PROPEL SR 2

Smarter Transportation.
Stronger Communities.

La Porte County Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. ET | Oct. 20, 2026

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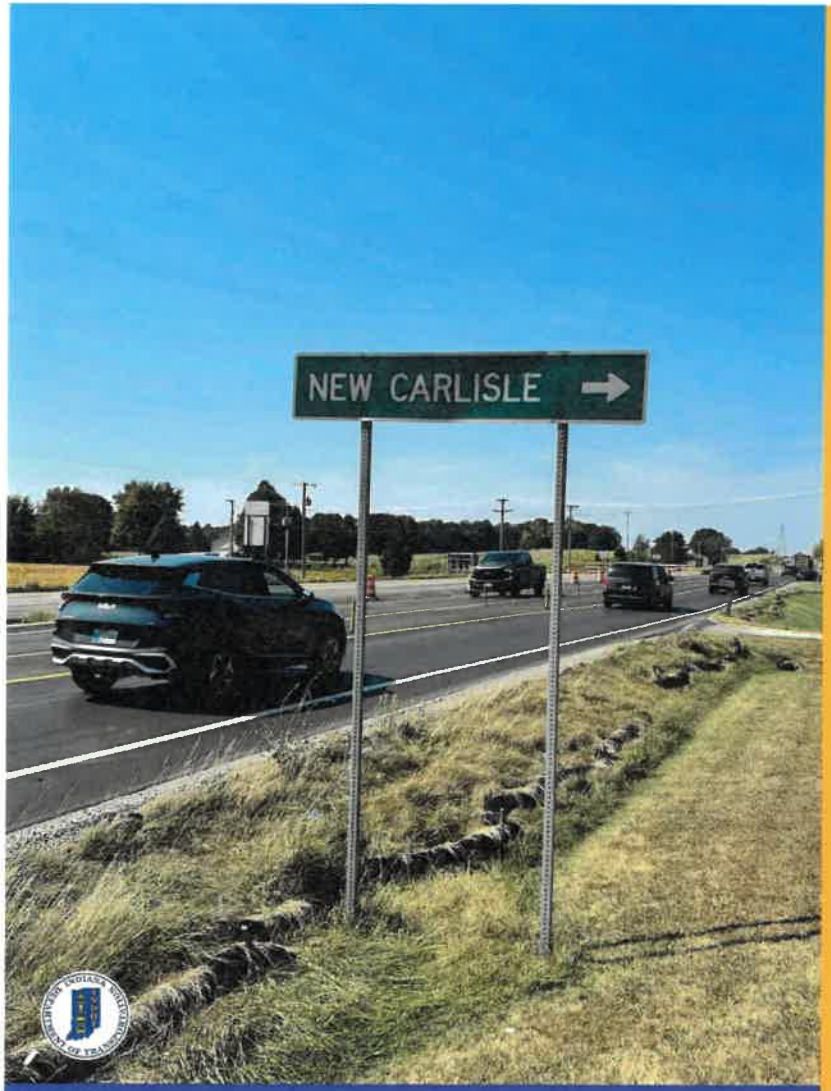


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Public Involvement Director, Parsons

AGENDA TOPICS

1. What Is A PEL Study?
2. About the ProPEL S.R. 2 Study
3. Public Information Meeting Recap
4. Outreach Opportunities
5. Staying Connected



WHAT IS A PEL STUDY

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Occurs **before** specific projects are identified

Allows the public to **engage early** in the planning process

Considers environmental, community and economic goals **early** in the transportation planning process



PEL STUDY BENEFITS

- Combines planning, engineering & environmental review
- Encourages early, meaningful public engagement
- Considers local needs and priorities
- Provides a clear direction forward
- Decisions & analysis inform future project development
- Reduces delays in implementation

