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**CR 38 to CR 142
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023




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AGENDA

- ✓ Project Purpose
- ✓ Project History
- ✓ Overview of proposed improvements
- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Share Your Feedback
- ✓ Next Steps

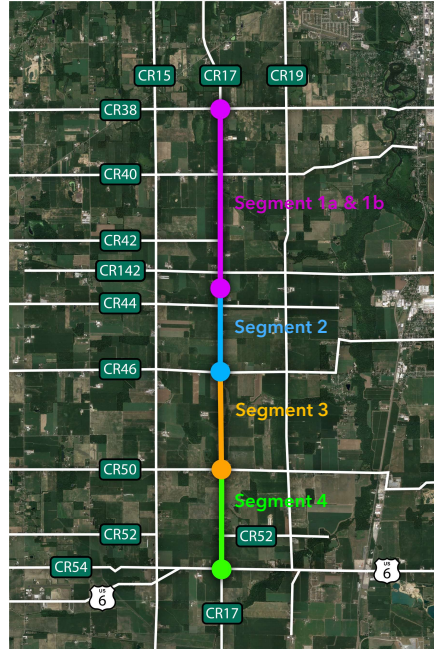




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PROJECT PURPOSE

- Improve the **mobility** of northbound and southbound traffic in western Elkhart County
- Improve roadway geometry
- **Reduce congestion** on surrounding roadway network

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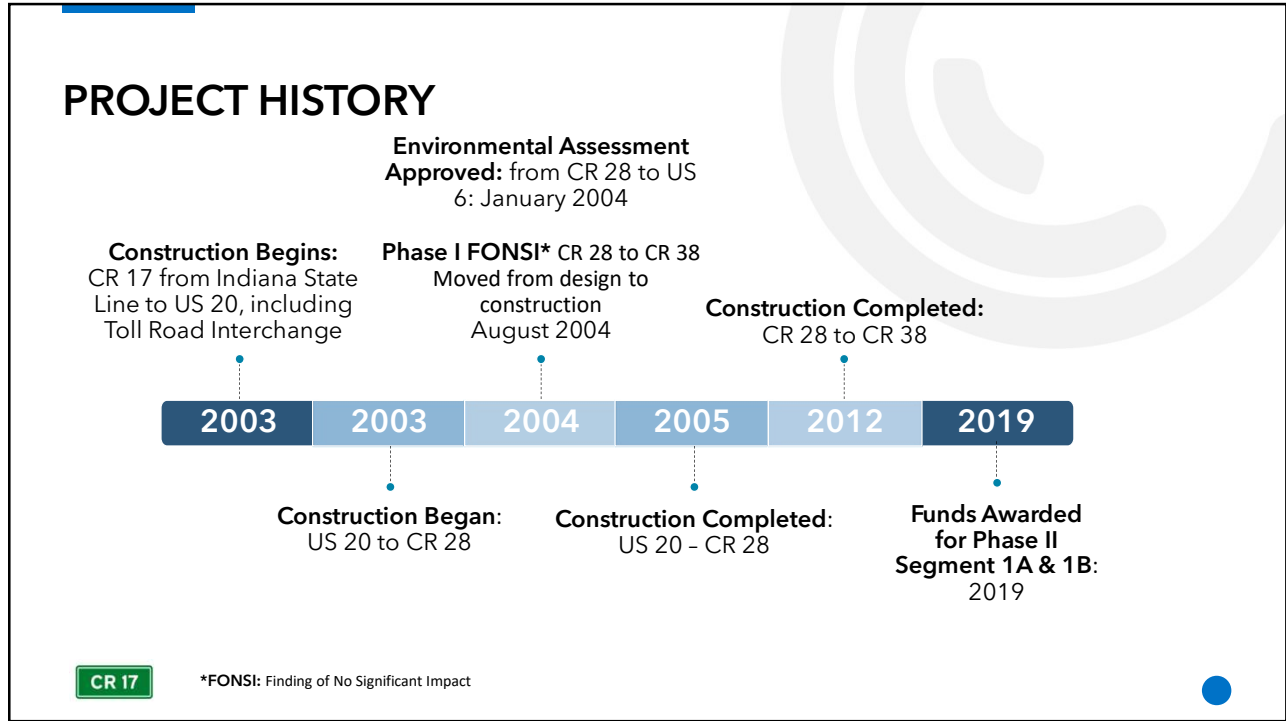
PROJECT NEED

