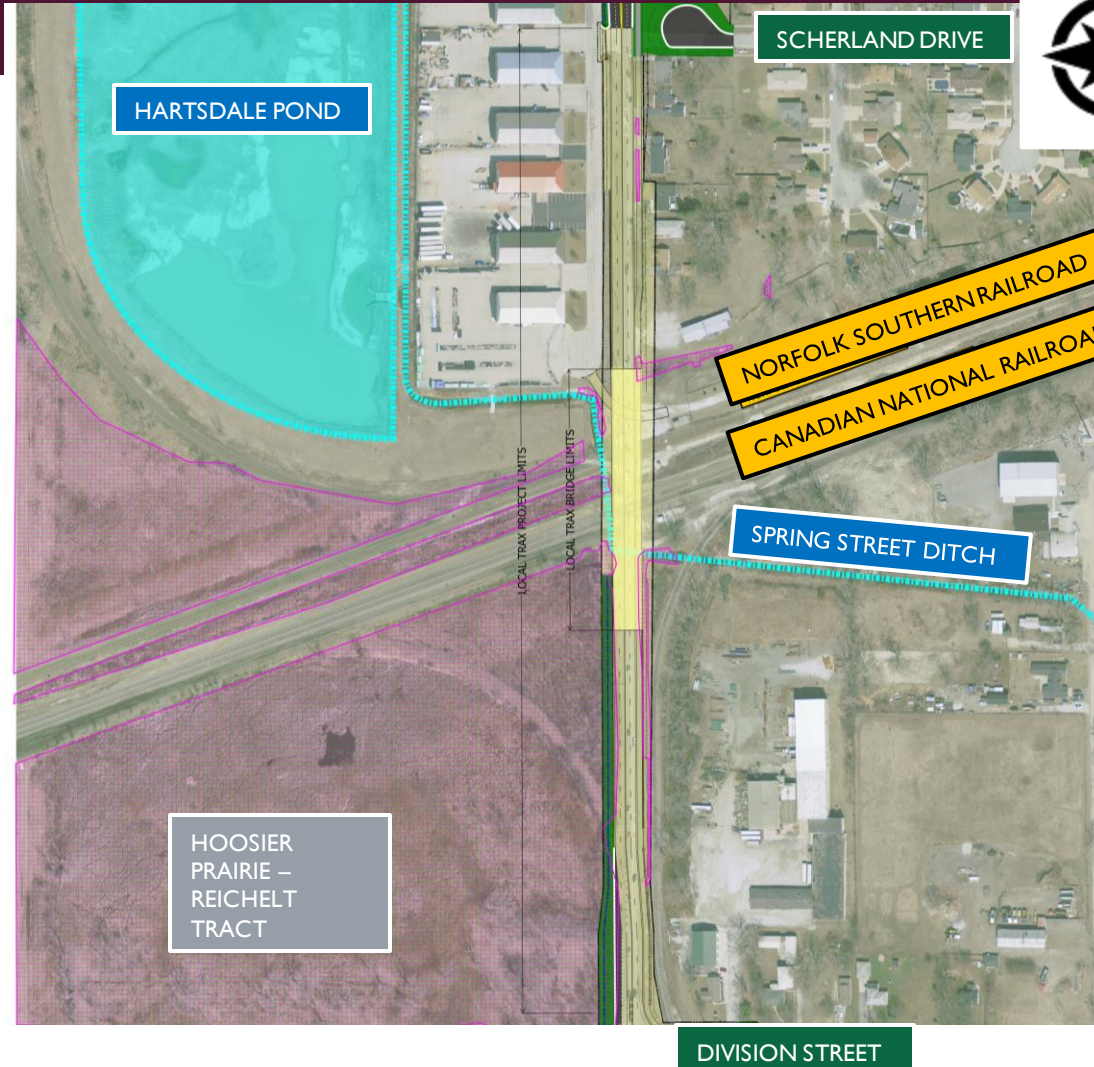


PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES – SOUTH

PROJECT MAP

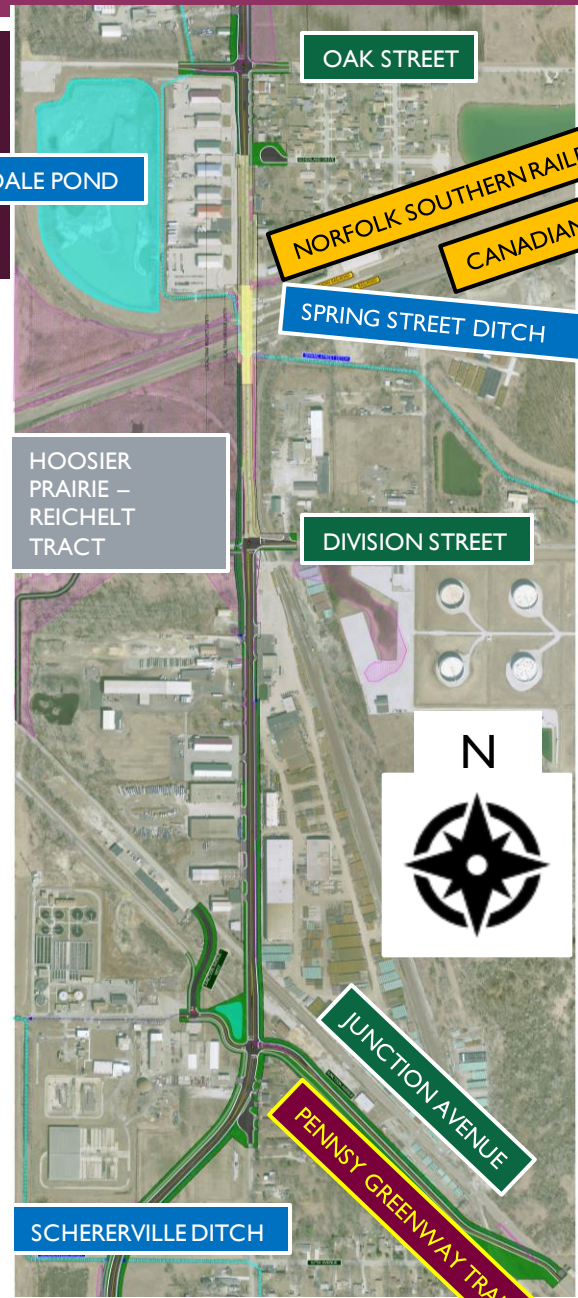


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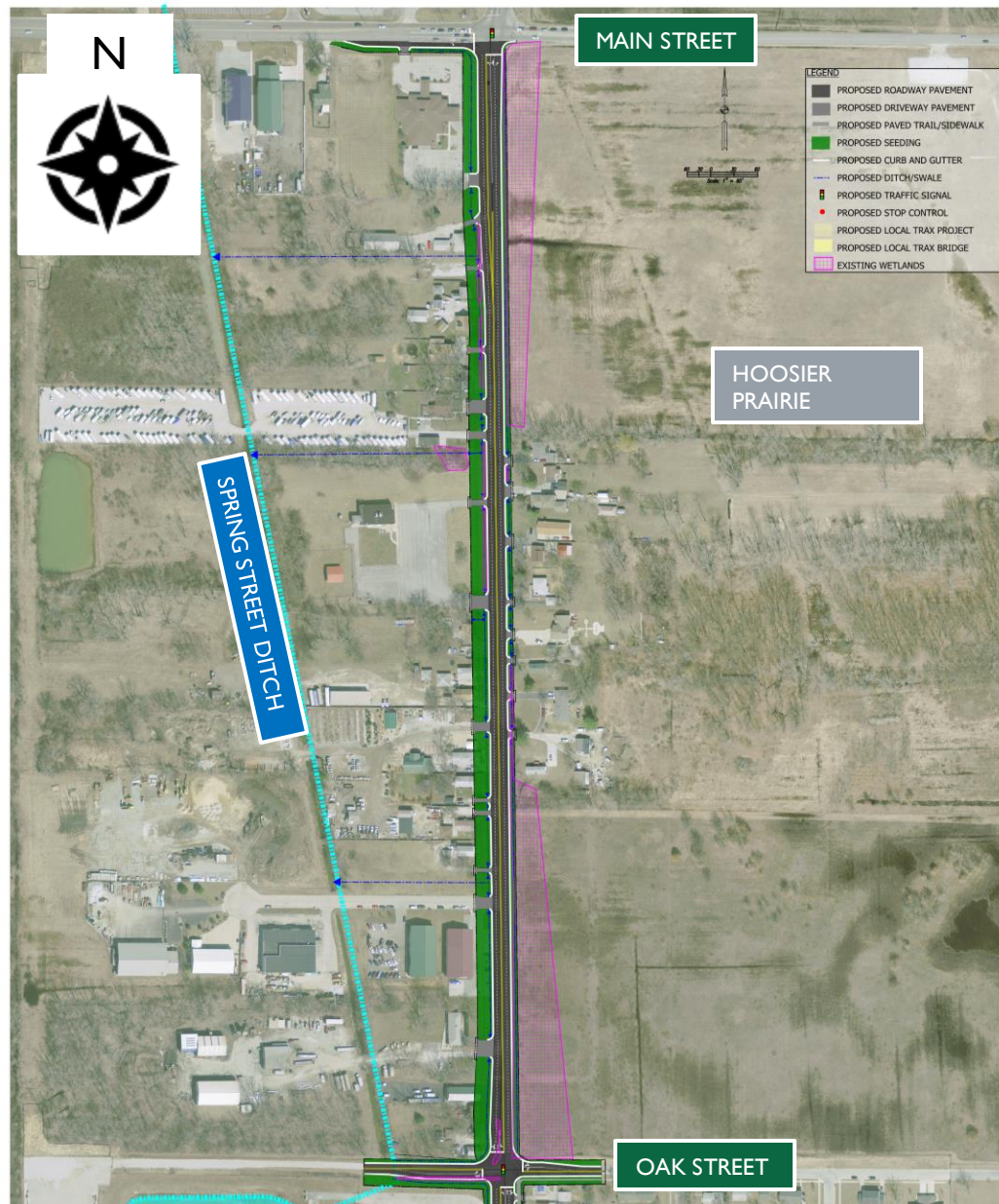
- 3-Span Bridge
- 23 ft Vertical Clearance Above Rails
- Access Improvement for Safety and Better Performance
- R/W: 11 Parcels; 4.02 acres
- Relocations: 3 RO; 3 RT
- Wetland Impacts: 1.0 acre
- Stream Impacts: 440 lft
- Terrestrial Habitat Impacts: 0.6 acre