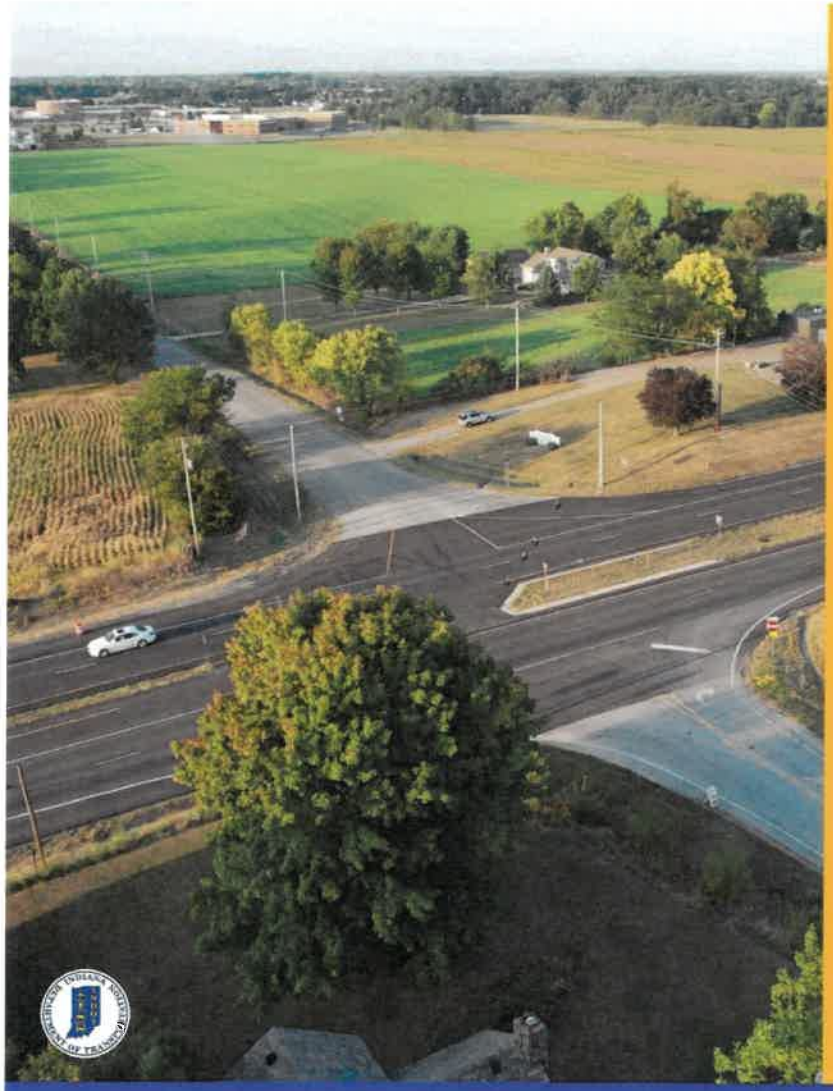
PROPEL PROCESS



Engage with residents, motorists, businesses and others to identify issues

Examine mobility, safety, economic development, land use, environmental impacts and other factors

Receive feedback from the public on concepts



ABOUT THE PROPEL S.R. 2 STUDY

STUDY TEAM

- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
  - Study owner
  - Manages the planning process
  - Tasked with evaluating study recommendations
- Parsons
  - Lead consultant

Why State Road 2?

Regional connection

- Key east–west corridor
- Connects La Porte County, New Carlisle, western St. Joseph County, and South Bend

Plan Ahead

- Understand future transportation needs
- Before specific projects are identified

Growth in the corridor

- Area is experiencing continued growth and development
- Increased demand on the transportation system

