

Rumors and Topics

Rumor/Topic

(October 31, 2017)

Why is State Road 267 named Avon Avenue through Washington Township?

Answer

At the end of 2013, the Town of Avon, Hendricks County and the Town of Brownsburg reached an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to relinquish State Road 267 to the Towns and County. The boundary of the relinquishment was the north boundary of Plainfield to County Road 700 North. Relinquishment meant that this area was no longer a "State Road", so the Town held a contest to rename State Road 267 in the portion within the Town of Avon. The most popular name submitted was Avon Avenue and the Town Council and Plan Commission approved renaming the road to Avon Avenue. The County accepted this name for the portion in Washington Township that wasn't inside the Town of Avon.

Rumor/Topic

(October 6, 2017)

Why does the Town wait on widening roads until they are congested?

Answer

It costs \$1 million per mile to widen a road. In order to receive federal road funds for widening roads, the committee that awards the federal road funds uses a formula that accounts for current traffic volume on the road as well as projected traffic volume on the road.

Rumor/Topic

(September 19, 2017)

Why is it that the improvements on Avon Avenue didn't include widening the road and bridge to four lanes?

Answer

The number of lanes to be constructed is determined by projected traffic volumes over the next 20 years. The projected traffic volumes for Avon Avenue showed that four lanes was not required to handle the projected volume.

The new long range road improvement plan for the Central Indiana region includes the widening of Dan Jones from 300 South to 200 North in the time period of 2026-2035. The estimated cost is \$64,000,000 and will be dependent upon the availability of federal and local funding. Widening may occur in phases with the first phase to be from US 36 to 100 South.

Rumor/Topic

(August 28, 2017) I heard that the Town decided to not build a trail under US 36 near Town Hall Park.

Fact

Not true. The Town has received a federal grant to build a trail on the west side of White Lick Creek from Washington Township Park to County Road 100 North. The trail will go under US 36. It may be constructed next year. Another project includes extending the trail along the west side of White Lick Creek from Washington Township Park to County Road 100 South. This project received a federal grant and will be constructed next year.

The Town is completing another section of trail from Town Hall Park to Washington Township Park that runs along the west side of County Road 625 East that will cross US 36. The crossing at US 36 will have a pedestrian signal and a refuge island in the median. This portion of the trail system received a federal grant that would only fund the trail with an at-grade crossing at US 36.

Rumor/Topic

(August 28, 2017)

I heard that the Town knew before they started construction on the Avon Avenue bridge over CSX that CSX might be closing the yard.

Fact

Not true. The Town was not aware of any changes at CSX prior to the beginning of construction. Construction began in 2016 and new ownership of CSX occurred in May of 2017.

Rumor/Topic

(August 28, 2017) I heard that Costco is coming to Avon.

Fact

We haven't been contacted by anyone from Costco or on behalf of Costco, so we're unaware of plans for a new Costco in Avon. If Costco is seeking to build in Avon, they would need to get a development plan approval through the Plan Commission, if the undeveloped land is already zoned for commercial use. If the land isn't zoned for commercial use, then a rezoning petition would need to be filed and considered by the Plan Commission and Town Council. The Plan Commission agendas are posted on the Planning web page at www.avongov.org.