PHASE 2



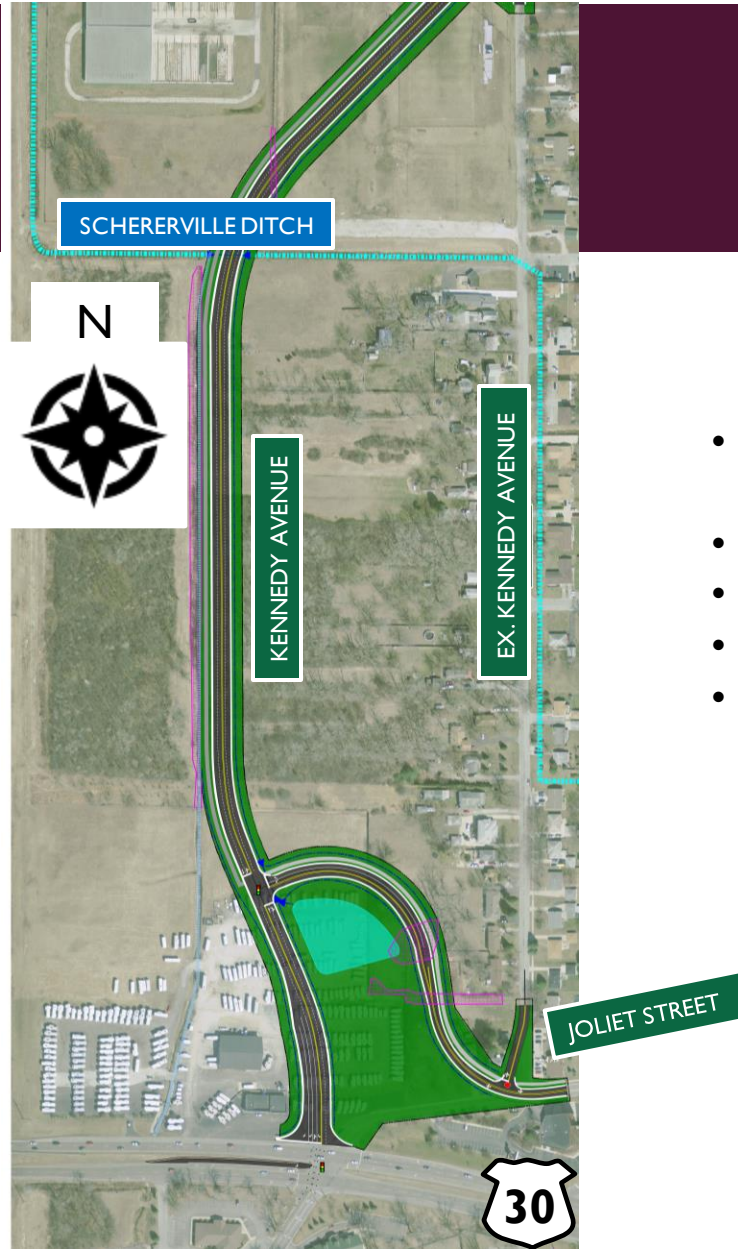
- R/W: 48 parcels; approximately 12.96 acres
- Relocations: 2 BO; 1 RO; 3 RT
- Wetland Impacts: 2.69 acres
- Stream Impacts: approximately 350 lft
- Terrestrial Habitat Impacts: approximately 1.38 acres

PHASE 3



- R/W: 29 parcels; approximately; 5.86 acres
- Relocations: 7 BO; 5 RO; 3 RT
- Wetland Impacts: 2.69 acres
- Stream Impacts: 60 lft
- Terrestrial Habitat Impacts: 0.64 acres

PHASE 4



- R/W: 53 parcels; approximately; 11.67 acres
- Relocations: 2 BO; 1 RO; 0 RT
- Wetland Impacts: 2.39 acres
- Stream Impacts: 130 ft
- Terrestrial Habitat Impacts: 12.17 acres

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT



- Correct Existing Capacity Issues along Kennedy Avenue
- Address System Linkage Issues
- Correct Roadway Deficiencies
- Improve Stormwater Drainage
- Improve Pavement Condition of Kennedy Avenue



Project Limits: US 30 to Main Street – 4 Phases



Bridge Over NS & CN Railroads
Reduce Delays



Extend Kennedy Avenue to US 30

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECT

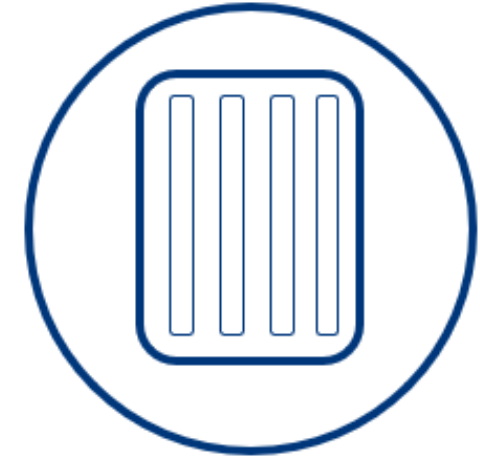


Additional Thru and Turn Lanes

US 30, Joliet St.,
Junction Ave., Division
St., Oak St. & Main St.