- **INSUFFICIENT ROADWAY DESIGN:** Existing 10' to 11' travel lanes with 1' to 2' shoulders are too narrow for a rural arterial roadway
- **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS:** Recent traffic analysis forecasted that SR 15 & SR 19 are congested or will experience poor operating conditions
- **MACOG:** Part of the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

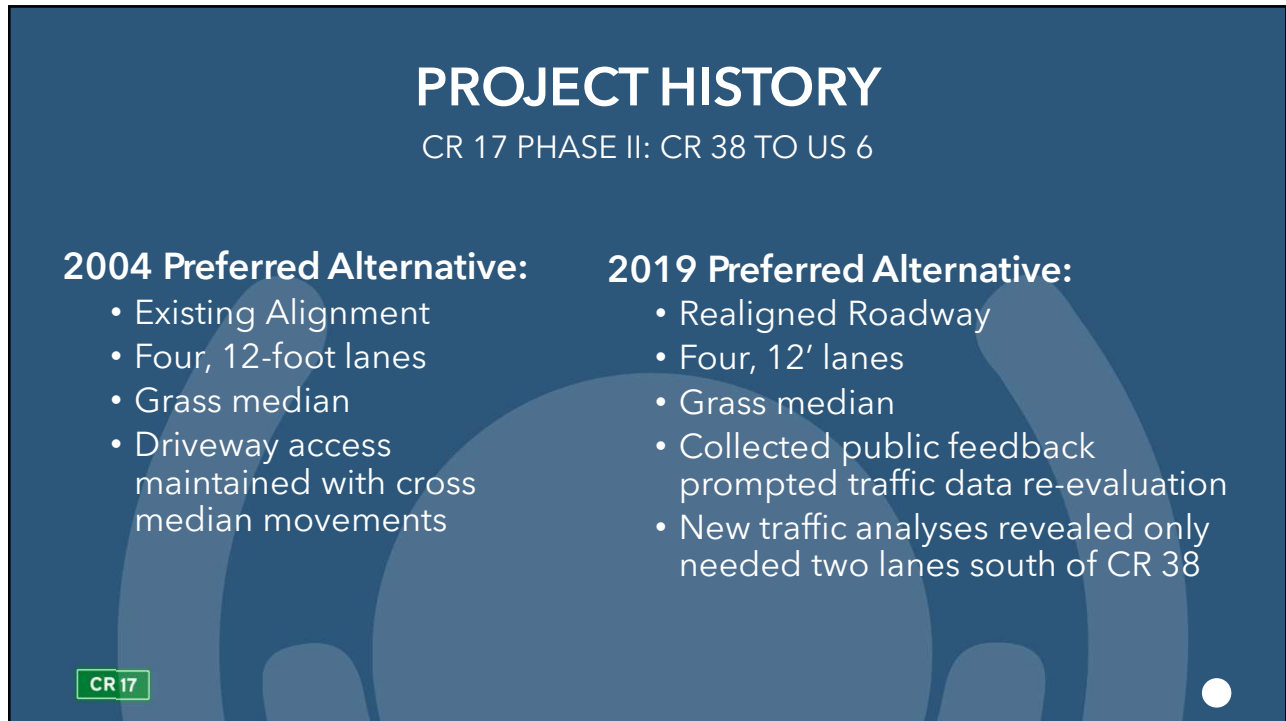
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TWO-LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT ALTERNATIVES



DEDICATED NEW ALIGNMENT WITH ACCESS CONTROL

- Creates a new facility offset approximately 150' west of the current CR 17
- Access primarily limited to existing intersections
- Maintains CR 17 as a "frontage" road providing driveway access



