

# APPENDIX K. RESOURCE AGENCY, STAKEHOLDER & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY #3 (ADDENDUM #1)

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US 31 North

## Resource Agency, Stakeholder & Public Involvement Summary #3

Addendum 1 - August 2025



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# 1. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The ProPEL US 30 and 31 studies were an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) initiative for transportation planning. The studies were conducted from August 2022 to August 2025. These studies used the collaborative planning approach of the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) process to consider environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning process. Throughout the PEL studies, INDOT sought to offer communities and residents the opportunity to envision transportation solutions to create smarter transportation systems that build stronger communities.

The ProPEL US 30 and 31 study areas spanned 180 miles across 12 counties. The ProPEL US 31 North study corridor is 27 miles in length and extends from just south of the Eel River in Miami County (County Road [CR] 300 North) to just south of the Fulton/Marshall County line (CR 700 North in Fulton County). US 31 is a critical transportation link in Indiana that serves cross-state travel from Louisville, Kentucky, through Indianapolis, to South Bend near the Michigan state line. However, in the vicinity of the study limits, US 31 serves as both a thoroughfare for regional trips as well as a connector for local communities including Rochester, Macy, Denver and Mexico.

This report provides a summary of the public engagement activities for the final phase of the study from December 14, 2024, to August 1, 2025. These activities included a virtual public information meeting, 17 in-person community office hours, and online and in-person feedback collected from the public through August 1, 2025.

# 2. OUTREACH AND ADVERTISEMENT

To conclude the study, the study team completed both its regularly scheduled public outreach activities as well as a final round of activities (June 24, 2025, to August 1, 2025) to inform and collect feedback on the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the Final PEL Study Report. Table 1 below lists those outreach activities.

Figure 3-1: ProPEL US 31 North Final PEL Study Report Outreach Efforts

Final PEL Study Report Outreach Efforts		Date(s)
Website information	Report and study update posted to ProPELUS31.com	6/24/2025
Community Office Hours	Harvest Moon Foods	1/18/2025
	Fulton County Public Library	1/18/2025
	Fulton County Public Library	2/5/2025
	Macy Volunteer Fire Department	2/15/2005
	Fulton County Public Library	3/15/2025
	Harvest Moon Foods	3/15/2025
	Fulton County Public Library	4/10/2025
	Denver Volunteer Fire Station	4/10/2025
	Rochester Farmer's Market	5/17/2025
	Fulton County Public Library	5/17/2025
	Rochester Farmer's Market	6/28/2025
	Denver Volunteer Fire Department	6/28/2025
	Fulton County Public Library	7/9/2025



Final PEL Study Report Outreach Efforts		Date(s)
	Rochester Farmer's Market	7/19/2025
	Macy Volunteer Fire Department	7/19/2025
Public Information Meeting	Virtual Meeting	6/23/2025
US 30/31 Coalition Briefing	Virtual Meeting	6/25/2025

### 3. AGENCY COORDINATION

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Throughout the study, the US 31 North study team has coordinated with resource agencies and elected officials.

During the final study phase, the study team distributed the Final PEL Study Report and Final Level 3 Screening Report to federal, state, and local resource agencies via email on June 24, 2025, and to Tribal nations via email for review on July 2, 2025. See Appendix G for copies of communication. No agency comments were received during the period.

### 4. VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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The US 31 South study team conducted a virtual public information meeting that was posted on the study website from June 24 through July 31, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the PEL Study Report and the Final Level 3 Screening Report.

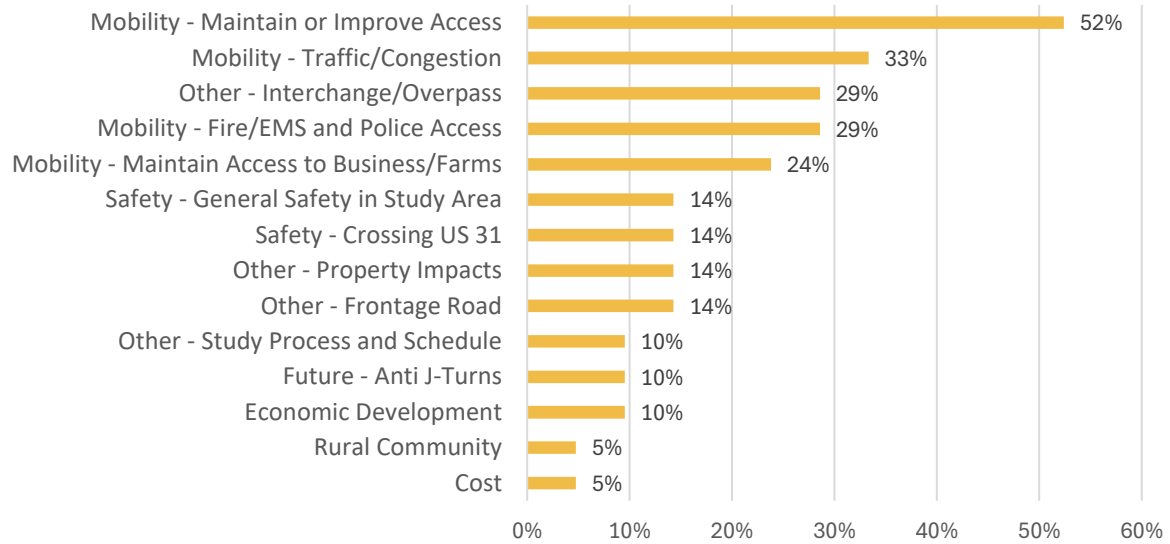
Virtual attendees were able to view a recorded presentation and review the final study materials. In total, 20 people visited the virtual public information meeting.