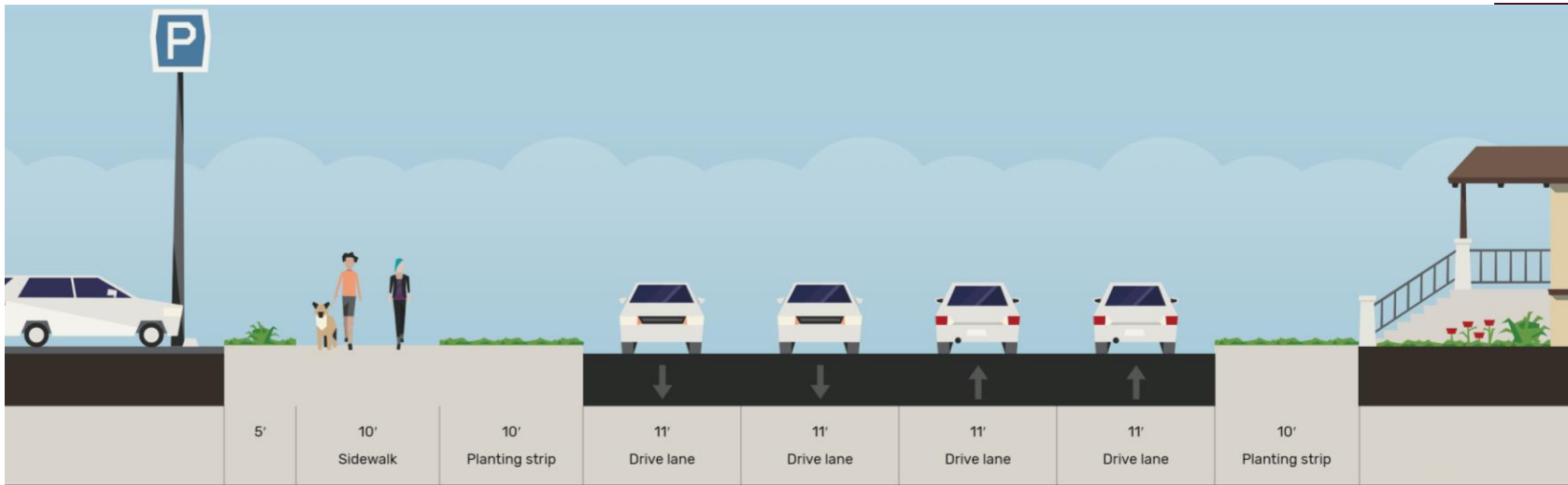
Improve Pavement Condition



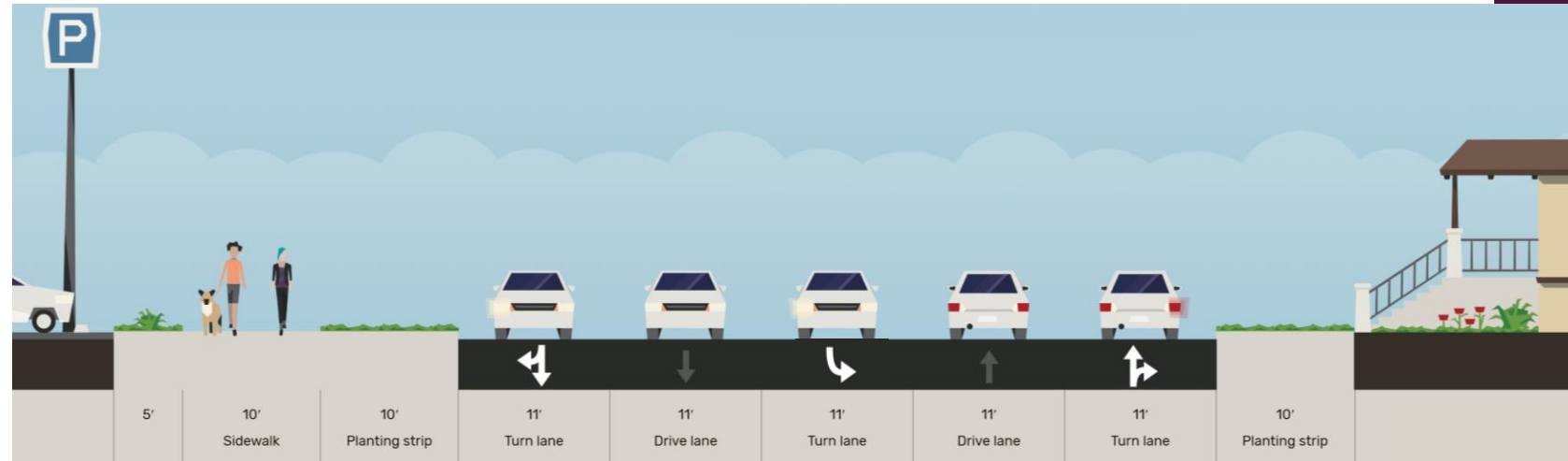
Improve Drainage with:

