

## APPENDIX G: Public Involvement

March 6, 2022

Sample Notice of Survey Letter

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**NOTICE OF SURVEY**

Dear Property Owner:

HNTB, on behalf of The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), will perform a survey to improve the safety at the intersections of SR 37 and Cuba/Thimler Road and SR 37 and Notestine Road in Allen County, Fort Wayne District, Indiana, Des No. 1900142. A portion of this survey work may be performed on your property in order to provide design engineers information for project design. The survey work will include mapping the location of features such as trees, buildings, fences, drives, ground elevations, etc. The survey is needed for the proper planning and design of this highway project.

At this stage we generally do not know what effect, if any, our project may eventually have on your property. If we determine later that your property is involved, we will contact you with additional information.

Indiana Code 8-23-7-26 allows HNTB, as the authorized employees of INDOT, *Right of Entry* to the project site (including private property) upon proper notification. A copy of a Notice of Survey discussion sheet, as found on INDOT's website (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2888.htm>), is attached to this letter. Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-23-7-27, this letter serves as written notification that we will be performing the above noted survey in the vicinity of your property on or after March 6, 2022.

HNTB employees will show you their identification, if you are available, before coming onto your property.

If you own but are not the tenant of this property (i.e. rental, sharecrop), please inform us so that we may also contact the actual tenant of the property prior to commencement of our work. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our proposed survey work or schedule, please contact the HNTB Project Manager. This contact information is as follows:

William M. Jones  
111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 917-5248

Under Indiana Code 8-23-7-28, you have a right to compensation for any damage that occurs to your land or water as a result of the entry or work performed during the entry. To obtain such compensation, you should contact the INDOT Central Office; contact information is below. The INDOT Central Office can provide you with a form to request compensation for damages. Once you fill out this form, you can return it to the INDOT Central Office for consideration. If you are not satisfied with the compensation that INDOT determines is owed to you, Indiana Code 8-23-7-28 provides the following:

The amount of damages shall be assessed by the county agricultural extension educator of the county in which the land or water is located and two (2) disinterested residents of the county, one (1) appointed by the aggrieved party and one (1) appointed by the department. A written report of the assessment of damages shall be mailed to the aggrieved party and the department by first class United States mail. If either the department or the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the assessment of damages, either or both may file a petition, not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the report, in the circuit or superior court of the county in which the land or water is located.

If you have questions regarding the rights and procedures outlined in this letter, please contact the Indiana Department of Transportation Central Office. This contact information is as follows:

1-855-INDOT4U (463-6848)  
www.INDOT4U.com

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

HNTB Corporation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William M. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

William M. Jones  
Survey Manager

Purpose: Kitchen Table Meeting (KTM)  
INDOT Des No. 1900142  
HNTB Project No. 79749-DS-020  
Date/Time: December 7, 2023, 9 a.m.  
Location: 15329 SR 37, New Haven, IN 46774

Attendees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Email</i>
Kevin Shaw	INDOT – Ft. Wayne District	<a href="mailto:kshaw1@indot.in.gov">kshaw1@indot.in.gov</a>
Jonathan Oakley	HNTB Corporation	<a href="mailto:joakley@hntb.com">joakley@hntb.com</a>
Eric Jagger	HNTB Corporation	<a href="mailto:ejagger@hntb.com">ejagger@hntb.com</a>
Mark Miller	Landowner	
Leanna Miller	Landowner	

The following is summary of the discussion, comments and action items from the meeting:

- Project team commenced meeting providing aerial imagery figures, project plans, and an informational inquiry form.
- The landowners expressed concerns with the current speed along SR 37, as well as the poor site distance along Notestine Road at the crossing.
  - The landowners would have impacted properties on both sides of SR 37 and requested looking into a reduction in the footprint, specifically suggesting pulling the alignment in north toward Notestine Road.
- Associated work/projects:
  - The project team detailed a planned project along SR 37 programmed further into the future that is looking to widen the shoulders.
  - The landowners detailed a need for wider shoulders that could accommodate buggies or a designated buggy lane.
  - The landowners detailed knowledge of a future utility project (overhead electrical line replacement) along Notestine Road that would impact their property.
- Concerns with surveying and property access
  - A majority of the survey footprint is within the fenced pastures of the property.
  - The landowners expressed concerns with accessing the pastures and remaining boring holes proceeding the survey work.
    - The pastures contain sheep and horses, and the property owners would like to ensure that all who access exercise diligent entrance/exit methods into pastures to prevent livestock exiting.
    - Once borings are completed, there is a need to backfill the holes with sand/stone/other backfill to mitigate the risk of livestock injuries.
- The project team detailed the public information meeting that is anticipated to be held in early February 2024.