### 5. COMMENT SUMMARY

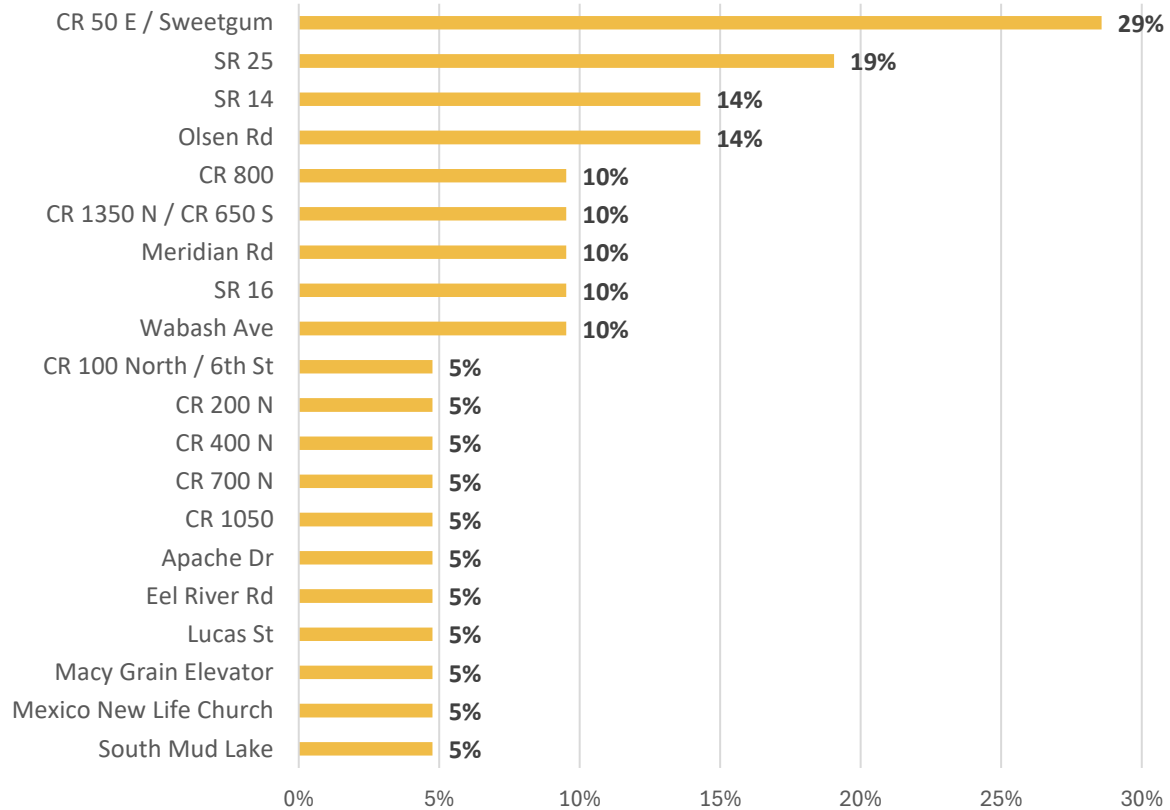
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The study team received a total of 23 comments between December 14, 2024, and August 1, 2025. Three comments were submitted via the Virtual Public Information Meeting (VPIM). Public comments were encouraged outside of the formal comment period at community office hours and via the study website. A full list of comments received appears in Appendix F. A summary of comments is included in the following graphics.

### Percentage of Comments by Topic



### Percentage of Comments by Location





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# APPENDIX A: PRESS RELEASE

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## INDOT releases final reports for US 30 & US 31 planning studies

**INDIANAPOLIS – June 24, 2025** – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has released final reports for its ProPEL US 30 and 31 studies, which will inform the next 20 years of transportation planning and development along the two corridors in northern Indiana.

The Final Level 3 Screening Reports and the PEL Study Reports for each of the four study areas – US 30 East and West and US 31 North and South – are available at [ProPELUS30.com](https://ProPELUS30.com) and [ProPELUS31.com](https://ProPELUS31.com). The Level 3 screening reports evaluate potential improvements in each study area. The PEL Study Reports, which mark the completion of these studies, summarize and document the planning efforts from start to finish.

“We asked for input early and often and were pleased to receive nearly 3,500 comments throughout the studies,” said INDOT project manager Sandra Flum. “Engagement from more than 3,700 community members across both studies helped our efforts remain data-driven and fueled by feedback.”

The study teams made several changes to the draft Level 3 screening reports based on public input. Public feedback has been vital to the success of the studies, which began in 2022.

“The ProPEL US 30 and 31 studies allowed us to engage with the public earlier in the planning process than a typical transportation project,” INDOT project manager Jonathan Wallace said. “INDOT scopes and funds projects five years into the future, so the first projects could be three to five years away. These studies were able to shape a vision for US 30 and 31 while providing important data to inform and streamline future efforts.”