Coordinate with communities

- Support community goals and priorities

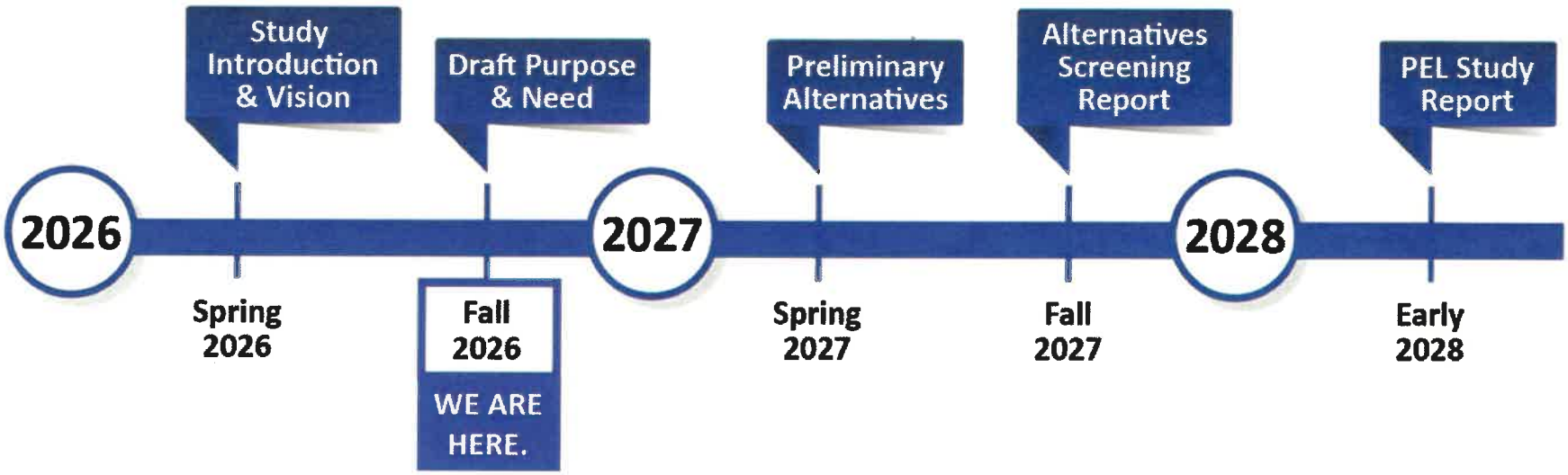
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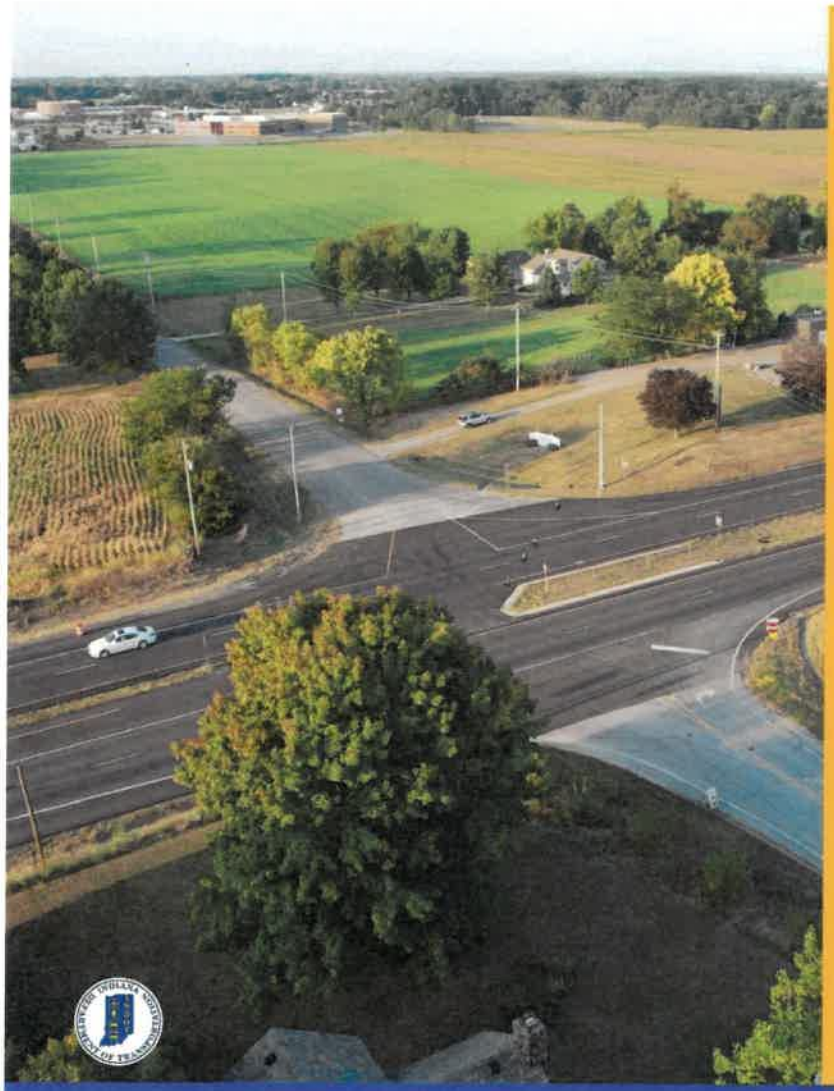
The ProPEL S.R. 2 study will evaluate **safety, mobility, and infrastructure needs** along the corridor and identify potential improvements that align with community plans and future growth.

