

# US 30- Controlled Access Freeway



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**GOAL OF TONIGHTS**  
**MEETING**



**ADDRESS CURRENT  
CONDITIONS & SAFETY  
CONCERNS ALONG US 30**

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  - **Warsaw Mayor Joe Thallemer**
  - **County Councilman Ernie Wiggins**
  - **City Councilman Jack Wilhite**
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## **US 30** **COALITION**

*MAYOR THALLEMER*

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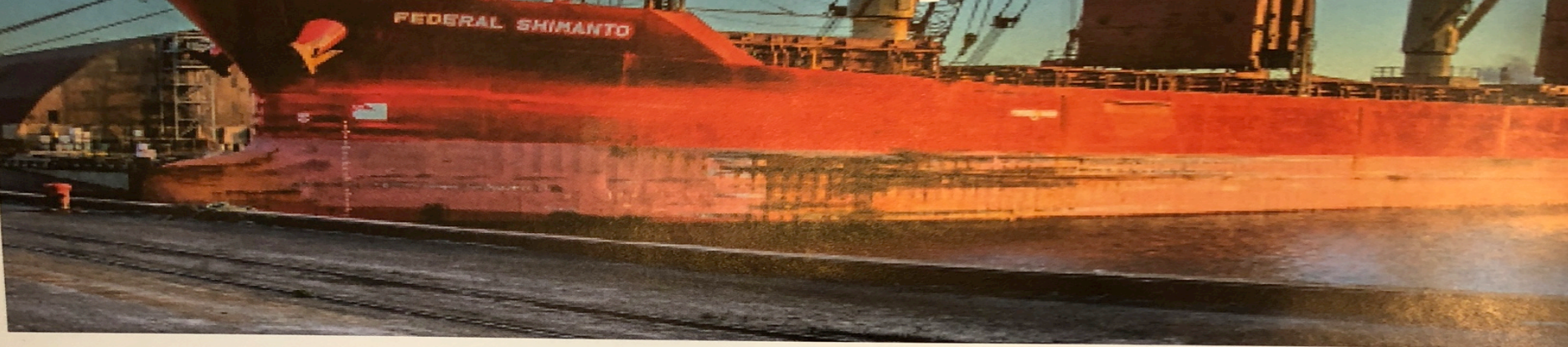
(INDOT projected 31% total traffic)

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- **LOCAL SAFETY AND CONGESTION ISSUES**
- **2011-2016 127 ACCIDENTS AT PARKER AND US 30**
- **INCREASING FREQUENCY**

# FASTLANE expansion



Ports of Indiana recently announced a nearly \$20 million expansion will take place at the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor as part of the U.S. FASTLANE grant program. The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded the Lake Michigan port one of the nation's 10 FASTLANE small project grants, totaling \$9.85 million. The overall port expansion will exceed \$19.7 million and be developed over the next few years. Projects will include the construction of:

- Two rail yards with storage for 183 cars
- Facilities to accommodate 90-car unit trains
- A new shipping berth
- A 6-acre truck marshalling yard
- A new 2.3-acre bulk cargo terminal with multimodal connections for handling cargo transfers between ships, barges, rail cars and trucks
- 4.4 miles of new track on the existing 14-mile rail network
- Extensions to a retaining wall and paving of a dock apron for an additional 1,200 feet of usable dock space

"Indiana's ports are critical hubs for jobs and economic growth and this expansion will help our state attract even more business."

## Metro Ports doubles size of bulk terminal

Long Beach, California-based Metro Ports has expanded over the bulk terminal operations at the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor and immediately doubled the size of the facility. Metro Ports has long been a major national player in the maritime industry with terminals on the West, East and Gulf Coasts of the United States.

Metro Ports plans to invest in bulk terminal upgrades, increasing throughput capacity at the port, which handled 2.8 million tons of cargo last year. The project could have a major impact throughout the region as Metro Ports brings with it significant business development experience, a strong network of international connections and state-of-the-art equipment that allows the facility to significantly increase capacities and efficiencies.

Metro Ports handles bulk cargoes, such as

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- ORGANIZED as 501 (c) (6) in spring of 2016
- Representing US 30 from Ohio State Line to State Road 49 and including the counties of Allen, Whitley, Kosciusko, Marshall, Laporte, Starke, and Porter.
- Consultants- Dennis Faulkenberg, Laurie Maudlin (APPIAN) local consultants for US 31 Coalition

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- 15 member board from all 7 counties and proxies
  - elected officials (3 mayors, 2 commissioners)
  - key local staff
  - economic development representatives from all seven counties
  - industry representatives (trucking, road construction, etc.)