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INDOT Des No. 1900142  
HNTB Project No. 79749-DS-020  
Date/Time: December 8, 2023, 9 a.m.  
Location: Graber Box & Pallet, 16310 Trammel Road, Grabill, IN 46741

Attendees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Email</i>
Kevin Shaw	INDOT – Ft. Wayne District	<a href="mailto:kshaw1@indot.in.gov">kshaw1@indot.in.gov</a>
Jonathan Oakley	HNTB Corporation	<a href="mailto:joakley@hntb.com">joakley@hntb.com</a>
Eric Jagger	HNTB Corporation	<a href="mailto:ejagger@hntb.com">ejagger@hntb.com</a>
Tim Harris	Landowner	
David Zehr	Landowner	
Toby Graber	Allen County Amish Representative	
7 Amish Attendees		

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- Project team commenced meeting providing aerial imagery figures, project plans, and an informational inquiry form.
- Notestine Road was detailed as the major east-west thoroughfare for the local Amish community.
- There was a collective agreement among the non-project team attendees that speeds along SR 37 at this location need to be reduced (and enforced) to increase safety – regardless of the interchange improvement.
- Attendees questioned other intersection improvement design alternatives:
  - A 4-way stop (both signed and signalized intersections)
  - A roundabout
  - The project team detailed the INDOT process for analyzing alternatives and reasoned why certain alternatives were initially dismissed (i.e. safety, ROW impacts, etc.), but that these additional design alternatives would be considered moving forward.
- It was suggested that the project alignment be pulled to the north toward Notestine Road and impact the property at the southeast corner of the intersection, which would reduce the overall farmland impacts and bisection. The project team requested that adjacent landowners provide contact information to this other landowner who was not in attendance in order to initiate further discussions.
- The property owner at the northwest corner of the intersection stated that a cul-de-sac would be needed west of SR 37 to facilitate trucks and semis that access the property for business.
- Toby Graber provided preferred contact methods and information.
  - It was requested that Karmen Miller (██████████) be provided the information of the public information meeting in order to publish a notice in the local Amish community newspaper.
    - Mention Toby and request a card-size notice.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

State of Pennsylvania, County of Lancaster, ss:

Nicole Riegert, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That (s)he is a duly authorized signatory of Column Software, PBC, duly authorized agent of Journal Gazette, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Fort Wayne, County of Allen, State of Indiana, and that this affidavit is Page 1 of 2 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and the hereto attached:

Additionally, The Journal Gazette has a Web site and this public notice was posted on the same day as it published in the newspaper.

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Feb. 12, 2024

Feb. 20, 2024

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**NOTICE NAME:** SR 37 & Notestine Road PIM

**Publication Fee:** 840.51

*Nicole Riegert*

(Signed)

**VERIFICATION**

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Lancaster

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
Nicole Burkholder, Notary Public  
Lancaster County  
My commission expires March 30, 2027  
Commission Number 1342120

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 02/20/2024

*Nicole Burkholder*

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

DES# 1900142  
**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
MEETING**

Notestine Road Intersection Realignment  
in Allen County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Harlan Community Park Shelter House at 17701 2nd Street, Harlan, IN 46743. The open house portion of the public meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. [CAM1][CH2] The purpose of the public meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to learn about the proposed intersection improvement project at SR 37 and Notestine Road in Allen County, DES# 1900142 and to provide feedback to INDOT.

The proposed project is located on SR 37, from 4.69 miles to 5.00 miles east of I-469 in Allen County. This section of SR 37 is a two-lane Major Connector. The SR 37 and Notestine Road intersection is currently a two-way stop with preferentiality given to SR 37.