The study will identify corridor needs based on:

- **Community transportation goals and objectives**
- **Crash data and safety trends**
- **Existing and future traffic conditions**
- **Bicycle and pedestrian safety**
- **Stakeholder and community input**

STUDY TIMELINE





Public Information Meeting Recap



Public Information Meeting Recap

June 16, 2026 | New Prairie High School

Meeting Activities

- Open house format
- Study information boards
- Study team presentation
- Educational materials
- Interactive exercise stations
- Public feedback opportunities

40 Attendees

57 Comments Received

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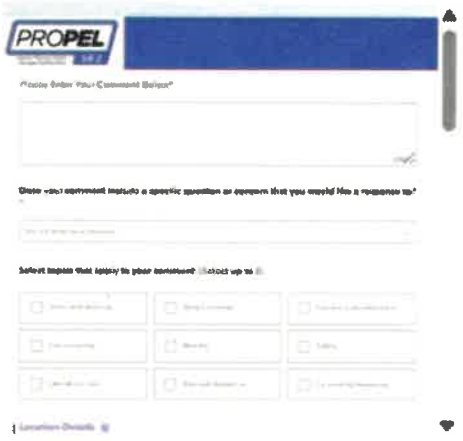
Comment Channels

- Roll Plot (Meeting)
  - 36 Comments
- Word Cloud (Meeting)
  - 14 Comments
- Comment Form (Online)
  - 9 Comments
- Comment Form (Paper)
  - 7 Comments





Comment Form



What Did We Ask?

Mark The Map

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF S.R. 2

ADD A NOTE ANYWHERE ON THE MAP

TELL US ABOUT PLACES WHERE:

- You have vehicle safety concerns
- You have bike or pedestrian safety concerns
- You experience access or mobility challenges
- There is a community destination we should know about



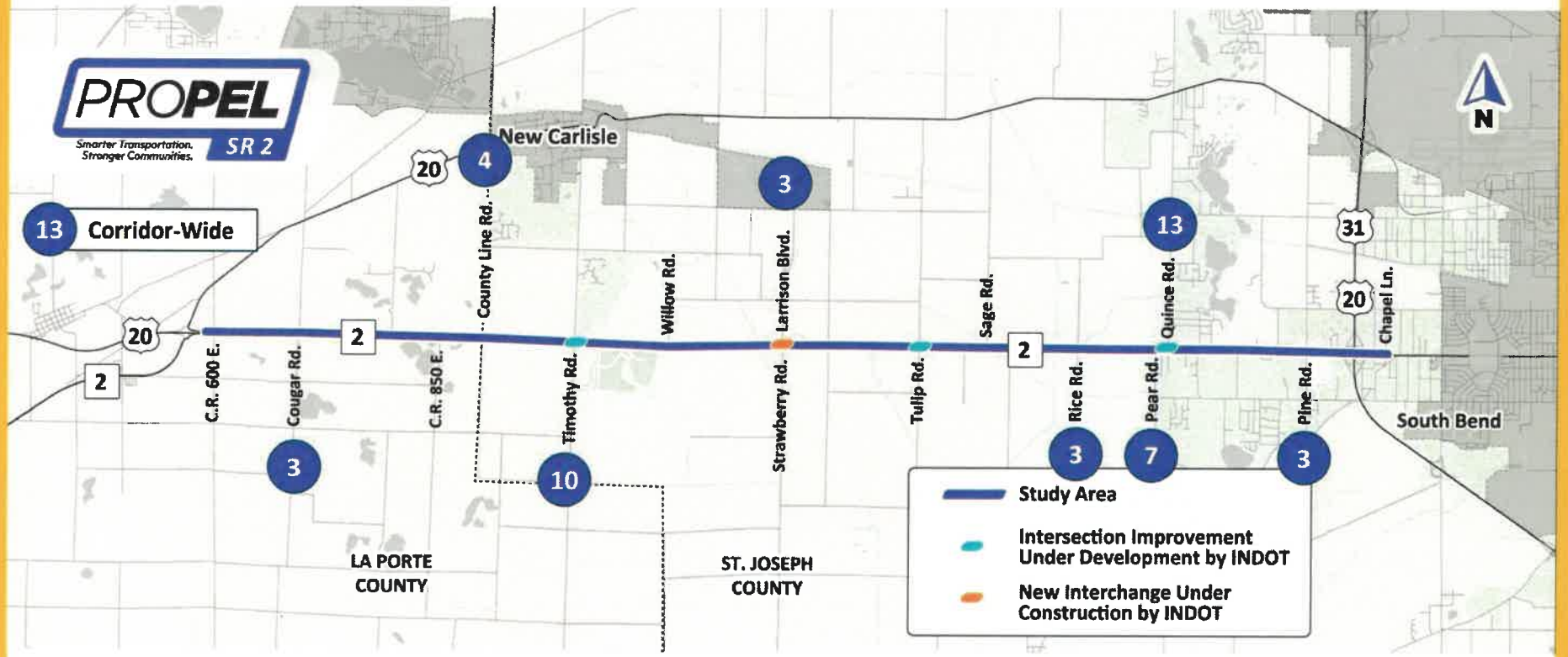
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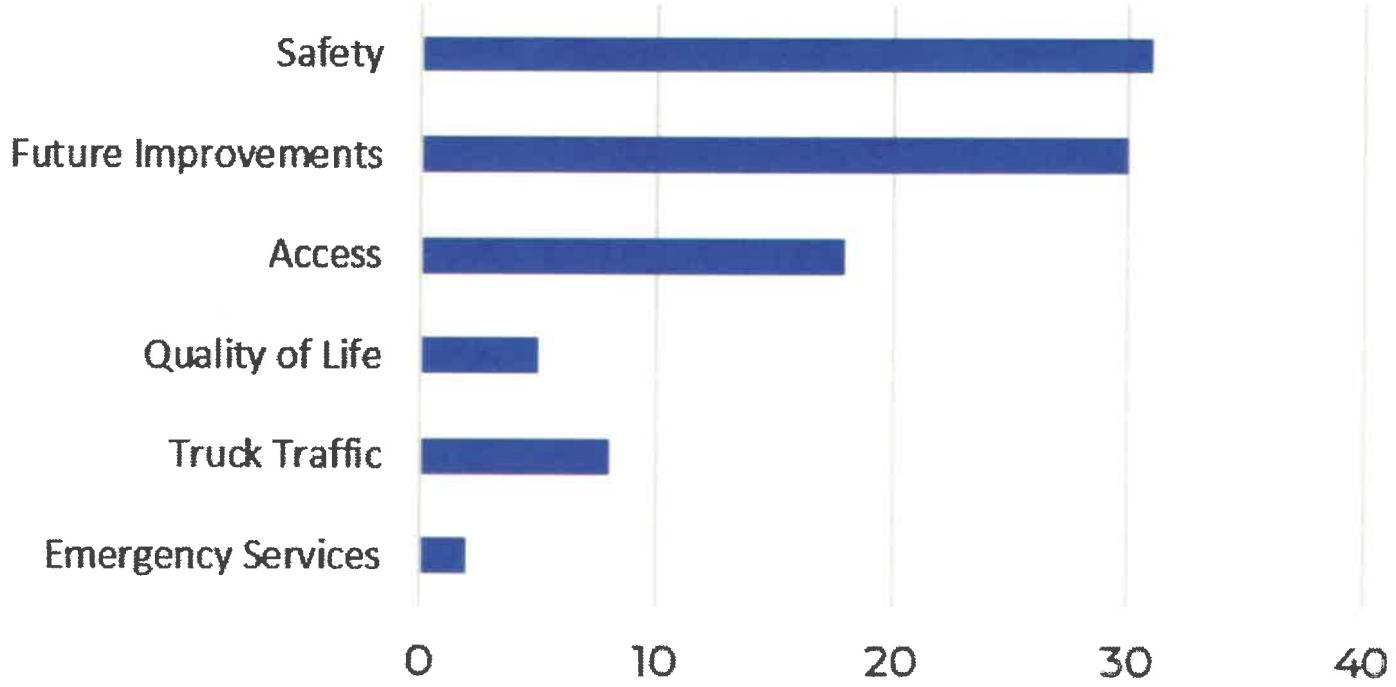
Comments by Location



