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CARMEL, IN – Here are updates on Carmel road projects. For complete details, go to www.CarmelLink.com

UPDATED

West Carmel Drive Path Project

Started in October

A small portion of path is being added to the benefit of Carmel's Active transportation plan. The path will link existing path along the north edge of West Carmel drive from about Runyon equipment rental to the existing pedestrian connectivity near N. Clark Street. This portion of the city's path project is expected to conclude mid-December. One west bound lane will remain closed for construction safety for the duration of this project.

UPDATED

126th Street Improvements between Range Line Road and Keystone Avenue

Construction began on or after August 1, 2016

Road improvements are underway, including multiuse paths, and storm water management along 126th street between Range Line Road and Keystone Parkway. Traffic will be maintained in the westerly direction for the duration of the project, although for some of the winter months easterly connectivity will be reestablished until spring construction resumes. Utilities continue to be relocated underground. Eight-foot multiuse paths will be installed on both the north and south side of the length of this section of the road. Curbs, gutters and storm water drainage will be installed along the road way and a median installation all combine to create a two-lane boulevard section of 126th street. An important roundabout will be installed at Kinzer Avenue

that will be shifted to the south from the center line. This roundabout will have a stub street heading south for an anticipated future connection to Carmel Drive. The 126th Street project is anticipated to last until summer of 2017. **Detour Route:** Use Main Street and 116th Street for east bound traffic. Keystone Parkway and Guilford Avenue will be main routes connecting drivers to east-bound detour routes.

UPDATED

[Carmel Drive and Range Line Road roundabout](#)

Construction Completed November 17, 2016 - Closure took place: August 15, 2016

This federally-funded project began Monday, August 15, 2016 with utility relocation work and includes a new roundabout, curbs and sidewalks. The intersection of Carmel Drive and Range Line Road was expected to be completed November 18, 2016, officially becoming Carmel's 100th Roundabout.

Despite the closure, access to local businesses in the area remained open throughout the project.

"I am very excited about this project. Roundabouts have shown to reduce accidents, making it more safe for our drivers, while also improving traffic flow and reducing fuel consumption and air pollution by cutting down on time spent idling in traffic," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard. "Road projects are never fun for motorists or business impacted by detours, but I trust our local residents will support our local businesses despite the presence of some orange cones and barrels. Once completed, this intersection will function much better for all."

This roundabout project is a City of Carmel project funded jointly by local and federal funds and was bid through the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) on August 10, 2016. The intersection, which currently handles about 20,000 vehicles per day, qualified for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant (CMAQ) which contributed \$1.27 million to the overall project cost. The city's portion of the construction cost will be funded through funds from the recent bond issue.

UPDATED

[116th Street & Gray Road Roundabout](#)

Construction Completed November 17, 2016 – Closure took place: August 29th

This federally funded project added a roundabout, starting on or around August 29th 2016, to the intersection of 116th and Gray road. It will increase vehicular and alternative (pedestrian/bike) transportation connectivity. This project had a full closure of the intersection for roughly 75 days due to major utilities, elevation changes, and the need to shift the project away from CCPR - Flowing Well Park, which is protected from encroachment due to previously established federal grant / protection of this local asset. While the majority of the project is done and traffic flowing, landscaping and plantings will be done next spring to avoid frost/cold kill of the new landscaping. That work is expected to finish no later than July 1, 2017.

UPDATED

[City Center Drive and Pennsylvania Street](#)

Construction expected Completed December 9, 2016 - Closure took place: October 10th

This intersection will be closed 45 days for construction of a roundabout expected to be done before Thanksgiving. Detour routes are posted, using Carmel Drive, Guilford Road, and 116th Street. The existing T-intersection will be fully reconstructed to a multi-lane roundabout. The reconstruction will include new full-depth pavement, curb and gutter, an enclosed storm water system, shared-use path and sidewalk with new curb ramps. The private drive for the hotel, on the west side of the roundabout, will be reconstructed. Along with the drive reconstruction, a portion of the hotel parking lot will be reconfigured to operate effectively with the new roundabout. Access to the businesses within the project limits will be maintained at all times. Access to the Hotels will be maintained from both the north (through a temporary drive), and from the existing drive to the south.

UPDATED

[Carey Road and 136th Street](#)

Construction expected Completed December 16, 2016 - Closure took place: October 10th

This intersection has been prepped and construction has begun on this new single lane roundabout expected to be done before Thanksgiving. The posted detour route uses Gray Road and Keystone Parkway to accommodate northbound and southbound traffic. Eastbound and westbound traffic will use Main Street and 146th Street. The intersection of Keystone Parkway and 136th Street will remain open throughout this project.

UPDATED

Spring Mill Road Improvements

Closure took place: Tuesday, October 4

Construction has begun on Spring Mill Road from Main Street to Williams Creek, south of Dorset Road. This will be a full closure until mid-December, weather permitting. The posted detour route follows Illinois Street for all north-south traffic. Dorset Road will maintain east/west connectivity throughout the scheduled construction. This is the first phase of an \$8.3 million project that will add multi-purpose paths to complete pedestrian connectivity; a new median in the center of the roadway and pedestrian railings to bridges. Future phases will include work in 2017 further south on Spring Mill Road to just south of 106th Street, including a roundabout at 111th street, and a culvert lining project south of 106th street. Reith Riley is the contractor on this project.

UPDATED

Carey Road and Hawthorne Drive

Construction Completed November 16, 2016 - Closure took place: September 26

This intersection was closed on Monday, September 26th for the construction of a new single lane roundabout. The closure was scheduled to last 45 days. This project increased vehicular and alternative (pedestrian/bike) transportation connectivity

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Emerson Road storm water improvement

The City of Carmel has been working on storm water improvements in the Emerson Road area. The storm sewer installation has completed. Landscaping nearly completed and only some outstanding punch list items will need to be resolved after this week. In large part, this project should be completed by Thanksgiving.

CarmelLink 2.0 Update

CARME LINK 2.0 is a concentrated infrastructure improvement program that will result in the completion of new roundabout intersections along Gray Road, 96th Street, Range Line Road,

116th Street, Guilford Road, Pennsylvania Street, Spring Mill Road, Towne Road, Keystone Parkway with a new interchange at 96th Street, storm water management and drainage improvement projects throughout the City of Carmel. It will also include the upgrade of a large section of Range Line Road and other miscellaneous improvements over the next three-years.

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