Each of the study teams will host community office hours, which are informal, in-person conversations where community members can engage directly with the study team. The public is also invited to attend virtual, on-demand public meetings for each of the study areas. Additional details are available on the [ProPEL US 30](https://ProPELUS30.com) and [ProPEL US 31](https://ProPELUS31.com) websites.

The Level 3 screening evaluated improvement packages in smaller sections of each study area based on qualitative and quantitative factors to assess costs, benefits, and impacts. Examples of changes to the Level 3 screening report based on public feedback include:

### US 30 East

- In Columbia City, all improvement packages feature full access at State Road 205. This change better accommodates traffic to and from the hospital and the surrounding region.
- In Warsaw, the freeway alternative was updated to include local service roads. This change provides access to and from businesses situated between Old US 30 and County Road 250 East.



#### US 30 West

- In Wanatah, an overpass at LaPorte County Road 1100 West was replaced with a [directional intersection](#), and Condon Street was changed from right-in/right-out to a directional intersection. In addition, dedicated median openings were added to allow U-turn movements. These changes improve access for emergency services and local connectivity.
- In West Plymouth, an overpass was replaced with an interchange at Union Road in one of the expressway alternatives. This change improves access for those traveling to Marian University's Ancilla College and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Center at Donaldson complex.

#### US 31 South

- In Sharpsville, an overpass was added at the intersection of US 31 and County Road 300 North in one of the arterial alternatives and the expressway lite alternative. These changes improve east-west mobility and connectivity.
- In the Grissom area, the expressway lite and freeway alternatives include an interchange alternative at the US 31 and County Road 800 South intersection rather than at the County Road 850 South intersection. This change promotes east-west mobility by improving traffic flow while also improving safety.

The study teams also clarified language in the Final Level 3 Screening Reports to better identify which packages warrant further consideration by INDOT after the PEL studies. All improvement packages were rated as either “Eliminated” or “Carried Forward.”

Besides the final reports, the [ProPEL US 30](#) and [ProPEL US 31](#) websites include an updated interactive map that illustrate changes in each study area.

Study teams will continue to visit communities along the US 30 and 31 corridors for community office hours through July. Dates, times and locations for community office hours are available on the ProPEL US 30 and ProPEL US 31 websites and social media channels.

The ProPEL US 30 and US 31 studies span 180 miles across 12 counties and include US 30 from Valparaiso to the Ohio state line, excluding I-69 and I-469 around Fort Wayne, as well as US 31 between Hamilton County and Plymouth, excluding the Kokomo bypass. Counties within the study areas include Allen, Fulton, Hamilton, Howard, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Porter, Starke, Tipton, and Whitley.

#### ProPEL US 30

[ProPELUS30.com](http://ProPELUS30.com)

[Facebook.com/PropelU.S.30](https://Facebook.com/PropelU.S.30)

X: [@ProPELUS30](https://twitter.com/ProPELUS30)

Instagram: [@propelus30\\_31](https://www.instagram.com/propelus30_31)



#### **ProPEL US 31**

[ProPELUS31.com](http://ProPELUS31.com)

[Facebook.com/PropelU.S.31](https://Facebook.com/PropelU.S.31)

X: [@ProPELUS31](https://twitter.com/ProPELUS31)

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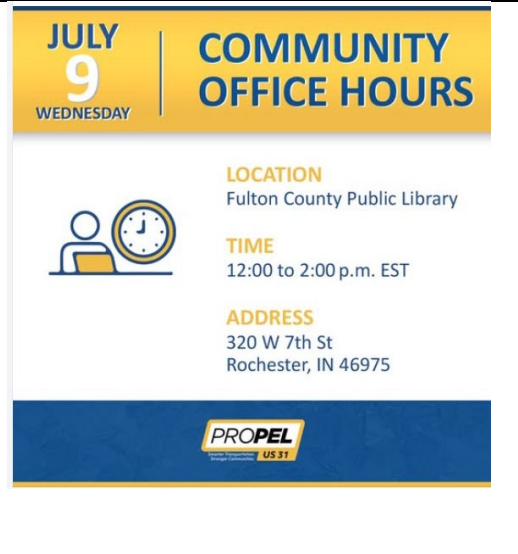
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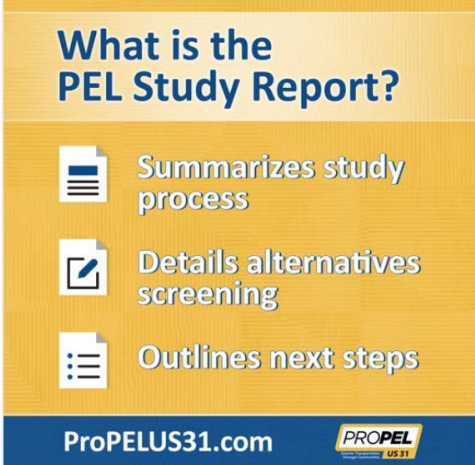
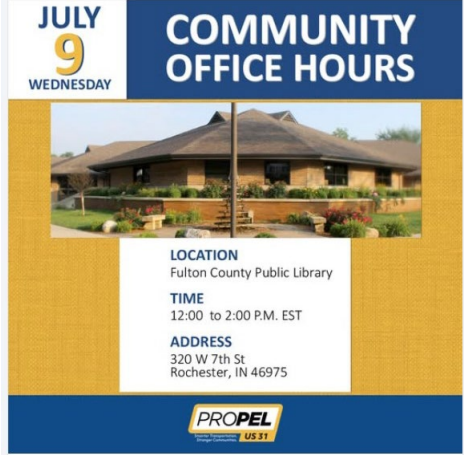

