

Frequently Asked Questions for Road Reconstruction Project on SR 61 in Monroe City

- 1) What is the scope of the project?

From the junction of State Road 241 to 1.07 miles south of the Five Point intersection, the project includes removing approximately two inches of existing roadway, re-establishing the sub-base material under the road and repaving, adding extensive new storm water drainage system and gutters, installing American with Disabilities(ADA) compliant sidewalk curb ramps, and replacing sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. Portions of sidewalk will also be replaced on the east side of the road.

- 2) How long do you anticipate the project to last?

The project will take two construction seasons. Weather permitting, the project is to be completed in late fall of 2015.

- 3) What road closures can we expect?

Road closures will be conducted in phases. The first area to be closed will be the “Five Points Intersection” near the Blue Jean Center. The next phase of construction will take place north of the Five Points intersection to 9th Street. The third phase will be just north of 9th Street to 6th Street. The final phase of construction begins immediately north of 6th Street to the S.R. 241 intersection. There is a possibility S.R. 61 could re-open to through traffic the end of 2014, however, the roadway would then be re-closed in the Spring 2015 to complete storm drain installation.

- 4) What is the detour for the road closures?

Official detours during this project are S.R. 241,U.S. 50, and S.R. 57. That route directs traffic between Monroe City to Petersburg via Wheatland to Washington.

- 5) When is the Five Points Intersection expected to be closed?

Current work taking place includes utility relocation and tree removal. INDOT expects the intersection to close on July 7, 2014.

6) Why is INDOT closing the Five Points Intersection?

INDOT is closing the Five Points intersection for proper installation of storm water drainage system and safety of road workers. Local traffic will have access up to the point of closure.

7) How long will the Five Points intersection be closed?

INDOT expects it to be closed for three weeks but weather and underlying factors will determine the length of time until project is complete.

8) Will construction take place during the Blue Jeans Festival held annually in September?

There is a special provision on this project regarding the Blue Jeans Festival to be held in Monroe City on September 18-21, 2014. During the dates of the festival, the Contractor shall suspend all construction activities. Prior to the suspension of construction activities, roadwork shall be satisfactorily completed to allow the safe passage of vehicles and parade participants.

9) How do I find out about road closures?

Information and updates about this project will be posted on the webpage. INDOT also posts road closure information on Social Media using Facebook and Twitter. The Facebook page is www.Facebook/VincennesDistrict and Twitter page is twitter.com/INDOTSouthwest.

INDOT also uses TrafficWise as another way to communicate to the public. The Statewide TrafficWise traveler information webpage includes updated reports for all State Roads, U.S. highways and Interstates across Indiana.

Motorists can learn about traffic conditions, road closures, construction information, and crashes by clicking on the Travel Conditions link in the website navigation menu or calling 1-800-261-ROAD (7623).