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- Quarterly Board meetings in Kosciusko County

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- INDOT listening session 10/2015 attended by then INDOT Commissioner Hendrickson-subsequently appointed representative from Ft Wayne and Laporte Districts to attend all Coalition meetings

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- Essential non voting members include representatives from
  - Fort Wayne INDOT, Laporte INDOT
  - MPO's : MACOG, Region 3, NIRPC
  - Orthoworx
  - Conexus
  - NEIRP
  - Regional Chamber of Commerce

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

### ○ Focus of Coalition- **SAFETY**

- 7 county collaboration to develop corridor wide plan

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## **US 30 COALITION ORGANIZATION**

- Focus of Coalition- **SAFETY**
- Concentrate on **COMMUNITY FOCUSED PLANNING** to address local needs through
  - Formation of Local Stakeholder Group
  - Public meetings (already being held in other 6 counties)

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## **Local Process**

*- County Commissioner Cary Groninger*

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## **Local Process**

- City/County Collaboration
- Local organization-Stakeholder Committee
- Purpose of public meeting

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## **Kosciusko County Local Stakeholders**

**(1) each:**

**Mayor, County Commissioner, City Council,  
County Council, Orthopedic Industry, Farm  
Bureau, REMC, Chamber of Commerce,  
EMS, Town of Pierceton, Town of Etna Green,  
Warsaw Wayne Twp. Fire Territory, WPD,  
Sherrif's Department, WCS,  
Logistics/Business, Constrtuction**

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## **Kosciusko County Local Stakeholders**

Mayor  
County Commissioner  
City Planner  
County Planner  
Orthoworx  
Farm Bureau  
REMC  
Chamber of Commerce

THALLEMER, JOE  
GRONINGER, CARY  
SKINNER, JEREMY  
RICHARD, DAN  
BISHOP, BRAD  
BISHOP, BOB  
CARVER, KURT  
PARKER, ROB

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## **Kosciusko County Local Stakeholders**

EMS

Kosciusko County Council

Warsaw City Council

Town of Pierceton

Town of Etna Green

Town of Winona Lake

Warsaw Wayne Fire Ter.

Warsaw Police Dept.

SIGGERFOOS, SCOTT

WIGGINS, ERNIE

WILHITE, JACK

HILL, CHIP

SLABAUGH, TODD

ALLEBACH, CRAIG

WILSON, MIKE

SHERWIN, BRYAN

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## **Kosciusko County Local Stakeholders**

Kosc. Co. Sheriff

ROCKY GOSHERT

Area School Districts

HOFFERT, DAVID

Logistics/Business

TRUEX, RON

Construction

BROWN, DAN

County Administrator

MCSHERRY, MARSHA

County Fire

MCSHERRY, KEVIN

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## **Kosciusko County Local Stakeholders**

### **INVITEES**

INDOT

MACOG-RPO

Appian-Consultant

KAISER, JASON

TURNWALD, JAMES

FAULKENBERG, DENNIS

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## **Project History and Funding Process**