Ditches / Swales
Storm Sewers
Roadway Culverts

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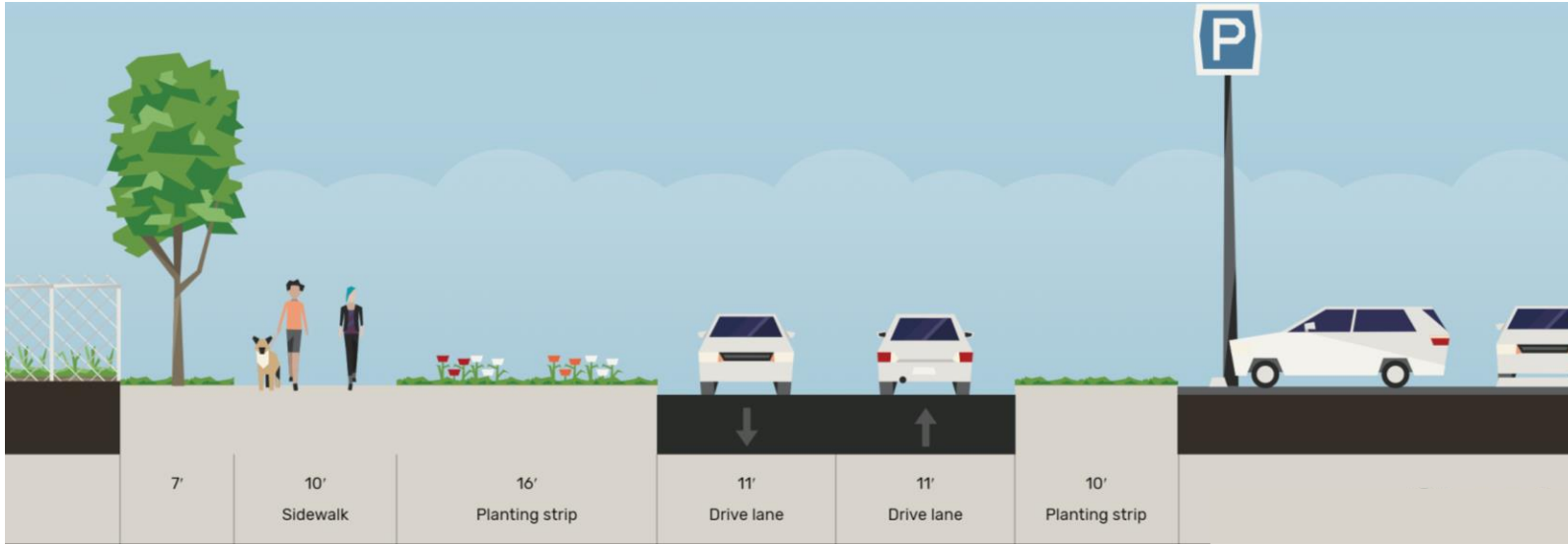


KENNEDY AVENUE WITH PATH S. OF JUNCTION AVENUE

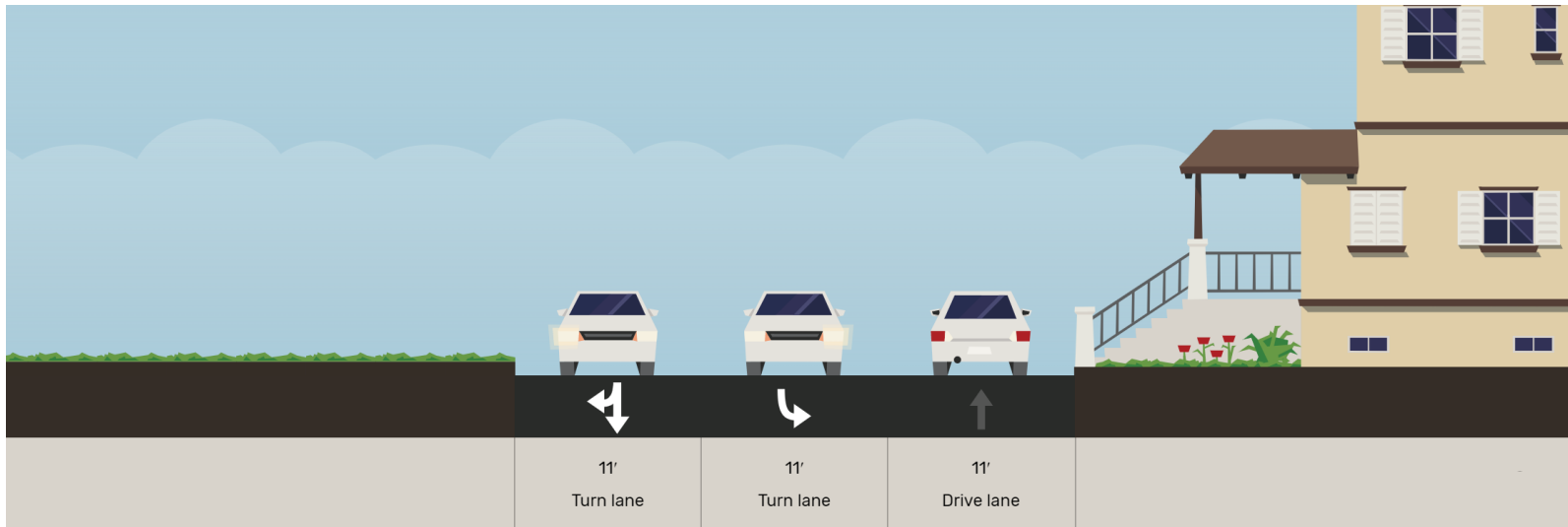


KENNEDY AVENUE WITH PATH & TURN LANES AT JUNCTION AVENUE

TYPICAL SECTIONS



JUNCTION AVENUE AND PENNSY GREENWAY TRAIL



DIVISION STREET & OAK STREET

TYPICAL SECTIONS

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC – PHASE I

Kennedy Avenue Detour

Kennedy Avenue will be closed from Division Street to Oak Street.

Closure Timeframe

Expect Closures to occur in Spring and Summer 2024.

Local Access

Access to Barbara Street and private properties will always be maintained.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC – PHASES 2-4

Continuous Communication on Traffic Stage Modifications

Notices will be broadcast through multiples sources to let residents and the public know the status of roadway segments under construction.