WIDENING OF CR 17 ON EXISTING ALIGNMENT

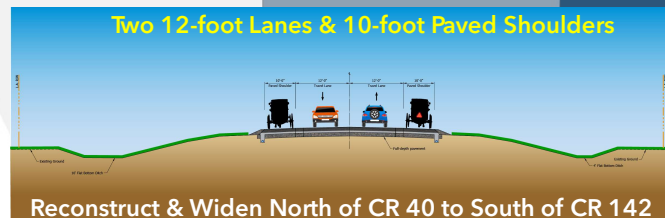
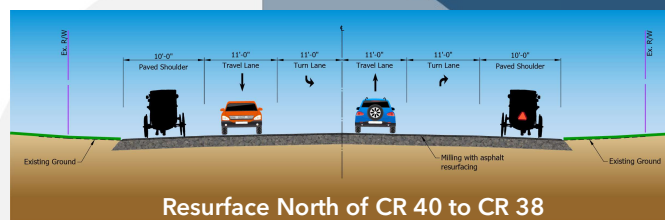
- Maintains access to all intersections and driveways
- Generally preserves the existing CR 17 alignment with widened roadway section. Centerline shifted to minimize project impacts.
- Preferred alternative

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PREFERRED SOLUTION: 2 LANES

- **RESURFACE & WIDEN CR 17**
- Shift centerline to the west
- Maintain & reconstruct all driveways
- Upgrade drainage & construct swales along east and west sides
- Tie drainage into existing streams & County-regulated drains
- Reconstruct & Signalize CR 40 & CR 142 Intersections

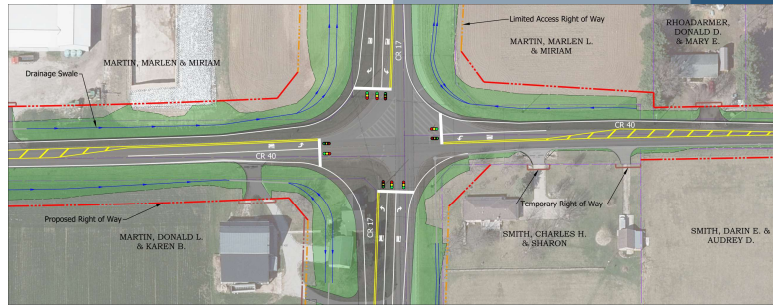
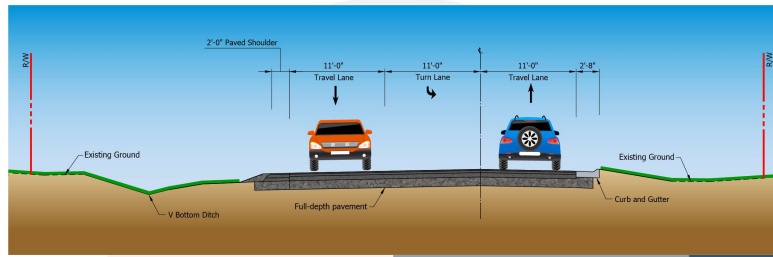


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INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CR 40

- Through Lanes
- Turn Lanes
- Traffic Signal

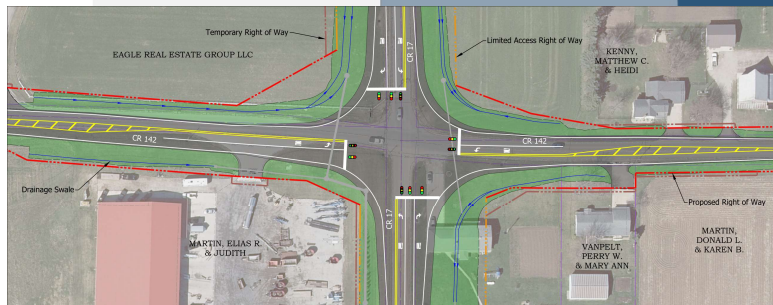
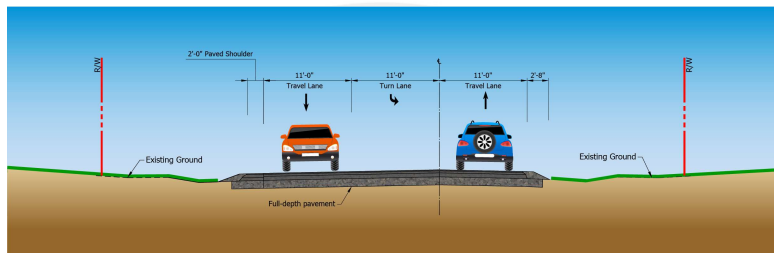


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INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CR 142