*-Mr. Dennis Faulkenberg, Appian Consulting*



# US 30 Coalition:

*Driving the future.*

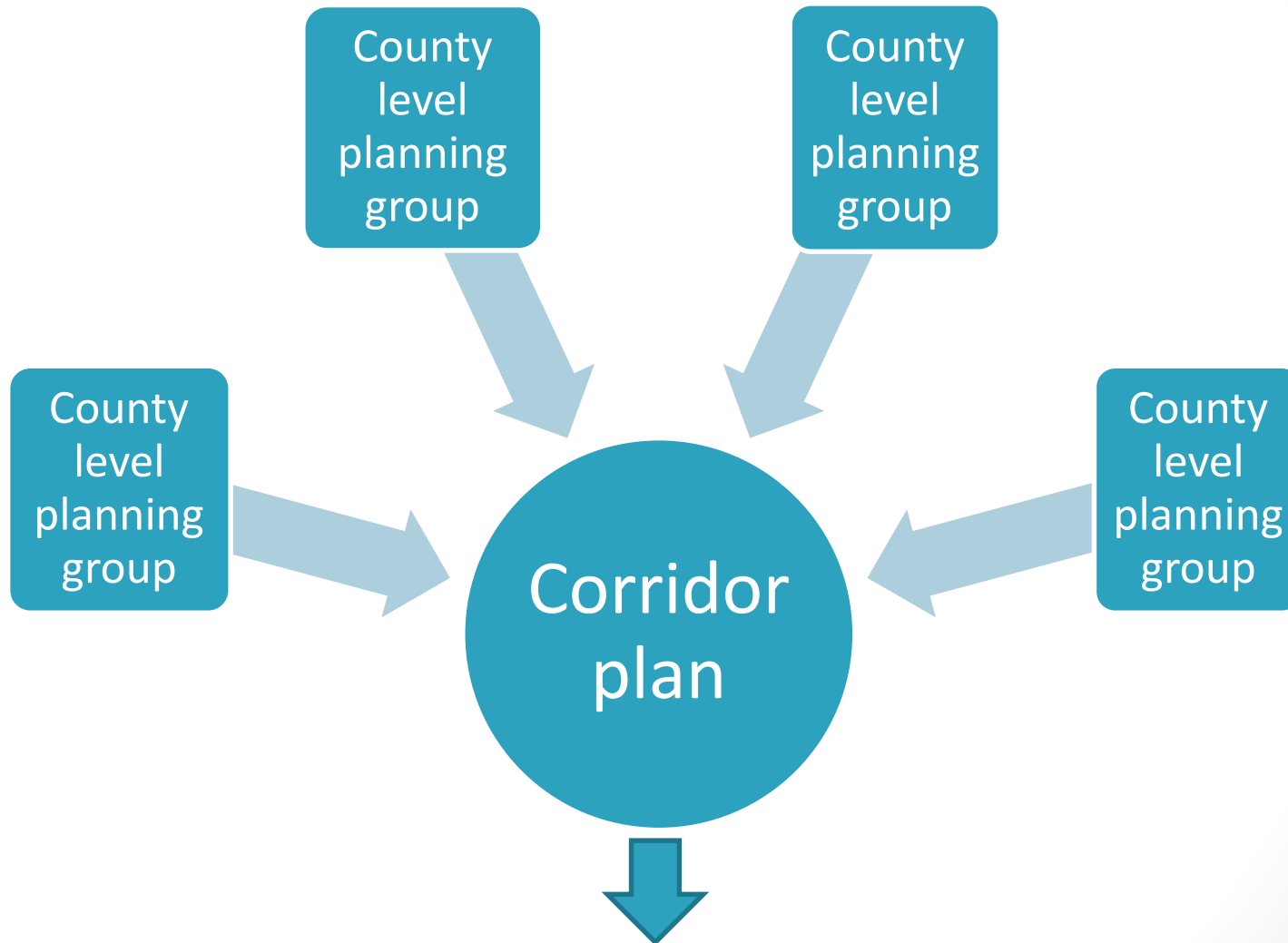
Kosciusko County

May 2018

# US 30 Coalition Background

- APPIAN background
- Who is the coalition?
  - The board has equal representation from each county
  - One voice, many players
  - Legislative and economic reach broadened
  - Corridor concept remains intact
- Project boundaries
- Parameters for project
  - Local planning
  - Corridor wide
  - Must work for each community

# US 30 Coalition Background



US 30 Coalition then works with various groups to share the vision

# What is a freeway?

## Improvements needed for US 30 Freeway

	Allen	Whitley	Kosciusko	Marshall	Starke	LaPorte	Porter*	Total
Stoplights	2	9	12	4		2	4	33
Intersections	6	7	17	16	10	10	7	73
Driveway cuts		49	34	17	19	78	12	209
T-intersections		7	11	4	4	8	2	36
Interchange	1		1	3	1		4	10
At grade rail crossing				1		1		2
RR Overpass								0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>363</b>

\* US 30 to SR49 in Porter County, then SR 49 to I-80

Updated 6/6/2017

# Why is US 30 freeway needed?

- High truck volumes
  - Traffic reaches 30k vehicles per day
  - By 2035, some areas will have 31% trucks
  - Converting to fully controlled access, volumes could reach 81k
- There are 344 potential impact points
- Crash severity is an issue
- Converting to freeway would:
  - Lead to 323 fewer total accidents per year
  - 4 fewer fatalities per year
  - Result in \$716M in accident cost savings
- According to INDOT, a freeway will:
  - Create 10,572 jobs
  - Increase GRP by \$959M
  - Increase personal income by \$942M

# Why is US 30 needed?

## Community feedback

- Perception of unsafe road is increasing.
- People want it done correctly – access to communities.
- Lack of an interstate is economically hurtful.
- Overwhelming support for freeway concept.

# Why now?

- Why is timing so critical?
  - Building on momentum
  - Decisions being made now for next 5-10 years
  - Environmental/planning need to start
  - Can take 10+ years to get to construction

# Beyond our scope

- To remedy current driveway cuts and farm cuts
- To consider environmental concerns
- To fund the project
- To purchase/acquire property
- To build the project

Thank you!

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## **US 30 Traffic and Accident Data**

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Questions and Comments

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**Next Steps...**

*Commissioner Groninger*

*Mayor Thallemer*