INDOT is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, and operating the State of Indiana's more than 29,000 highway lane miles and 5,700 bridges, and providing support for 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities throughout the Hoosier State. With six district offices and over 3,500 employees, INDOT works to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable transportation infrastructure while supporting the state's economic vitality. The department is committed to fostering innovation, sustainability, and safety in transportation planning and development, in addition to collaborating with local governments and private sector partners to meet the state's transportation needs. For the eighth consecutive year, Indiana has placed in the top ten in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more at [in.gov/indotin.gov/indot](https://in.gov/indotin.gov/indot).

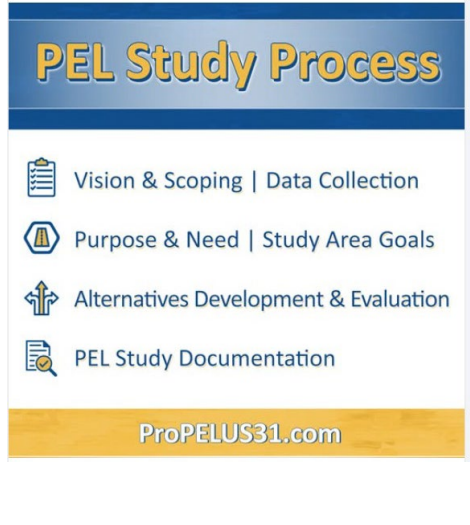
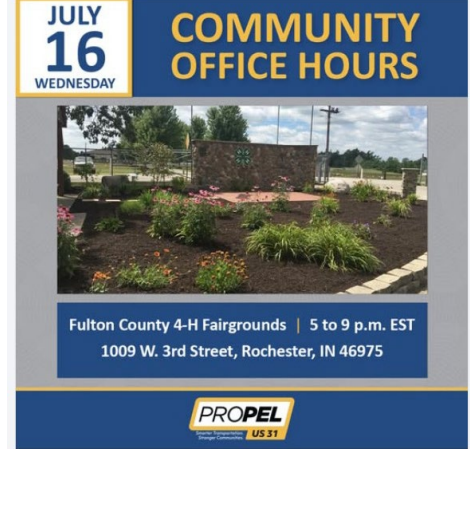



## APPENDIX B: SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS




Date	Post Text	Visual
June 24, 2025	<p>We've reached the final step of the ProPEL US 31 study! After extensive data analysis, engineering evaluations, and community outreach, the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report are now available.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to view the reports. Comments received will be documented for future consideration as part of any projects that may result from this PEL study will be accepted until July 24, 2025.</p>	
June 25, 2025	<p>Smarter transportation, stronger communities! The Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report for <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">#ProPELUS31</a> are here — shaped by data and driven by YOUR feedback.</p> <p>Nearly 1600 stakeholders helped us envision a safer, more connected future for northern Indiana. Thank you for being part of the journey! Review the reports at <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>	
June 25, 2025	<p>Mark your calendars! The US 31 North study team will be out several times over the next few weeks sharing information about the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report.</p> <p>Can't make it? Visit <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to catch up and share your thoughts.</p>	




<p>June 26, 2025</p>	<p>The final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report are now available.</p> <p>Make sure to visit <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to take part in the US 31 North Virtual Public Information Meeting.</p> <p>You'll find a short video that summarizes the study and next steps.</p>	
<p>July 4, 2025</p>	<p>Happy Independence Day from the ProPEL US 31 study team! Have a safe and fun holiday!</p>	
<p>July 5, 2025</p>	<p>The US 31 North study team will be in Rochester at the library this Wednesday, July 9 sharing the latest on the study – including information about the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report. Head to <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to learn more and catch up.</p>	

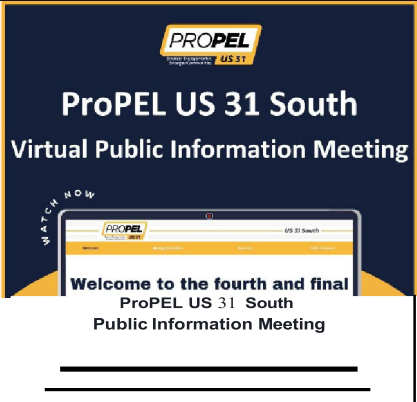


<p>July 7, 2025</p>	<p>The US 31 North team released the final PEL Study Report.</p> <p>It summarizes and documents the process that identified possible solutions to transportation issues along the corridor.</p> <p>Read the full report at <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a>.</p>	
<p>July 9, 2025</p>	<p>We hope to see you! Members of the US 31 North study team will be in Rochester at the library today. Make plans to stop by and learn more about what's ahead. You can always visit <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to find the latest news and study information.</p>	
<p>July 11, 2025</p>	<p>Watch the US 31 North Virtual Public Information meeting to learn more about the final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> for details of the study process and next steps.</p>	