The need for this project is due to existing sight distance issues and safety concerns caused by a significant skew in the intersection alignment. This SR 37 and Notestine Road intersection has a higher-than-expected crash frequency based on traffic volume and roadway characteristics. The purpose of this proposed project is to improve safety at this intersection.

As currently proposed, the project would realign the intersection of SR 37 and Notestine Road to the south, approximately 360 feet, to eliminate the skew of the intersection. Anticipated right-of-way acquisition is 6.2 acres.

The maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan is anticipated to keep the intersection of SR 37 and Notestine Road open during construction. However, westbound and eastbound Notestine Road will experience partial lane closures using flaggers. Construction is expected to begin in late summer or early fall of 2025.

INDOT is seeking your input on this project. Comments can be submitted in person or through the U.S. Postal Service or email. Written comments may be submitted at the public meeting and within the comment period to Chris Meador, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204 or [cmeador@HNTB.com](mailto:cmeador@HNTB.com). **INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

With advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the public information process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired, and other services as needed. In addition, INDOT will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodations be required, please contact Cassidy Hunter, HNTB, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis IN 46204, 317-636-4682, or [chunter@HNTB.com](mailto:chunter@HNTB.com) by **February 23, 2024**.

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Publisher of the East Allen Courier

March 19, 2024

Cassidy Hunter  
Public Engagement & Communications Manager

The Legal Notice of Public Information Meeting was published in the East Allen Courier on February 13 and 20, 2024

Sincerely

Todd Shanebrook  
Editor

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# SR 37 and Notestine Road Intersection Improvement Project

## Public Information Meeting

### Des No. 1900142



First Name	Last Name	Home Address (optional)	Telephone (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Check box to be added to project mailing	Are you are a City/County Elected Official
Bernie	Beric	-	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
Kurt & Sherry	Riecken	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dan Avery						
Edwin Lengach	Lengach	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
Willie	Schwartz	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
Sarah + Brian Gore	Gore	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eric & Jenny Bass	Bass	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
CARA BHAJU		[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
John	Zehr	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



# SR 37 and Notestine Road Intersection Improvement Project

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### Des No. I900142



First Name	Last Name	Home Address (optional)	Telephone (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Check box to be added to project mailing	Are you are a City/County Elected Official
ALAN FLEEK SR		[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
ANN MARIE	ALDERMAN	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wendy	Kroeger	[REDACTED]				
Larry Krueger		[REDACTED]	750			
Steve	Gilford	[REDACTED]				
Donald	Stevenson	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Tony	Nieuwlandt	11546 Notestine [REDACTED]				
Elsie	McAlexander	[REDACTED]				
Jim	DEUGAL	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO





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First Name	Last Name	Home Address (optional)	Telephone (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Check box to be added to project mailing	Are you are a City/County Elected Official
Daniel	Groves			[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Zach	Washler			[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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First Name	Last Name	Home Address (optional)	Telephone (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Check box to be added to project mailing	Are you are a City/County Elected Official
Brooke	Mullett					
Steve	Miller					
Memo	Miller					
John AA	Miller 260 438-7713					
Moqh	MILLER					
Matthew	Miller					
Muhlon	Miller					
Jason	Lengacher					
Kevin	Mullett					



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First Name	Last Name	Home Address (optional)	Telephone (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Check box to be added to project mailing	Are you are a City/County Elected Official
Thomas	Roth	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DALE	McALEXANDER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Melvin Miller	Miller	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mary Miller		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Melvin	Miller	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BRUCE	STOPHER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Seb	Rams	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Grabe	Silva	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
John	Schwarz	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	





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Christian	Lengacher	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brian	Roemke	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ben	Masten		[REDACTED]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
David <del>Zehr</del>	Zehr	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Amanda Miller	Miller	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BOB	BERNIE	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ralph	Kurtz	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Julie + Henry <del>MARTIN</del>	MARTIN	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joy MOYER		[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	





