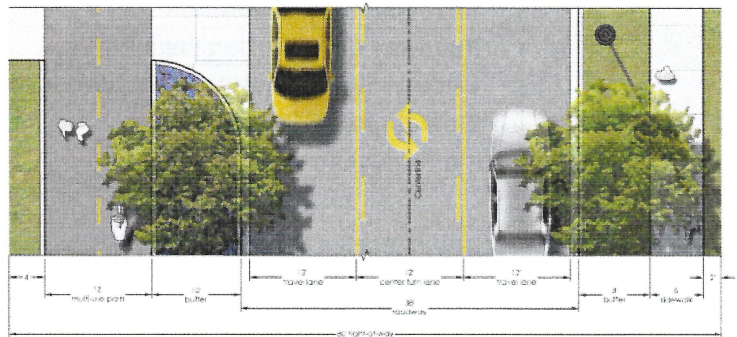


City of Washington

National Highway / Business 50 Improvement Project

Business 50 within the City of Washington is currently owned by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). With the construction of the US 50 Bypass, INDOT has identified Business 50 as a lower priority route in the state highway system. As such the roadway has deteriorated to the point where it is not only an eyesore, but drivability has also been negatively impacted. In order to address drivability concerns, INDOT has programmed a project that would serve to resurface Business 50 and replace non-compliant ADA curb ramps. No other improvements to the roadway would be made.

Knowing that Business 50 is one of the main gateways into the City of Washington, visioning sessions were held with various stakeholders to determine what the desired improvements to Business 50 would be. The outcome of these visioning sessions resulted in a complete streets approach (in lieu of pavement resurfacing as proposed by INDOT) as depicted below. The complete streets approach not only includes surface improvements, but also addresses subsurface issues such as replacement utilities near the end of their useful lives and storm drainage.



The benefits to the project include

- Rehabilitated roadway, including full reconstruction from State Street to E. 3rd Street
- Improved surface drainage
- Upgrade of city utilities – water, wastewater, stormwater & electric to serve current & future customers
- New curbs & catch basins between State Street & west city limits
- New sidewalks and ADA accessibility for pedestrians between State Street & west city limits
- Multi-purpose trail through center business section
- Better access to current & future businesses
- New driveway access for residents
- Improvement in Quality of Place & Quality of Life, & improved attractiveness to visitors & potential employers

The overall project is split into four smaller projects that are expected to happen in phases between 2019 and 2023. The four projects are as follows:

1. Utility Replacements and Upgrades (2019 and 2022) – Lt. Gen. Jones Drive to West City Limits (Maysville Rd.)
2. Roadway Improvements (2020) - West City Limits to E. Third Street
3. Roadway Improvements (2023) - E. Third Street to State Street
4. Roadway Improvements (2019) - State Street to Lt. Gen. Jones Drive

The major method of payment for the project revolves around funding from the Indiana Department of Transportation through relinquishment negotiations and the Local Public Agency (LPA) Program. Local funding sources include utilities (for utility work only) and tax increment financing (TIF) districts.