<p>July 15, 2025</p>	<p>The US 31 North study started with the Vision and Scoping phase.</p> <p>We've collected data, collaborated with stakeholders, and developed and evaluated alternatives that have gotten us to the final PEL Study Report.</p> <p>Find all reports and more information at <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a>.</p>	 <p><b>PEL Study Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision &amp; Scoping   Data Collection</li> <li>Purpose &amp; Need   Study Area Goals</li> <li>Alternatives Development &amp; Evaluation</li> <li>PEL Study Documentation</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>
<p>July 16, 2025</p>	<p>The US 31 North study team will be at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Rochester this evening. We'll be sharing the latest on the study, including information on the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report. Watch our virtual public information meeting at <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a>.</p>	 <p><b>JULY 16 WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p>Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds   5 to 9 p.m. EST 1009 W. 3rd Street, Rochester, IN 46975</p> <p><b>PROPEL US 31</b></p>
<p>July 18, 2025</p>	<p>Now that the Final PEL Report is complete, INDOT will consider the recommended improvements—ranging from intersection upgrades to larger projects—through its annual Call for Projects process. This competitive process helps determine which projects move forward, based on need, impact, and available funding. Selected projects typically move into planning and design before construction.</p> <p>This isn't the end—it's the beginning of what's ahead for the US 31 corridor!</p> <p>Stay connected at <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>	 <p><b>WHAT'S NEXT</b></p> <p>Learn more &gt;&gt;&gt; <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>





<p>July 19, 2025</p>	<p>The US 31 North study team will be at the Farmer's Market this morning and the Macy Fire Station this afternoon. Can't make it? We're always available at <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a>. Find the latest as the study concludes.</p>	
<p>July 21, 2025</p>	<p>Recommendations from the US 31 North PEL Study Report will be evaluated for potential implementation as part of INDOT's annual call for projects.</p> <p>Learn more at <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a>.</p>	
<p>July 25, 2025</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your feedback during the US 31 North study. Your input helped define transportation needs and shaped improvement packages to address them. As the study concludes, be sure to visit <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a> to review the final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report.</p>	

<p><b>Thursday, July 3</b></p> <p>US31SCOH promo #1</p>	<p>Join the ProPEL US 31 South study team next week on Tuesday, July 8 for community office hours in Tipton and Peru. Stop by and share your feedback on the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report.</p> <p>ProPELUS31.com</p> <p>#ProPELUS31 #CommunityEngagement</p>	
<p><b>Friday, July 4</b></p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>Happy Independence day from the ProPEL US 31 study team. Have a safe and fun holiday.</p>	
<p><b>Monday, July 7</b></p> <p>US31SCOH promo #2</p>	<p>Join the ProPEL US 31 South study team for community office hours this Tuesday, July 8 in Tipton and Peru.</p> <p>ProPELUS31.com</p>	

<p>Tuesday, July 8</p> <p>Watch Virtual PIM</p>	<p>The virtual public information meeting is live. Head to <a href="https://ProPELUS31.com/us-31-south/">ProPELUS31.com/us-31-south/</a> to watch the presentation.</p> <p>#ProPELUS31</p>	 <p>ProPEL US 31 South Virtual Public Information Meeting</p> <p>WATCH NOW</p> <p>Welcome to the fourth and final ProPEL US 31 South Public Information Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, July 10</p> <p>US 31S COH promo #1</p>	<p>Join the ProPEL US 31 South study team next week on Monday, July 14 for community office hours in Peru and Tipton. Stop by and share your feedback on the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report.</p> <p><a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p> <p>#ProPELU531 #CommunityEngagement</p>	 <p>JULY 14 MONDAY</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>US 31 SOUTH</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION</b> PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY</p> <p><b>TIME</b> 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (EST)</p> <p><b>LOCATION</b> TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY</p> <p><b>TIME</b> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (EST)</p>
<p>Sunday, July 13</p> <p>US 31S COH promo #2</p>	<p>Join the ProPEL US 31 South study team for community office hours on Monday, July 14 in Peru and Tipton.</p> <p><a href="https://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>	 <p>JULY 14 MONDAY</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION</b> PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY</p> <p><b>TIME</b> 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM (EST)</p> <p><b>ADDRESS</b> 702 E. MAIN STREET PERU, IN 46170</p> <p><b>LOCATION</b> TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY</p> <p><b>TIME</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (EST)</p> <p><b>ADDRESS</b> 127 E. MADISON STREET TIPTON, IN 46072</p>



<p><b>Friday, July 18</b></p> <p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Now that the Final PEL Report is complete, INDOT will consider the recommended improvements-ranging from intersection upgrades to larger projects-through its annual Call for Projects process. This competitive process helps determine which projects move forward, based on need, impact, and available funding. Selected projects typically move into planning and design before construction.</p> <p>This isn't the end-it's the beginning of what's ahead for the US 31 corridor!</p> <p>Stay connected at <a href="http://ProPELUS31.com">ProPELUS31.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Monday, July 28</b></p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>To everyone who attended a meeting, submitted a comment, or shared an idea -THANK YOU from the ProPEL US 31 study team. Your involvement has helped build smarter, safer, more connected communities along US 31 in Northern Indiana.</p>	

## APPENDIX C: STAKEHOLDER EMAIL BLASTS



### Final reports available for the ProPEL US 31 North study

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## Final Reports Available for the ProPEL US 31 North Study

The ProPEL US 31 North study team will host a virtual, on-demand public information meeting as it concludes the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study along the U.S. 31 corridor in Miami and Fulton counties. The ProPEL US 31 North Study Area begins at County Road 300 N. in Miami County, where the Eel River crosses US 31, and extends to County Road 700 N. in Fulton County. The approximately 27-mile stretch includes the communities of Mexico, Denver, and Macy, and the City of Rochester.

