

NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – State Road 32 Westfield Reconstruction Project, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, DES # 1801731

June 2022

The City of Westfield held a public hearing in January 2022 for a proposed reconstruction project located along State Road (SR) 32 in Westfield, Hamilton County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve corridor mobility along SR 32 through the downtown Westfield area for both motorists and pedestrians alike.

The Preferred Alternative consists of widening and reconstructing SR 32 from just east of the Poplar Street roundabout to just east of Timberbrook Run. Outside of the boundaries of the Stultz-Stanley House (209 W Main Street) and the Westfield Historic District (NR-2521), the existing 2-lane section of SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four, 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound), with a raised 13-foot wide center median, curb and gutter, and 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide grass buffers on both sides of the roadway. Along SR 32 left turns will be restricted with left turn movements only available at Westlea Drive/Mill Street and Union Street. This reconstruction will result in widening the roadway to the south by approximately 25-feet. Additionally, new pedestrian crosswalks with refuge islands will be constructed along SR 32 in three locations: just east of Westlea Drive/Mill Street, just west of Walnut Street, and just west of Cherry Street. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at these pedestrian crossings to increase driver awareness of pedestrians.

In front of the Stultz-Stanley House (209 W Main Street), SR 32 will be shifted north by approximately 34-feet, and the typical section of SR 32 will remain the same with the exception of no 6-foot wide grass buffer along the south side of the roadway between the sidewalk and roadway. Within the boundaries of the Westfield Historic District (NR-2521), SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four, 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes, an 11-foot wide turn lane, a 2-foot wide raised center curb with 1-foot wide curb offset, curb and gutter, and 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide buffers on both sides of the roadway. This will result in widening SR 32 to the south by approximately 25-feet and result in the removal of four buildings from the Westfield Historic District: 101 S. Union Street, 102 S. Union Street, 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street.

Moving east outside of the district, the intersection of SR 32 and East Street will be reconstructed to a two-lane roundabout with 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound) with 8-foot wide sidewalks separated by 6-foot wide grass buffers on all sides. North of the roundabout, East Street will be reconstructed to consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes (one northbound, one southbound) with 6-foot wide sidewalks adjacent to the curb and gutter on the west side of the roadway. East Street will be realigned to provide the appropriate transition into the roundabout as well as to straighten out the existing S-curve along East Street, north of Penn Street. East of the roundabout and extending to just east of Timberbrook Run, SR 32 will be reconstructed to consist of four 11-to-12-foot wide travel lanes (two westbound, two eastbound).

The existing 186-foot long 6-foot tall by 10-foot wide box culvert between Westlea Drive and Camilla Court, which conveys the unnamed tributary (UNT) to Grassy Branch under SR 32, will have the portion within the proposed permanent right-of-way (ROW) replaced. The project will acquire approximately 3.34 acres of permanent ROW and 1.62 acres of temporary ROW from residential and commercial properties. In addition to the four buildings within the Westfield Historic District, the project will result in the relocation of eight buildings outside of the Westfield Historic District: 201 W Main Street, 123 W Main Street, 201 E Main Street, 211 E Main Street, 215 E Main Street, 221 E Main Street, 325 E Main Street, and 411 E Main Street. Overall, the project will result in the relocation of thirteen buildings.

Additional details regarding the SR 32 Westfield Reconstruction Project (DES # 1801731) are available in-person at the Westfield City Hall (130 Penn Street, Westfield, IN 46074) and the Westfield City Services Center (2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074), as well as online via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of the City of Westfield's commitment to public involvement, it is important to keep the community informed of project developments. This is also an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the Grand Park Sport Campus Event Center on January 26, 2022, **the City of Westfield will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to begin in 2023.** Environmental analysis documentation, including written responses to public comments submitted as part of the public involvement process, are available for public inspection at the Westfield City Hall and the Westfield City Services Center, as well as via the project webpage at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr32westfield. Should you have questions regarding this notice please contact Sarah Everhart, American Structurepoint, Inc., at 317-547-5580 or severhart@structurepoint.com.