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Renee	Ely	[REDACTED]				
Richard	KRIZ	[REDACTED]				
Steven	Witmer	[REDACTED]				
Dudith	Reynolds	[REDACTED]		NA	X	
Tom	Eicher	[REDACTED]				
Marvin	Schmacker		[REDACTED]			
Robert	Gruber		[REDACTED]			
Bill	HARTMAN	[REDACTED]				
CHRIS	Bales					



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Scott & Stephanie	Rosenberger	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bradford	Drayton	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Leon	Geraber	[REDACTED]				
KATHY	Alcox	[REDACTED]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
+ 10 Attendees that did not sign-in						

## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** AMANDA MILLER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 6:37 PM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** Re: Notestine Rd and SR 37 intersection

External Email: Use caution when clicking on links, replying, or opening attachments.

Hello,

I attended the public meeting regarding this construction update. I wanted to write in to express my concern for the intersection at Cuba / Thimlar and 37. I was informed by several there that something will be happening but they're not sure when. I wanted to know the accident rating / percentage of both intersections please.

I personally have seen a few, even called emergency service out and I just feel that intersection is more dangerous. You cannot see due to trees and the speed limit is too high in my opinion because when we pull out, cars are going 55-60 and there isn't enough time to get up to speed.

I understand if you can't change the intersection immediately but what about changing the speed? Why can't these intersections be one project because of their extremely close proximity?

As a mother to a child who got his license in the past year, all of us parents are very worried as this is the main intersection / road that is used to go to the school.

Thanks,

Amanda Miller

## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** Angie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:09 PM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** Intersection on 37

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As someone who drives this area regularly I wanted to put in my two cents. Since it's such a pain to do the real intersection problem at Cuba/Thimlar, why not put a light in at the new proposed intersection. It's just as busy as the other. Then it would slow down issues at the next intersection and give people more time to go through that one also. I've been in an accident at the Thimlar intersection, so have 6 of my friends. My friends so. Is brain damaged for life from a wreck at Thimlar. It's just seems anything to help both would be good.

Angie Bowser



## Provide your feedback!

### SR 37 and Notestine Road Intersection Improvement Project Des No. 1900142

**TO:** Cassidy Hunter  
HNTB  
111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200  
Indianapolis IN, 46204  
[cahunter@hntb.com](mailto:cahunter@hntb.com)

**FROM:** Name BRUCE STOPHER  
Address [REDACTED]  
Phone [REDACTED] (Optional) Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)  
Organization/Agency (if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

I LIVE WEST OF THE BEGIN 45 MPH SPEED SIGN. THE TRAFFIC FROM THE EAST IN THE AM. ARE PASSING BY MY HOUSE AT SPEED OF 60-65. I THINK THAT THE SPEED LIMIT SHOULD BE 45 ALL THE WAY OUT TO NOTESTINE ROAD PROJECT. FOLLOWED BY ENFORCEMENT

THANK YOU

*Bruce Stopher*

[www.in.gov/indot/](http://www.in.gov/indot/)

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## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** Ed Claymiller [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 7:29 PM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** 37 Notestine Rd intersection

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I was not able to make the meeting. I'm glad this is being done. My concern is the drainage on the north side of Hwy 37 from Milan center Rd to Castle House. This is by the castle house, Almost every time it rains water is coming out of the ditch and runs down the road. Cars are hydroplaning and in the winter it turns into ice. At the intersection of 37 and Cuba the North West conner there is water standing there when it rains, it all so cause car to hyperplane and turns into ice in the winter. The other spot is down by Milan Center Rd on the north side before you get to the ditch, It runs down the Farmers drive way out onto 37 towards the ditch, the berm it to high to let the water off the road. so maybe cut the berm down would help to.

