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US 31 North

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

PROPEL

*Smarter Transportation.
Stronger Communities.*

US 31



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STUDY OVERVIEW

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Study Area Map

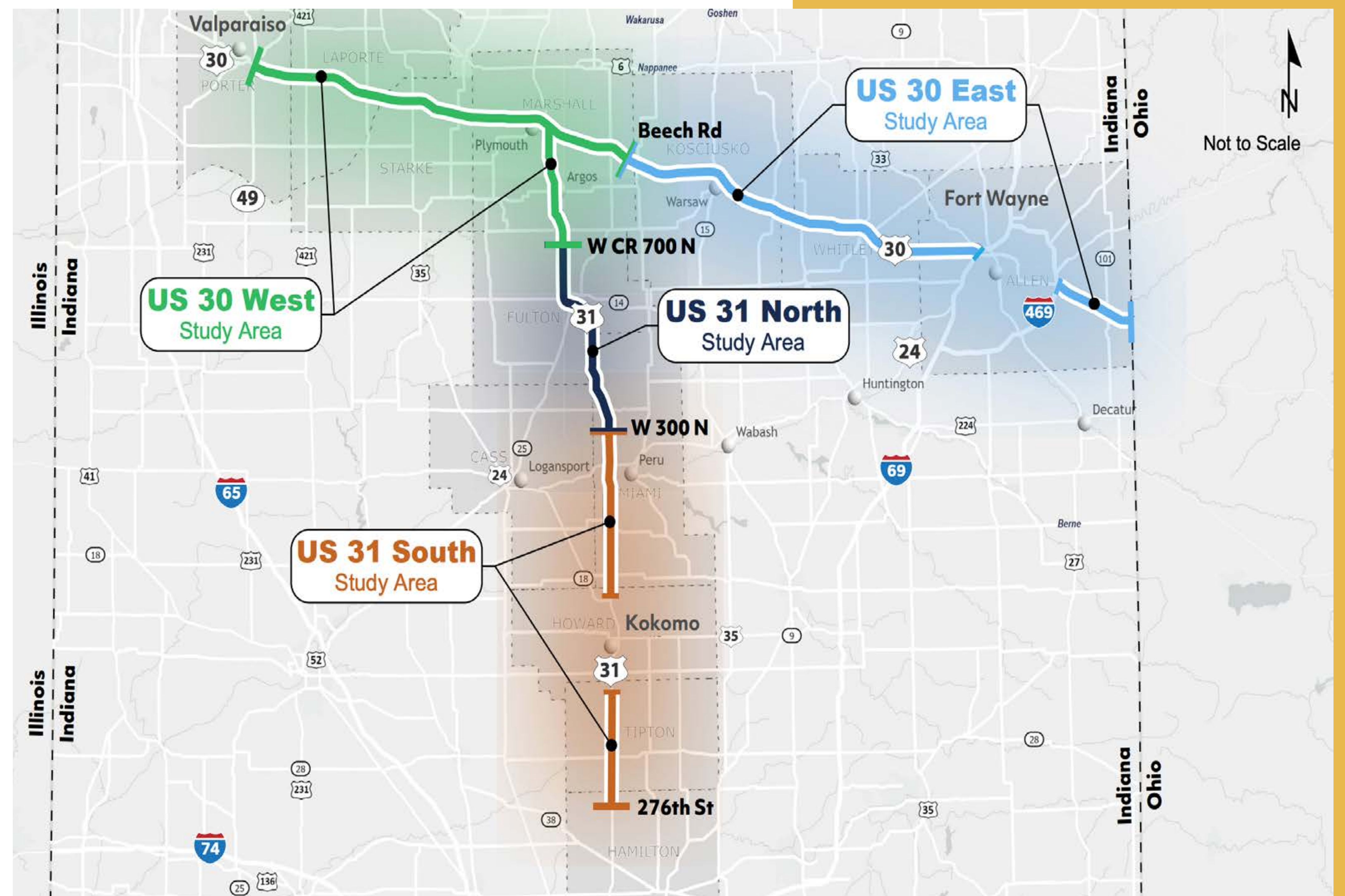


TOGETHER, WE CAN PROPEL INDIANA FORWARD



ProPEL is an INDOT initiative to streamline transportation planning using collaborative PEL studies to consider environmental, community and economic goals early in the planning process.