The purpose of the final public meeting is to share information about the Final Level 3 Screening Report and discuss the PEL Study Report, which summarizes planning efforts from start to finish.

**Launch the Virtual  
Public Meeting**

Links to the Final Level 3 Screening Report and the PEL Study Report are available at [ProPELUS31.com](http://ProPELUS31.com). Physical copies of the PEL Study Report will be available to view at the following locations:

- Akron Carnegie Public Library, 205 E. Rochester Street, Akron, IN 46910
- Fulton County Public Library, 320 W. 7th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Fulton County Economic Development Corp., 822 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975

- Council on Aging and Community Center, 625 Pontiac Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Rochester City Hall, 320 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Fulton County Commissioners Office, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Peru Public Library, 102 E. Main Street, Peru, IN 46970

## Upcoming Community Office Hours

In addition, physical copies of the PEL Study Report will be available at the following Community Office Hours, which are informal, in-person conversations where community members can engage directly with the study team:

- Saturday, June 28:
  - Rochester Farmer's Market | 9 to 11 a.m. EST  
815 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975
  - Denver Volunteer Fire Department | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST  
500 E. Harrison Street, Denver, IN 46926
- Wednesday, July 9:
  - Fulton County Public Library | Noon to 2 p.m. EST  
320 W. 7th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Wednesday, July 16:
  - Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds | 5 to 9 p.m. EST  
1009 W. 3rd Street, Rochester, IN 46975
- Saturday, July 19:
  - Rochester Farmer's Market | 9 to 11 a.m. EST  
815 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975
  - Macy Fire Station | Noon to 2 p.m. EST  
378 E. Walnut Street, Macy, IN 46951

In accordance with 23 CFR 450, INDOT intends to use the information, analysis, and recommendations from the PEL study process to inform decisions about the statewide infrastructure program which will require future federal environmental reviews conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities or representing an ADA and/or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population are encouraged to contact Berry Craig - (270) 705-1640 or [berry.craig@parsons.com](mailto:berry.craig@parsons.com) - to coordinate services to participation in the public comment period. Services include language, visual and audio interpretation services.

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 July 7, 2021. Current INDOT Public Involvement guidance can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/public-involvement/public-involvement/>.

**JUNE  
28**  
SATURDAY

# COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS



**LOCATION**

Fulton County Farmer's Market

**TIME**

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. EST

**ADDRESS**

815 Main St,  
Rochester, IN 46975



**LOCATION**

Denver Fire Station

**TIME**

11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. EST

**ADDRESS**

500 E Harrison St  
Denver, IN 46926



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**ProPEL US 31 North team will be in Rochester July 9 and 16**

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## Join the ProPEL US 31 North Study Team in Rochester

To allow residents a chance to review the Final Level 3 Screening Report and Final PEL Study Report - published about two weeks ago at [ProPELUS31.com](https://www.propelus31.com) - the study team will host community office hours the next two Wednesdays in Rochester.

These informal sessions will be:

- Wednesday, July 9, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Fulton County Public Library
- Wednesday, July 16, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Fulton County 4-H Fair

**JULY**  
**9**  
**WEDNESDAY**

# COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS



## LOCATION

Fulton County Public Library

## TIME

12:00 to 2:00 P.M. EST

## ADDRESS

320 W 7th St  
Rochester, IN 46975



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## **Join the ProPEL US 31 North Study Team in Rochester and Macy**

To allow residents a chance to review the Final Level 3 Screening Report and Final PEL Study Report - published about two weeks ago at [ProPELUS31.com](https://www.propelus31.com) - the study team will host community office hours this Wednesday and Saturday. These informal sessions will be:

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**JULY**  
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# COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS



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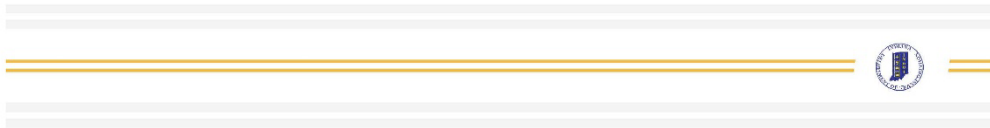


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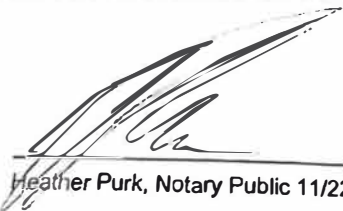
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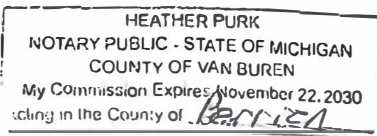
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Heather Purk, Notary Public 11/22/2030