Thanks

Ed Claymiller  
[REDACTED]





## Provide your feedback!

### SR 37 and Notestine Road Intersection Improvement Project Des No. 1900142

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**FROM:** Name Gabe Silva  
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**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

*I believe that the current intersection has been needing to be improved since the beginning. The proposed realignment will reduce the accidents as long as a traffic light is also installed, not a flashing light like the 37 & Cuba Rd intersection. Which should also be changed to a regular traffic light which is there now. Also a lane on both sides of the road (37) should be added for the Amish buggies, as the traffic is backed up, especially during the morning and evening traffic.*

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*This idea is very stupid at best! Just put in a stoplight in at Notestine + 37, if you're not going to plan on slowing the 37 traffic down, don't do anything! Just a waste of Money, Plus your going to split the guys property on the west side of 37. Then how he going to farm that? Put your brains where they belong, Not up your behind!!! It's Really shameful that someone, even Comes up with an idea as stupid as this!!!*



## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:51 PM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** IN 37 & Notestine Rd - Allen County

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Hi Cassidy - I briefly thanked you after your presentation on Tuesday evening 2/27 at the Harlan Park Community Center. Here is my feedback:

Jim Dougal  
[REDACTED]

I appreciate all the work that was put into the evaluation of this intersection and the various options. I believe the one selected is the best and the least confusing. For 30 years, I passed through this intersection twice a day, five times a week - turning from the east and heading southbound in the AM, and passing from the west to the east across the intersection in the PM. That amounts to just over 7500 interactions with the intersection in both the AM and in the PM. Unfortunately, approximately 7 years ago I was in a property damage accident. Heading east and crossing the intersection I had missed an oncoming car from the north. Even though I looked each way twice, my vision was blocked by the A-post on my side.

As a volunteer medic with Northeast Fire District, I have been at several accident scenes. As in my case, there are a number of accidents due to driver error.

I agree the intersection is more dangerous due to it being skewed and hope this solution will reduce the number of incidents by correcting / eliminating the following:

- The northeast corner has visual obstructions due to a farm fence and a utility (gas line?) marker.
- The southeast corner has the small house with large number of construction vans and trailers
  - Several years ago these vehicles were pulling directly into the intersection instead of SR 37 or Notestine. I was able to contact an ISP officer who knew the owner of the construction outfit and a rope/wire fence was put up
  - However, on Monday, 2/26 I was attempting to cross the intersection and a pickup owned by the resident of the house was along 37 waiting to pull onto the roadway and obstructing my view, so I had to wait to pull out
- Another issue that I was involved in a couple of years ago involved a pickup attempting to pass me and other vehicles who had slowed to allow a buggy ahead of us to turn left. Luckily I saw him in time and was able to safely 'block' him from passing. I reported this to INDOT and was successful in getting double yellow lines painted (there had been none before) and signs posted
  - ***Please be certain the double yellow lines and signage are part of the revision***

Again, thank you for the great job you did at the presentation!

Jim Dougal, RN, EMT-A

Former Safety Officer at St. Joseph Township Fire Department

(The department territory was absorbed into the City of Fort Wayne years ago)



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**FROM:** Name Kevin Mullett  
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Phone [Redacted] (Optional) Email [Redacted] (Optional)  
Organization/Agency (if relevant) [Redacted] (Optional)

**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

Reduce speed from donut shop through (SW) of Notestine Rd.

Put up (reinforce) w/ "your speed's" signs

Comcast/xfinity is along Notestine to the East to 16219. I am the last house on the line.

Add flashing stop signs at Notestine E/W & Cuba corners.

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**FROM:** Name Marlin Steury  
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**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

I think we need a STOP LIGHT  
at this intersection. If a stop light  
is placed at this intersection it will  
allow Horse & Buggys to cross while  
traftic on 37 is stopped. This will  
be much safer for the Amish  
community.

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**FROM:** Name Menno Miller  
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Phone [REDACTED] (Optional) Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)  
Organization/Agency (if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

State Road 37 and Thimble Road we need Stop Light

State Road 37 and Cuba Road we need Stop Light  
or call me 260-710-0687

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**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

we need stop light's removed  
2 and reduced speed to 35 MPH  
Thanks

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## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** Steven Witmer [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 4:08 PM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** IN 37/Notestine RD comments