Brief Interruptions in Access

Culvert Crossing and driveway construction may affect access intermittently to residences.

Construction in Sections

Each Phase of roadway will be constructed utilizing full-closures with detours and lane shifts with single lane access to residences and businesses.

*Access to Driveways Maintained Throughout Construction

Number of Affected
Parcels: 141

34.51 Acres of
Permanent Right of
Way Acquisition

1.20 Acres of
Temporary Right of
way for Driveway
Construction or
Grading

CSRS Relocations:
26 – Residential
20 - Businesses

RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition
Policies Act of 1970 As Amended, Including 49 Code of Federal
Regulations (CFR) Part 24 dated January 4, 2005.



RELOCATION

YOUR RIGHTS AND BENEFITS AS A
DISPLACED PERSON UNDER THE FEDERAL
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Office of Real Estate Services 202-366-0142 www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



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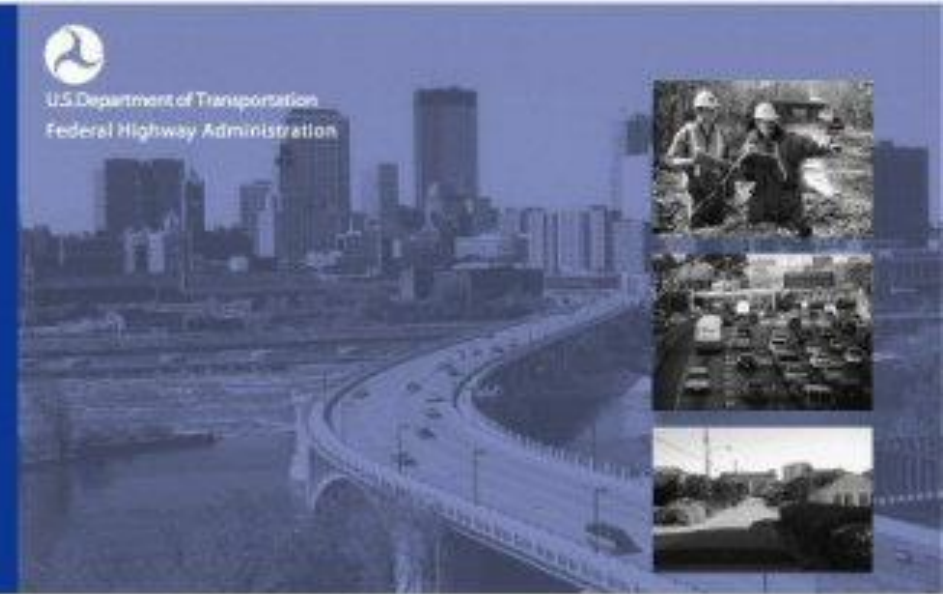
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RIGHT OF WAY SUMMARY

- Brochures Available at the Sign-up Area
- Title Work
- Appraisal Problem Analysis
- Appraisals
- Review Appraisals
- Buying



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



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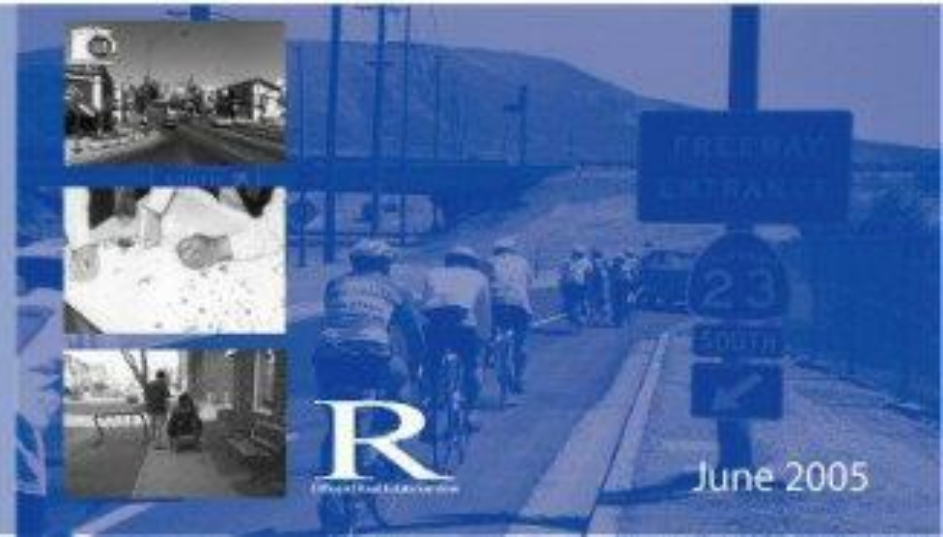
ACQUISITION

ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY
FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERAL-AID
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Office of Real Estate Services 202-366-0142 www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate

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Environmental Assessment: In Progress

Public Hearing: March 30, 2022

Hearing Certification: Required

Erosion Control Permit: To Be Applied For

401 Permit: To Be Applied For

404 Permit: To Be Applied For

INDOT Permit: To Be Applied For

CURRENT STUDIES
AND FUTURE
PERMITTING

DESIGN DATA – KENNEDY AVENUE

Functional Classification

- Kennedy Avenue: Minor Arterial

Design Speed

- Kennedy Avenue: 35-45 mph

Width

- 4 - 11-ft Travel Lanes, 11-ft Left Turn Lanes at US 30 (2), Joliet St., Junction St., Division St., Oak Street & Main St., 2-ft Curb Offset