- Through Lanes
- Turn Lanes
- Traffic Signal



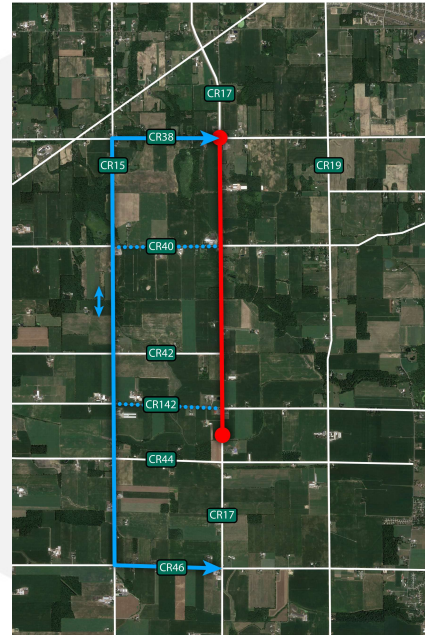
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DETOUR ROUTE: MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PLAN

- CR 17 closed to thru traffic
- Official Detour route:
 - Directs traffic to the west
 - CR 15 from CR 38 to CR 46
 - Interim east-west routes available during phased construction
 - Unofficial detour route may utilize CR 19 to the east
- **Will maintain access to all drives during construction**

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RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

- Standard ROW is offset 100'(+/-) from proposed roadway centerline
- Total Parcels Affected: 32
- Total Temporary ROW: 0.54 acres
- Total Permanent ROW: 36.7 acres
- Relocations: Up to 2
- **All acquisitions to adhere to Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act**

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UTILITIES

- **RELOCATION PLANS** requested in June 2023
- **RELOCATIONS** may start as soon as Fall 2025, prior to construction

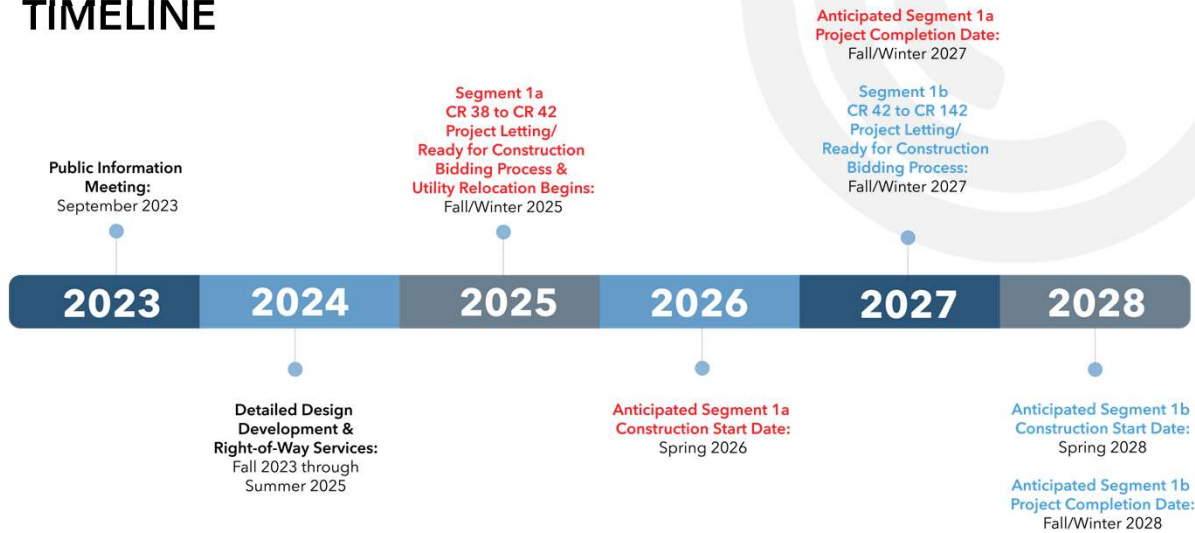
RELOCATION	NO RELOCATION
NEW PARIS TELEPHONE	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
NIPSCO GAS	
NIPSCO ELECTRIC	



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TIMELINE



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NEXT STEPS

- **COMMENT PERIOD** Deadline is October 6, 2023
- **REVIEW FEEDBACK** with Elkhart County Highway Department, INDOT, and Lochmueller Design Team
- **ROW SERVICES & ACQUISITION** Beginning 2024



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