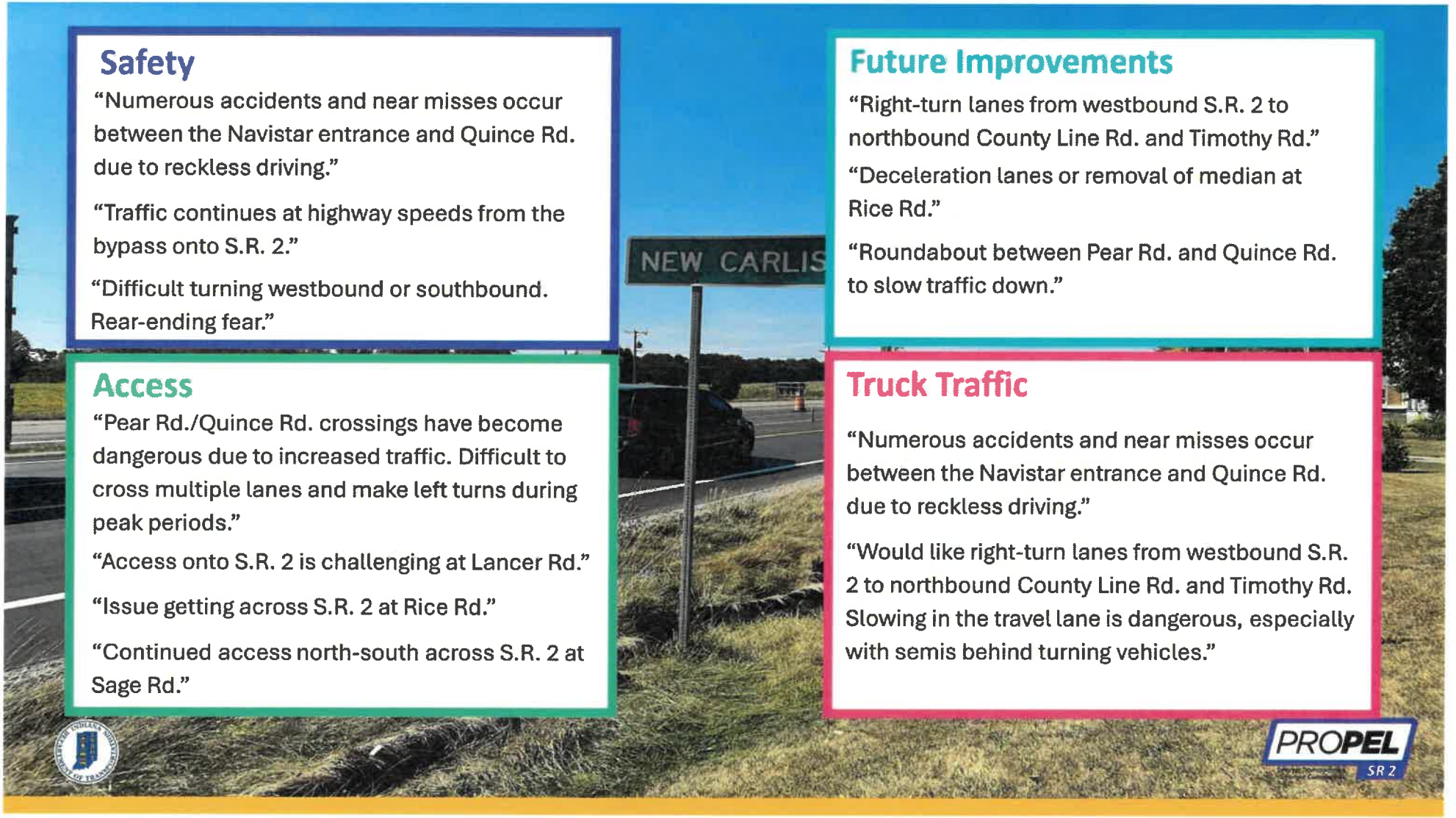
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Comment Themes:

