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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Ribbon Cutting Set for November 15 at 9 am for Avon Avenue Bridge and Roundabout Project**

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(November 8, 2017) Avon officials have announced that the ribbon cutting for the Avon Avenue bridge and roundabout project will be held on November 15 at 9 am. The ribbon cutting will be held near the north end of the new bridge over the CSX railroad tracks. The bridge will be opened to traffic immediately after the ribbon cutting.

The ribbon cutting will feature remarks from Avon Town Council President Aaron Tevebaugh, Hendricks County Commissioner Matt Whetstone, State Representative Greg Steuerwald and State Senator John Crane.

An Avon Fire Truck and Police Car will lead a procession of vehicles over the bridge. Residents interested in driving in the procession over the bridge may line up behind the Avon Fire Truck and Police Car that will be parked along the drive to the Avon Intermediate Schools.

The ribbon cutting opens Avon Avenue to vehicular traffic but there are items that remain to be completed including the trail, sidewalk, fencing and lights. Work on these items will continue through the winter and next spring.

#### **Project Details**

The Avon Avenue bridge and roundabout project started on February 20, 2017 and the completion date was originally scheduled for the summer of 2018 but the Town Council approved a change order to pay the contractor an additional \$180,000 to complete the road portion of the project by November 15, 2017. The change order allowed the contractor to work additional hours every week and to bring in an extra crew.

The project consists of the construction of a two lane bridge over the CSX rail crossing, the construction of a one lane roundabout at 25 South and Avon Avenue, the construction of a ten foot paved trail on the east side of Avon Avenue and a sidewalk on the west side. The trail and sidewalk will continue on the bridge over the CSX rail crossing.

The Town purchased right of way for the project from 33 parcels for a total cost of \$400,000. The Town also had to purchase 6 homes and the American Legion property for a total cost of \$1,300,000. The American Legion relocated to a new building on Main Street in Avon.

Superior Construction was awarded the construction contract for \$9,000,000 in the fall of 2016. Total cost of the project including design, right of way and construction is \$13,800,000.

The construction of the bridge, roundabout and trail on Avon Avenue was the result of an agreement in 2013 between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Town of Avon, Town of Brownsburg and Hendricks County to relinquish portions of State Road 267 back to the local communities in exchange for funds to maintain State Road 267. The funds included \$12,000,000 to construct a bridge over the CSX rail crossing in Avon.

The project is part of Avon's \$100 million Go! Avon Road and Trail Improvement Program.