Curb Type

- Barrier Curb and Gutter

Clear Zone

- 10-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – US 30

Functional Classification

- Principal Arterial

Design Speed

- 35 mph (Posted)

Width

- Add a Second - 11-ft Left Turn Lanes

Shoulder

- 2-ft Gravel

Clear Zone

- 16-18-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – JOLIET STREET

Functional Classification

- Minor Arterial

Design Speed

- 30 mph (Posted)

Width

- 2 - 11-ft Travel Lanes, 11-ft Left Turn Lane at Kennedy Ave., 2-ft Curb Offset

Curb Type

- Barrier Curb and Gutter

Clear Zone

- 10-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – JUNCTION AVENUE & DIVISION STREET

Functional Classification

- Major Collector

Design Speed

- Junction Avenue: 30 mph (Posted), Division Street: 35 mph (Posted)

Width

- 2 - 11-ft Travel Lanes, 11-ft Left Turn Lane at Kennedy Ave., 2-ft Curb Offset

Curb Type

- Barrier Curb and Gutter

Clear Zone

- 10-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – EXISTING KENNEDY AVENUE & OAK STREET

Functional Classification

- Local

Design Speed

- 30 mph (Posted)

Width

- 2 - 11-ft Travel Lanes, Oak Only: 11-ft Left Turn Lane at Kennedy Avenue, 2-ft Curb Offset

Curb Type

- Barrier Curb and Gutter

Clear Zone

- 10-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – JUNCTION AVENUE – WEST & PUBLIC WORKS DRIVE/KAESER BOULEVARD

Functional Classification

- Local

Design Speed

- 30 mph (Posted)

Width

- 2 - 11-ft Travel Lanes

Shoulder

- 2-ft Gravel

Clear Zone

- 7-10-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – MAIN STREET

Functional Classification

- Minor Arterial

Design Speed

- 35 mph (Posted)

Width

- Add a Second - 11-ft Left Turn Lanes

Shoulder

- 2-ft Gravel

Clear Zone

- 16-18-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN DATA – PENNSY GREENWAY TRAIL

Functional Classification

- Trail System

Design Speed

- 20 mph

Width

- 10-ft

Shoulder

- 2-ft Gravel

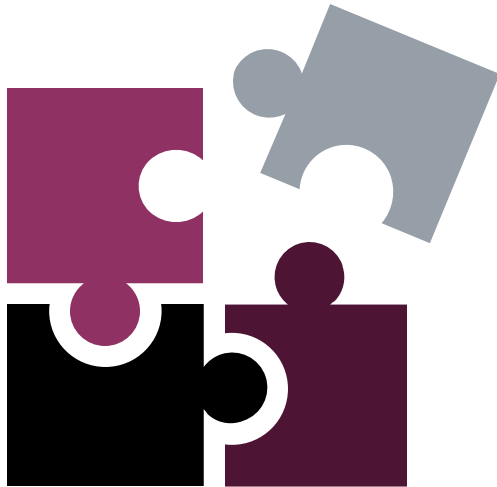
Clear Zone

- 3-ft from Edge of Pavement

Typical Slopes

- 3:1 or Flatter Foreslopes
- 2:1 or Flatter Backslopes

DESIGN CRITERIA

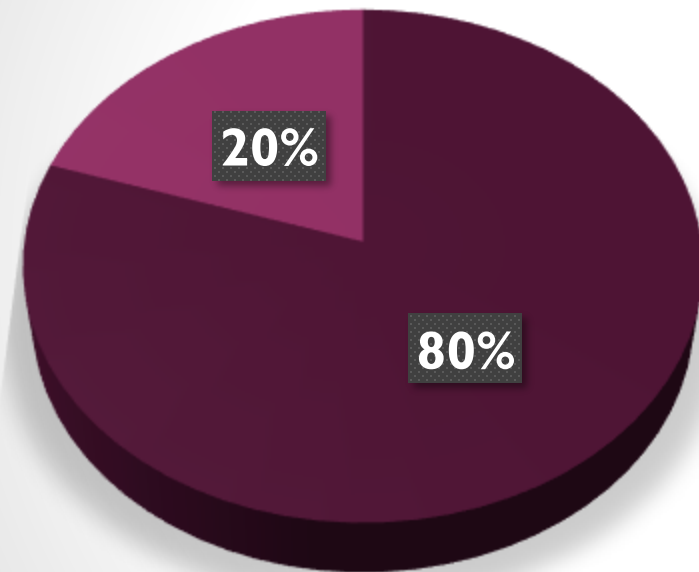


- Road and Bridge Memoranda, INDOT
- Design Manuals, Part 1, 2, 3, and 5, INDOT
- A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, AASHTO
- Roadside Design Guide, AASHTO
- MUTCD for Streets and Highways, FHWA
- Standard Specifications, INDOT
- Local Public Agency Project Development Process Guidance Document for Local Federal-Aid Projects, INDOT