*Comment period between June 2 and July 17, 2026



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Safety

"Numerous accidents and near misses occur between the Navistar entrance and Quince Rd. due to reckless driving."

"Traffic continues at highway speeds from the bypass onto S.R. 2."

"Difficult turning westbound or southbound. Rear-ending fear."

Access

"Pear Rd./Quince Rd. crossings have become dangerous due to increased traffic. Difficult to cross multiple lanes and make left turns during peak periods."

"Access onto S.R. 2 is challenging at Lancer Rd."

"Issue getting across S.R. 2 at Rice Rd."

"Continued access north-south across S.R. 2 at Sage Rd."

Future Improvements

"Right-turn lanes from westbound S.R. 2 to northbound County Line Rd. and Timothy Rd."

"Deceleration lanes or removal of median at Rice Rd."

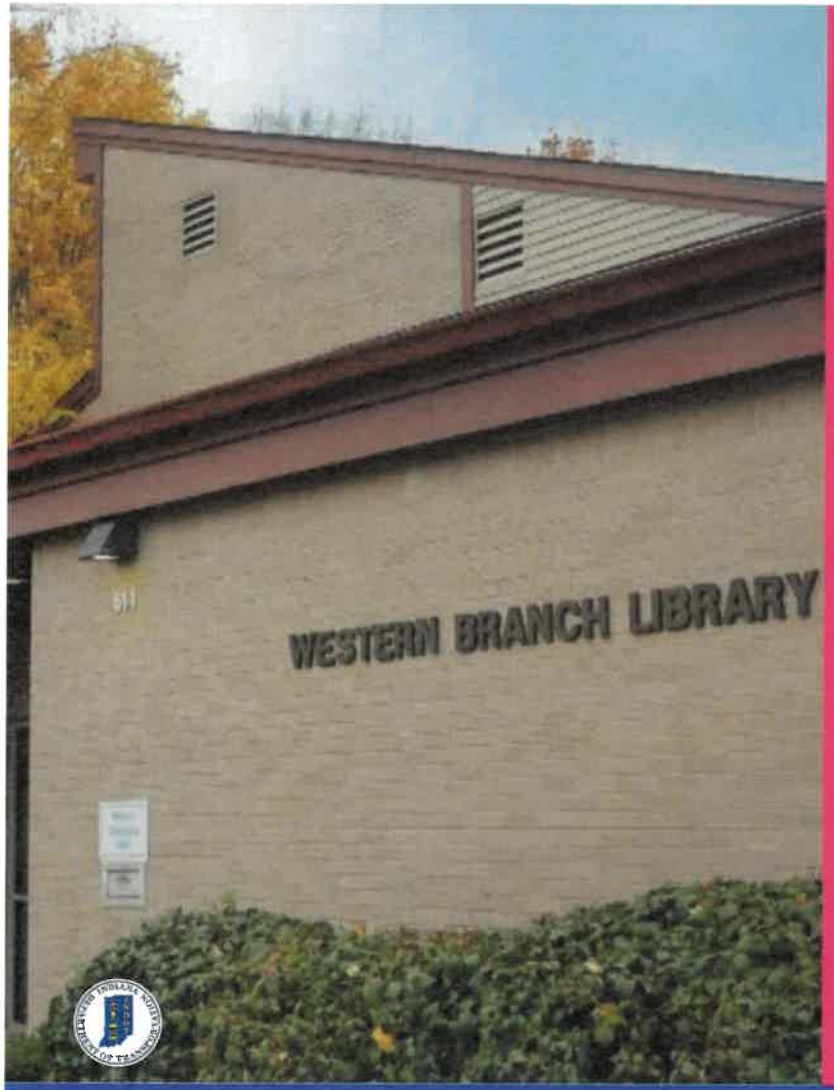
"Roundabout between Pear Rd. and Quince Rd. to slow traffic down."

Truck Traffic

"Numerous accidents and near misses occur between the Navistar entrance and Quince Rd. due to reckless driving."

"Would like right-turn lanes from westbound S.R. 2 to northbound County Line Rd. and Timothy Rd. Slowing in the travel lane is dangerous, especially with semis behind turning vehicles."

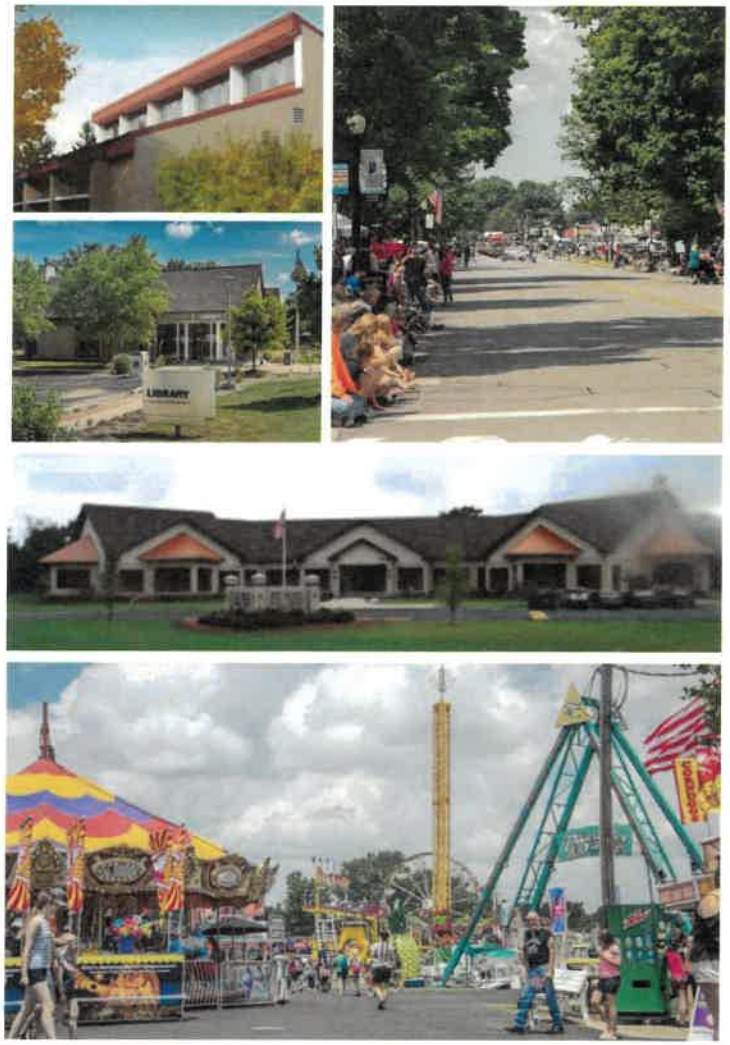
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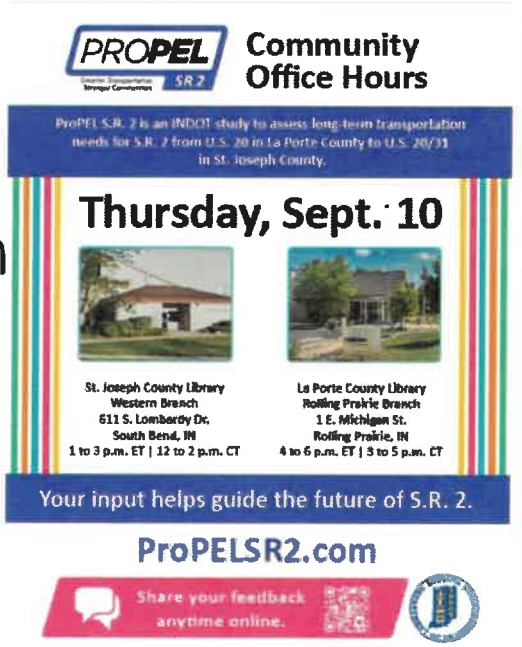
COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

