



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Improve 64?

The Improve 64 project will provide added capacity, improved safety, and operational upgrades along I-64 in Floyd County. Improve 64 is one of several infrastructure projects planned by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to reduce congestion and improve mobility in Southern Indiana.

Improvements will address the recent growth of communities served by I-64 and support continued economic development in the area. Over the next five years, the department will undertake more than 65 transportation projects in Floyd and Clark counties to create a regional, large-scale, cohesive infrastructure improvement effort.

Where is the project area?

Improve 64 includes work on I-64 between US 150 and Main Street in New Albany. Additional work will occur on I-265 from I-64 to Green Valley Road and on US 150 from I-64 to Old Vincennes Road.

What improvements are planned?

Additional travel lanes will be constructed in each direction of I-64 from US 150 to just north of Cherry Street.

The project includes changes to the I-64/I-265 interchange that will reduce traffic lane changes and congestion by changing the left-hand exit ramp from eastbound I-64 to I-265 to a right exit.

Additional lanes are also planned along I-265 eastbound from I-64 to State Street, on the I-64 westbound to US 150 westbound exit ramp, as well as on the I-64/I-265 interchange entrance and exit ramps.

Other planned improvements include pavement replacement or rehabilitation on I-64 and I-265, bridge replacement and rehabilitation, new bridge construction, drainage improvements, guardrail installation, updated signage, additional lighting, and updated pavement markings.

Why is this project underway?

As a heavily used transportation corridor, I-64 experiences recurring congestion within the project area during peak travel times. Over time, increased use has resulted in reduced traffic flow. Improve 64 aims to resolve this issue. To further improve drivability within the area, aging pavement and bridges will also be rehabilitated or replaced during construction.

How will the project improve traffic?

Constructing additional lanes on I-64 will reduce congestion as well as improve safety and mobility. Modifying the I-64 and I-265 interchange to eliminate left-hand exit ramps and increasing the number of lanes will improve traffic flow, particularly during morning and evening commutes. Improvements to eastbound I-64 will also reduce morning commute congestion that occurs between US 150 and SR 62/ SR 64.

Will this project conflict with Sherman Minton Renewal construction?

The Improve 64 Project Team is actively coordinating with the Sherman Minton Renewal Project Team. Improve 64 construction is scheduled to begin as work on the Sherman Minton Bridge nears completion. Improvements made during the project will be designed to connect with those made on the bridge.

What is the project development timeline?

The project is currently under development which includes design work, surveying, and environmental studies. Pre-construction activities are expected to be completed by mid-2024.

When is construction expected to begin?

Construction is expected to begin in late 2024. The project is expected to be completed in two years.

Who is on the project team?

Improve 64 is being led by the INDOT Seymour District with support from HNTB Corporation and its subcontractors. INDOT is also coordinating with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), resource agencies and project stakeholders.

What traffic impacts are expected during construction?

The Project Team will develop a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in coordination with emergency responders, school transportation departments, and local officials to minimize traffic impacts during construction.

Will I-64 and I-265 be closed during construction?

There will be no long-term full closures of I-64 or I-265 during construction. At least two lanes will remain open in each direction along both interstates during peak periods. Short-term lane closures may occur for certain construction activities.

How much will the project cost and how is it being funded?

Improve 64 is funded through a combination of state and federal transportation funding programs. A detailed cost estimate will be developed during project design.

How will I-64 be widened through the steep incline and cut near Floyds Knobs?

To minimize issues with rock removal, the road will be widened into the median.

Are noise barriers planned as part of the project?

A noise analysis is being conducted in accordance with the INDOT Traffic Noise Analysis Procedures (2017) (INDOT Noise Policy). Possible noise barrier construction will be analyzed as part of this process.

To learn more about noise barriers and INDOT's noise policy, please read [this brochure](https://www.in.gov/indot/files/Noise-Barriers-Brochure.pdf). (<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/Noise-Barriers-Brochure.pdf>)

Will any land be purchased for the project?

Minimal right-of-way acquisition is anticipated for the project.

How will impacts on historic resources be minimized?

The Project Team, in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, will identify historic properties and potential impacts in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

How can I get involved in the project?

Project information can be found on the project website, Improve64.com, and through the INDOT Southeast [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. The public is also encouraged to subscribe to the INDOT Seymour District email and text message list through GovDelivery to learn more about the project. Subscription information, questions, and comments can be made by contacting INDOT4U via email (INDOT@indot.in.gov) or by phone at 855-INDOT4U (855-463-6848). Public and stakeholder outreach will be conducted to gather input for use in the decision-making and project development processes.