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Hello Cassidy,

I want to thank you and your team for the presentation last week. I thought it was informative and although I am sure most of what you deal with from people are complaints I want to thank you all for doing your jobs and serving Indiana. I think your proposed plan for the intersection in question looks like a good solution to a problem I deal with on almost a daily basis. There was only one thing I was unable to determine from your diagrams and description of the project, and that is whether or not turn lanes will be added to IN 37 at the new intersection? If not, may I ask why not, as I think they would greatly improve traffic flow in that area both now and for many years to come. Having been a commercial driver for the last ten years, I have noticed that in Indiana we do ok at maintaining infrastructure, but we lack a bit in preparing for the inevitable future of an increased amount of traffic due to so many people wanting to live and reproduce in our great state. As a proud Hoosier it pleases me to see changes happening like the IN 37/ Notestine Rd project and I hope someday that we can brag about having the best roads in the midwest.

Thank you  
Steven Witmer

## Cassidy Hunter

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**From:** Thomas Eicher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 10:06 AM  
**To:** Cassidy Hunter  
**Subject:** Feedback for SR 37 and Notestine Rd Intersection Improvement Project

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Greetings,

I live within a mile of 37 and Notestine intersection and have been concerned about the safety for long time.

My personal experience crossing with car or truck and trailer, the alignment IS NOT the issue.

One small issue is the fence on north west side obstruct view towards Harlan until nearly on 37.

The BIG issue Notestine is also a main road with a lot of traffic crossing 37.

If a bridge would be built across 37 it would eliminate one of the many intersections in the short distance on 37. Traffic wanting to turn on 37 could get on at Cuba rd with a light, or Barnett rd. If Notestine is rerouted as planned then please also install a traffic light.

We are concerned about safety, NOT about generating road construction or tax dollars.

Thank you,  
Thomas Eicher

[REDACTED]





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**FROM:** Name Zach Washler

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED] (Optional) Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

Organization/Agency (if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**COMMENTS:** INDOT respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **March 12, 2024.**

Thank you for doing this project. It is my opinion that this is much needed and will greatly improve safety at this intersection.

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**SR 37 at Notestine Road  
Intersection Improvement Project**

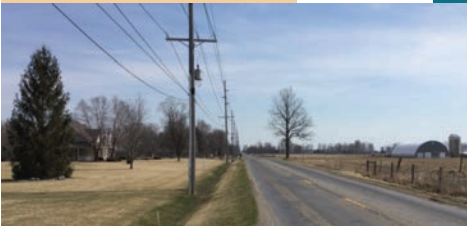
*Public Information Meeting*

February 27, 2024




**WELCOME!**

**AGENDA**



- ✓ Purpose & Need
- ✓ Project Schedule
- ✓ Maintenance of Traffic
- ✓ Environmental Considerations
- ✓ Public Comments



**Purpose & Need**

## Purpose & Need



State Road 37 and Notestine Road experiences an above average frequency of crashes



Between 2016-2023, there were 42 crashes at the intersection; two fatal crashes and 12 crashes with injury



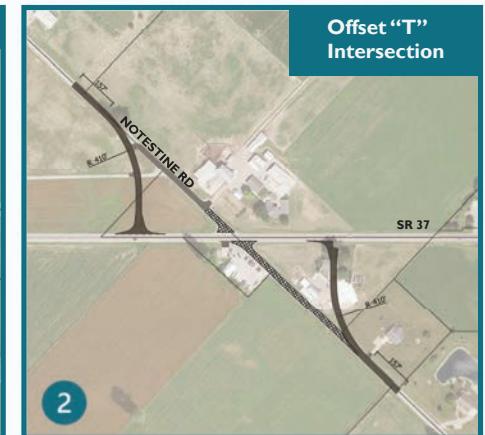
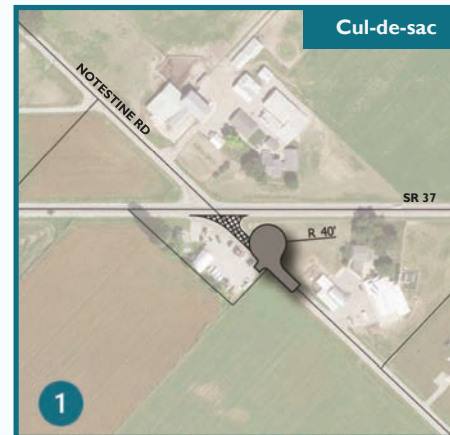
Notestine Road has a significant skew that causes sight distance issues, contributing to the number of crashes