- Monthly open house office hours
- Stop by with questions, share feedback
- Midday and evening hours available
- Office hours are informal and offer a chance for Study Team to listen
- Check ProPELSR2.com regularly for updated office hours in your area



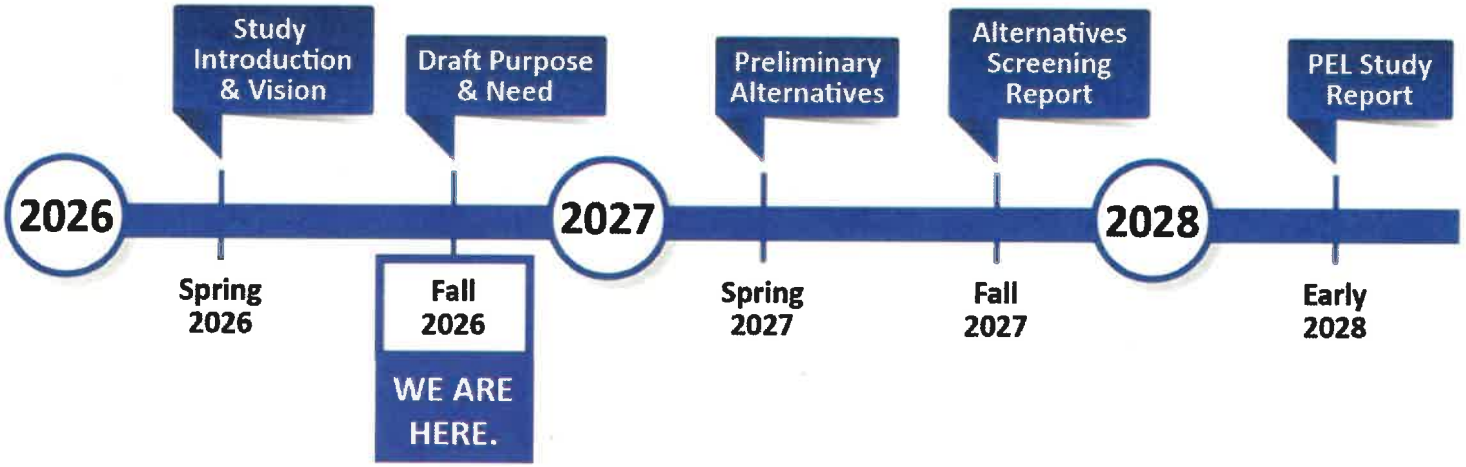
Locations and Events to Date

- Hometown Days
- St. Joseph County Fair
- Summer Blooms Market
- New Carlisle Olive Township Library
- St. Joseph County Library Western Branch
- Rolling Prairie Branch of the La Porte County Library
- Familia Fun Fest



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The next Public Information Meeting will request feedback on the draft Purpose and Need.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



Tuesday, Dec. 1
New Prairie High School Auditorium
5333 N. Cougar Rd., New Carlisle, IN

Enter through Door S1
Doors Open: 5 p.m. CT/6 p.m. ET
Presentation at 5:30 p.m. CT/6:30 p.m. ET.

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