PROJECT FUNDING

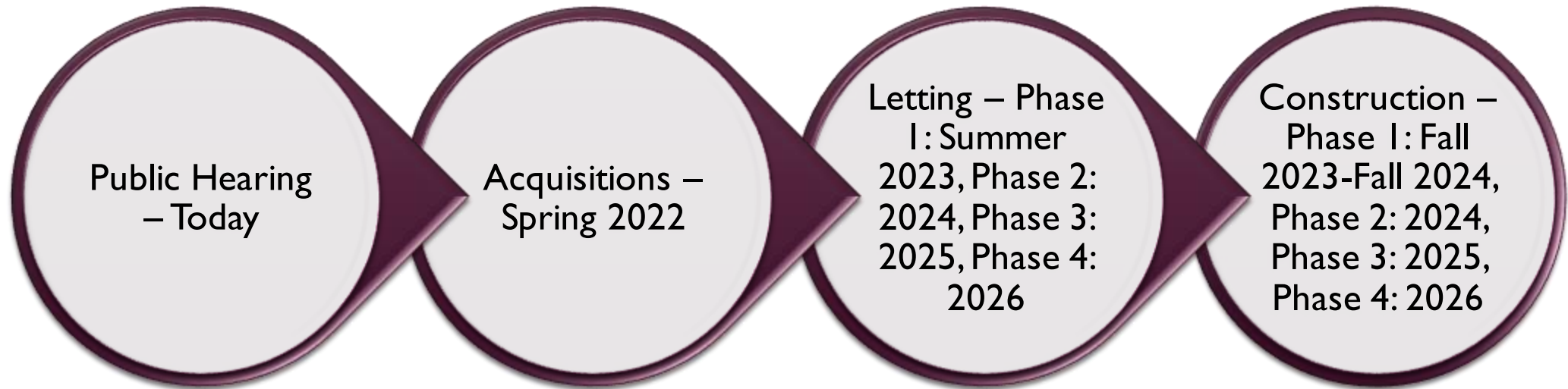
- Estimated Project Cost: Approximately P1: \$15,593,400; P2: \$15,525,000; P3: \$6,800,000; P4: \$10,255,000
- Costs Estimate Include: Engineering, Construction, Construction Engineering, Right of Way Services, Acquisition, P1: Railroad Coordination, and Wetland Mitigation

Funding Sources



■ Federal Funding

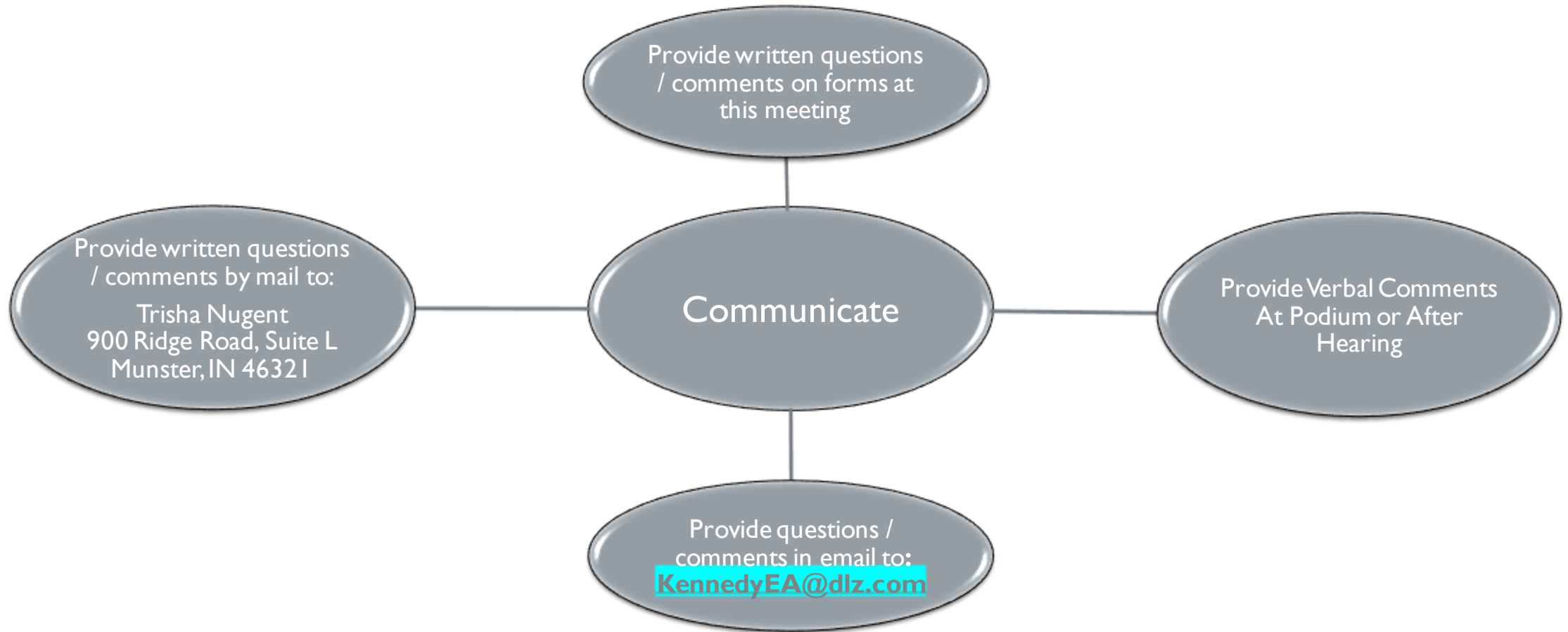
■ Local Funding - Town of Schererville



Dependent on Completion of R/W Acquisition, Utility Relocations and Permitting

SCHEDULE

WAYS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COMMENT ON PROJECT



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What Next?

PUBLIC COMMENTS & OPEN HOUSE

PROJECT MAP