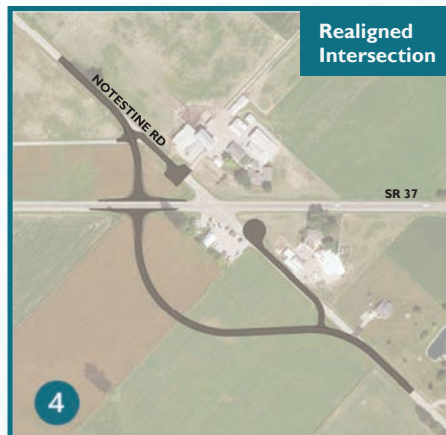
Purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety at the State Road 37 and Notestine Road

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## Alternatives Evaluated



## Alternatives Evaluated



## Alternatives Comparison

	Access Considerations	Right-of-Way Impacts	Construction Cost
<b>Cul-de-Sac</b>	Notestine Road traffic must travel on State Road 37	0.28 acres; 3 parcels impacted	\$1.2M
<b>Offset "T" Intersection</b>	Notestine Road traffic must travel on State Road 37	3.54 acres; 9 parcels impacted	\$2M
<b>Roundabout</b>	Notestine Road traffic must travel on State Road 37	5.34 acres; 8 parcels impacted	\$3M
<b>Realigned Intersection</b>	All access points retained	5.71 acres; 7 parcels impacted	\$2.6M

## Recommended Alternative



## Proposed Project Schedule



## Future Project Coordination

- **INDOT is analyzing the State Road 37 corridor and evaluating potential shoulder widening**
- **This also includes the intersection of State Road 37 and Cuba Road/Thimler Road**
- **Future project information and opportunities for engagement will be communicated to residents and other stakeholders**





# Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)



# Right-of-Way Acquisition



# Utilities

## Utilities Involved:

- NIPSCO
- AEP
- Frontier
- Maysville Regional Water

- Anticipate **minor relocations for all**
- Relocation plans to be requested in **Spring 2024**
- **Relocations anticipated to start Fall 2024** (prior to construction)





## Environmental Considerations

## Natural Resources

- **Early Coordination**
  - Supportive letter from East Allen County Schools
  - Not likely to adversely affect endangered bats
  - Minor natural resource impacts
- **Waters and Wetland Delineation**
  - Amstutz Ditch
- **Natural and Wooded Areas**
  - Minimal forested riparian habitat along Amstutz Ditch
- **Farmland**
  - No Significant Impact per Natural Resource Conservation Services

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## Cultural Resources

- **Phase Ia Archaeological Investigation**
  - Four sites identified – None recommended eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
- **Historic Property Report**
  - Neo-Eclectic French Provincial at 16029 State Road 37; recommended eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
- **No Adverse Effect on cultural resources**

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## Community Resources

- **No disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations**
- **Coordination with Cuba Mennonite Church & Amish Community**
- **Kitchen Table Meetings with affected property owners**





# Public Comments

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## Share Your Feedback

- Complete a comment form at tonight's meeting
- Send your comment via email to: [cahunter@hntb.com](mailto:cahunter@hntb.com)
- Mail your comment form to:  
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Please submit comments by:  
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# THANK YOU!





# State Road 37 and Notestine Road Intersection Improvement Project

Des No. 1900142

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Located in Allen County, this proposed project will realign the existing intersection of State Road 37 and Notestine Road by eliminating the significant skew there, resulting in a 90-degree intersection reconstruction. This improvement is needed to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at the intersection.




## FUTURE CORRIDOR PROJECTS:

INDOT is analyzing and evaluating the State Road 37 corridor in Allen County for a future potential shoulder widening project. Other future projects include improvements to the State Road 37 and Cuba/Thimler Road intersection. As more information about those projects is confirmed and becomes available, the public and other stakeholders will be notified of opportunities for engagement.

## HAVE A QUESTION?

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