The US 30 and US 31 PEL studies will assess innovative ways to renovate our roadways and corridors, while prioritizing community needs and equitable infrastructure.



WHAT IS PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LINKAGES (PEL)?

- **Efficient** study method to understand community needs
- **Collaborative** and **integrated** approach to decision-making
- **Considerations** for environment, community and economy

PEL Benefits

- ✓ **Combines** planning, engineering and environmental constraints
- ✓ **Encourages** early, meaningful public engagement
- ✓ **Considers** local needs and priorities
- ✓ **Provides** a clear direction forward
- ✓ **Reduces** delays in implementation

ProPEL Process

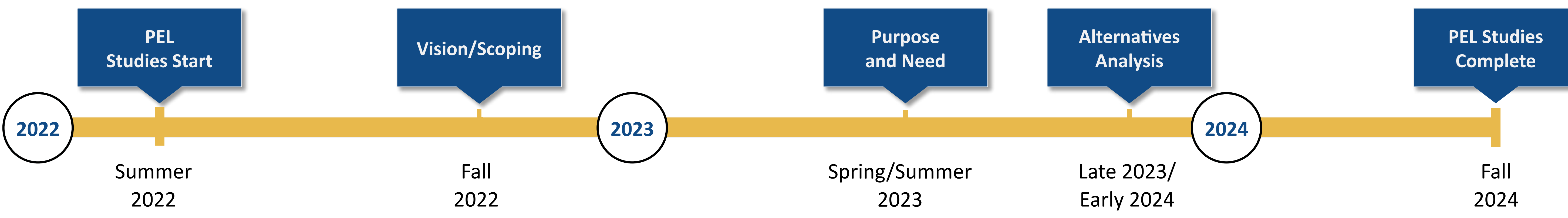


PROPEL US 31 NORTH STUDY



With the public's input, INDOT can build infrastructure to better serve our communities.

- The ProPEL US 31 North study will help INDOT to better understand local communities' transportation needs.
- The study will examine mobility, safety, economic development, land use and environmental constraints along the corridor.
- Feedback from the public is vital to the study.
- Tell us how you use US 31 and what you think it should look like in the future.



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CORRIDOR ISSUES STATION

CORRIDOR ISSUES

- Where are your biggest safety concerns along the corridor?
- Where are your biggest traffic concerns along the corridor?
- Are new intersections or turns needed? How should they function?
- Are new signals needed?
- Are there intersections that need to be upgraded? If so, how?
- What locations need better transit service and bicycle and pedestrian access?
- Are there sensitive environmental resources along the corridor (wetlands, cemeteries, historic properties, etc.) that should be preserved?
- What other concerns do you have along the corridor?



**Tell us
what you
think here:**



**Add your ideas on a
sticky note and place
your responses on the
maps on the table!**



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VISIONING STATION

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

TRANSPORTATION FUNCTION

Other ideas?



What would improve travel along US 31?

Improved safety

Better traffic flow

Fewer turning and crossing conflicts

Options for biking and walking

More connections to local streets

More/improved transit service

Use the dot stickers to mark the improvements you consider to be top priorities.



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AESTHETICS/COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Other ideas?



How could US 31 reflect the local area?

Show rural character of the area

Support the community character of local cities and towns

Provide opportunities for attractive city and town gateways

Provide safe crossings for wildlife

Use the dot stickers to mark the improvements you consider to be top priorities.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Other ideas?

How should US 31 support the local economy?



Improve access to local businesses

Support expanded tourism

Encourage growth with increased roadway capacity

Improve distribution of local goods to regional/national markets

Support the operation of local farms and farming industry

Make it easier to deliver goods to regional businesses and residents

Use the dot stickers to mark the improvements you consider to be top priorities.



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US 31 NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

**What
needs to
change?**

**Use the dot stickers to
mark if you use US 31
primarily for local travel,
regional travel or both.**

**Write your ideas on a
sticky note and place your
responses in the bottom
two boxes.**

When you travel US 31, where do you go?