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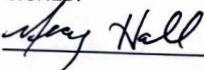
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## APPENDIX F: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Date	Message
12/14/2024	Mexico Planning Segment: We are one of the 7 private driveways and we do not want our access taken away from our property. There is literally no reason to take our access away from entering and exiting our property. I don't have a comment but a question. If package 4 is selected what happens to the residents if our access is taken away? Will an access road be provided? <i>(Virtual Public Meeting Comment)</i>
12/14/2024	Macy Planning Segment: What I like most is package 1. What I like least is any of the other packages. I prefer package 1. none of the others work for anyone around here gas is to expensive to have to drive 20 miles out of are way to go any where please you don't live here so please stop trying to mess with its I do appreciate this virtual meeting explaining it better I didn't quite understand it just looking at maps <i>(Virtual Public Meeting Comment)</i>
12/14/2024	After reviewing the Level 3 draft I have some severe concerns about the mobility we will have coming from the west on 200 North in Rochester. With trying to access businesses on the east side of US 31. We are a small family farm and use Meridian to cross 31 with equipment and trucks with gravity wagons hauling grain. The recommendations in this draft will severely limit us and several people like us. If the J turns were to be installed it would force us to take a vehicle traveling at 25 Mph to either play frogger and cut across traffic that travels close to 70 Mph. Or force us to travel several miles out of the way and take 14 into downtown Rochester, down main street to get to Lucas street on the south side of town. There needed to be at least one overpass installed that will allow traffic to bypass the town of Rochester and enter from the south side. Recommendation 3 for our area is really the only option. In the video it does not show Meridian getting tied into Olsen but instead dead heading into the overpass fill. This would need to be corrected to allow the frontage road to connect to Olsen so business like Keystone and PBS are able to cross 31 with Equipment. Please take into consideration the local community that does not have access to large equipment like semis for transporting crops and goods across 31. I also want to point out that I am in the construction industry and travel US 31 several times a week. At no other point along US 31 are there J turns. Just because this is some of the final parts of 31 to be converted to limited access. Now is not the time to cheap out. J turns will cause more accidents in this area due to the simple fact that drivers on 31 will not encounter them at any other point in there travels.
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12/14/2024	Rochester South Of the packages that were recommended... What I like most are the packages that provide direct access to US31 N & S bound from 150/ Wabash Ave. What I like least is no direct access to US31. Added town traffic/ congestion and travel times would significantly be impacted. Of the packages that were carried forward... What I like most is -I do not support the carried forward packages as they do not provide access from 150/wabash. This is an important intersection with ample use. Do you have other comments to share with the study team regarding the packages? Commutes in and around Rochester,

	to and from US31 would be negatively impacted by increased travel times, areas of congestion and significantly changing the rural community of Rochester. Safety can be addressed without limiting intersections. Thank you. <i>(Virtual Public Meeting Comment)</i>
12/14/2024	I prefer the no-build option. Hybrid options would be nice. Packages 1 through 4 all raise concerns about access for emergency vehicles, farm vehicles, school traffic, and general traffic flow. Some of the packages proposed increase safety at the spots shown, but may decrease safety in other areas where traffic is redirected.
12/14/2024	An overpass at E150S/Wabash Ave severely limits access to US31 North and southbound. I go south to work daily and north on weekends. Our home location was picked based on easy access to US31. If access to US31 needs to go through town the traffic flow would be greatly impacted as currently not designed to handle that volume. Travel times would significantly be increased.
12/14/2024	For the Rochester North area package 1 seems to be the most economical as it will reduce accidents and cost the least amount of money and be the least confusing to people who have not had to deal with J turns or directional intersections. Any time you put in a J turn in you are not helping to prevent accidents. You are making it possible for more accidents with people having to make U turns to go in the direction they need to go. People tend to not move over for traffic wanting to merge into lanes causing those trying to merge to take chances because they are in a hurry to try to get on the road. A J turn will cause more accidents than leaving the crossroads as they are & controlling them with a stop sign. We have too many older people in our community that will get confused & not understand which lane they need to be in. Packages 3 & 4 cost too much and will kill the truckstop at CR 50 & 31. There aren't that many accidents in the Rochester North section of 31 to warrant spending significant money in this section. There are people from other towns who use Olson as access to 31 and to Rochester making it one of the main intersections of this area. Putting in J turns her and at 6th street which is the other main intersection is asking for trouble. I do not believe you will have less accidents at these intersections, you will have more because instead of having 1 access point to 31 you will have 2 access points to 31 at these intersections. 2 access points at the intersection where people are in a hurry to shoot onto 31 & will have more trouble accessing it because of traffic.
1/24/2025	The commenter owns a cement demo and construction business on CR 700 N. They are concerned about traffic when CR 700 N and SR 10 are under construction They believes that there will be bottlenecks at SR 110 that will back up traffic onto US 31. Their business has 300 trucks in and out every day.
1/24/2025	The commenter lives on CR 50E/Sweetgum and he is concerned about losing access to US 31. They want to make sure that access is at least maintained to SR 25 at all times.
1/24/2025	The commenter wanted to know about future development at US 31 and Sweetgum. They said that there have been major improvements made to the gas station there and that makes them think that some new businesses will be going in around there. They said any industrial development between Sweetgum and SR 25 would bring a lot of truck traffic through the area. Investing in and upgrading Sweetgum could eliminate a lot of semis going through downtown Rochester.
2/17/2025	The commenter believes CR 1350/650 is a good option for an interchange. But if it was determined to build an overpass there, they said the fire department could use Business 30 as an access road to get to SR 16. They believes there would also need to be a frontage road on the west side of US 31, but it would need to be placed west of the historic home and funeral home. This would provide connectivity over US 31, but would also help local mobility.
2/17/2025	The commenter is concerned about the homes INDOT is purchasing along US 31 when additional projects haven't been programmed yet. They feel taking those properties off of the tax rolls hurts the county and local fire departments.
2/17/2025	The commenter owns the Macy Grain Elevator. They said that trucks leaving CR 1350 can sit



