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Avon Avenue Closure at CSX Rail Crossing Scheduled for February 6, 2017. Scheduled to Be Closed for 15 Months For Bridge, Roundabout and Trail Construction

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(January 24, 2017) Avon Avenue is scheduled to be closed at the CSX rail crossing, south of US 36, starting on February 6, 2017 for construction on Avon Avenue. The closure is scheduled for 15 months.

The project will consist 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.

Residents of Lakeshore Drive will have access to their neighborhood throughout construction.

Businesses on Avon Avenue including Frost Bite and Sun Spot, south of US 36, will continue to have access via Avon Avenue during construction. Businesses on Galen Drive including Hackleman Auto Collision Repair, NAPA Auto Parts and American Electric will also continue to have access from Avon Avenue during construction.

Utility companies have been relocating their facilities along Avon Avenue, south of US 36, since the summer of 2016. There are a few remaining facilities to be relocated.

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.

South of the CSX rail crossing, Avon Avenue will consist of three lanes to Woodland Heights Drive. The middle lane will be used as a turn lane. North of the CSX rail crossing, Avon Avenue will consist of two lanes to US 36.

A northbound right turn lane on Avon Avenue at US 36 will also be constructed at a cost of \$240,000 including design and right of way.

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.

State Road 267 through Avon has been renamed Avon Avenue since it is no longer a state road.

In 2016, the Town of Avon received a Community Crossing Grant for the Avon Avenue construction in the amount of \$1,000,000.

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