Local travel

Regional travel

Improvements you most
want to see for US 31

Concerns about
driving US 31



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IMAGINE IT IS THE YEAR 2035



What do you want US 31 to look like in 2035?



It is 2035, how would you finish this sentence:
“The best decision made in 2023 for US 31 was...”

Write your ideas on a sticky note and place your responses in the box under each prompt.



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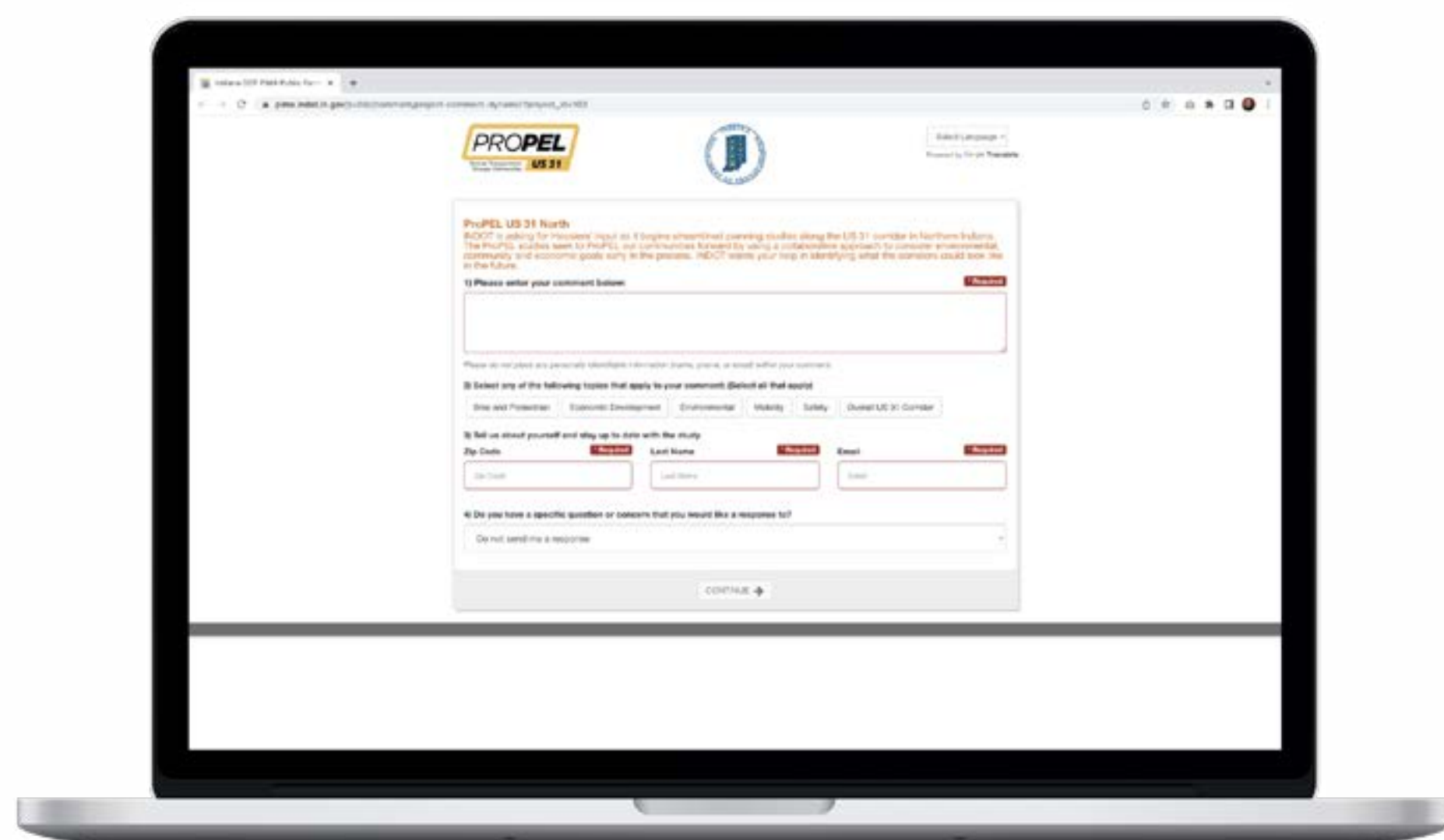
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