	at US 31 for 13 or 14 minutes before they can cross US 31 to go south. They said trucks also wait a long time to head north. They are completely against an RCI at CR 1350. They feels like it should be left alone or an interchange should be built.
2/17/2025	The commenter is a school bus driver. They feel that the medians along US 31 need to widened as soon as possible. They does not cross US 31 unless he can make it all the way across because the buses are too long and the back covers the passing lane. But they worry about other vehicles as large as a school bus, especially with people not as familiar with the area.
4/14/2025	The commenter is in favor of an RCI at SR 16/US 31. They believe it will make it safer and easier to exit onto US 31. They have driven RCIs and sees the value in providing access while not impacting adjacent properties as much. They are concerned about access for Eel River Road at the southern end of the study. A private company took control of one of the local roads, so their brother cannot access US 31 there. They said the county road to the east has a bridge that cannot bear a lot of weight. So if access was cut off at Eel River Road, firetrucks couldn't get to their property because of the bridge's weight limit.
4/14/2025	The commenters live on Olson Road and wanted to know if their access to US 31 would continue.
5/17/2025	They are ok with a RIRO at CR 1050, but they are concerned about the number of police cars and fire trucks that need to access US 31 quickly. They represent a small access across US 31, even if it is not adjacent to a county road, so that they can make a U-turn.
6/2/2025	When is the Final Report of the US31North ProPEL study to be released? I had originally understood that was to happen in the Fall of 2024. When is the Final Report for the US31 North ProPEL study to be released? Will it be on your website?
6/11/2025	Concern about access to South Mud Lake for emergency vehicles.
6/11/2025	Get it free flow. Former member of the US 31 Coalition.
6/25/2025	The interchange at Mexico CR 400 North in packages 3 & 4 is shown with the entrance/exit ramps on the southwest & northeast quadrants of the intersection. This configuration would run right through the Mexico New Life Church valued at approximately 3.2 million dollars. I have given input expressing my concerns about destruction of the church twice before, apparently falling on deaf ears. I'm recommending that the exit/entrance ramps be changed to the northwest & southeast quadrants of the intersection. The building on the northwest quadrant is vacant & the house/property on the southeast quadrant is fairly dilapidated. This makes way more economic sense & would save a vibrant church serving our community.
7/9/2025	<p>The commenter shared that the City is developing about 200 parcels along Apache Drive near Kroger. This will include single-family homes, condos and apartments. They are concerned about the impact of those new residents going to SR 25 to access US 31. They would like INDOT to consider adding another overpass at SR 14 and US 31 to accommodate that growth. They are breaking ground in the fall and will take about 18 months to complete.</p> <p>They also mentioned a potential race track at SR 14 and US 31. The initial permit for that has expired, but if things may change at SR 14, they would like to know so the Board of Zoning Appeals can rule accordingly.</p> <p>The City is also developing an industrial park west of SR 25 along CR 50 E.</p> <p>The study team encouraged them to reach out to Adam Parkhouse at the La Porte District to discuss these issues.</p>



# APPENDIX G: AGENCY COORDINATION

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**Subject:** ProPEL US 31 North: Virtual Public Information Meeting, Final Level 3 Screening Report and PEL Study Report Now Available

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Thank you for your interest and participation throughout the US 31 North study.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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Dear Tribal Nation Partners,

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has completed the Final Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study Report for the US 31 North PEL Study.

The ProPEL US 31 North Final PEL Study Report is available for your information and records on the study website: [www.ProPELUS31.com](http://www.ProPELUS31.com). The Final PEL Study Report does not contain any new information or analysis. It summarizes and documents the study planning efforts from start to finish.

The ProPEL US 31 North study team will also host a virtual, on-demand public information meeting as it concludes the PEL study. The meeting will be available on the study website, [www.ProPELUS31.com](http://www.ProPELUS31.com), until July 24, 2025. The purpose of the study's final public meeting is to share updates made to the Final Level 3 Screening Report based on public input and discuss the PEL Study Report. Public, agency, and Tribal Nation comments received during that time will be documented for future consideration as part of projects that result from this PEL study.

The Final Level 3 Alternatives Screening Report is also available on the study website, [www.ProPELUS31.com](http://www.ProPELUS31.com).

We thank you for your interest and involvement throughout the US 31 North study.

**Tribal Nation representatives please respond to INDOT's Tribal Liaison, Taylor Payne,** at [tapayne@indot.in.gov](mailto:tapayne@indot.in.gov) (317-779-5775) with any responses pertaining to this study, including to provide INDOT/Indiana FHWA additional information about Tribal resources/concerns and questions/comments regarding cultural resources. The FHWA point of contact is Erica Tait at [erica.tait@dot.gov](mailto:erica.tait@dot.gov) (317-226-7481).

Thank you,

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