

ProPEL Indy
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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1. What is a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study?

The PEL process is used by transportation agencies, such as INDOT, to make and document planning decisions. PEL studies allow INDOT to better understand community needs and develop alternatives that meet those needs. The information, analysis and decisions made during the PEL process can be leveraged in later phases in project development (see Question 5).

2. What is ProPEL Indy?

The I-65 and I-70 corridors are vital to the State of Indiana. INDOT is committed to enhancing safety, mobility and economic development opportunities along these thoroughfares for the benefit of the surrounding communities and all Hoosiers. INDOT will take a strategic approach to the transportation planning efforts. ProPEL Indy will be data-driven, with a focus on identifying long-term transportation needs, defining and analyzing alternatives that consider public input, as well as engineering, environmental, and economic factors.

3. What areas will be part of the study?

The study will encompass I-65 and I-70 inside the I-465 loop, including connecting local streets. The study will not include the North Split project area and ongoing projects.

4. What happens at the conclusion of the study?

With the help of the public, the study will identify feasible alternatives for potential future projects. Future projects would undergo a greater level of environmental analysis and preliminary design in the next phase of project development.

5. What is the next phase of project development after a PEL study?

After a PEL study is completed, INDOT's project development process includes four subsequent phases:

1. Preliminary engineering/environmental review
2. Final engineering
3. Right-of-way acquisition
4. Construction

6. How long will ProPEL Indy take?

The study is anticipated to last approximately two years.

7. How will public engagement be implemented during the planning process?

Feedback from residents, motorists, businesses, neighborhood groups and other stakeholders is vital to the success of the study. INDOT wants to learn the goals and priorities of the community for the I-65 and I-70 corridors. The study will seek input through a variety of means, including in-person and virtual public meetings, community workshops, listening sessions and interviews.

8. How many lanes will I-65 and I-70 be when the project is complete?

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ProPEL Indy will identify needs and alternatives for the corridors, but roadway design occurs in later stages of the project development process. Recommended alternatives will be based on transportation needs, public and stakeholder input, and economic, environmental and community considerations.

9. How will the Rethink 65/70 coalition be included in the planning study?

INDOT welcomes participation from the Rethink 65/70 coalition and other stakeholders. The Rethink 65/70 coalition has information and other resources that will be valuable to consider during the ProPEL Indy study.

10. Rethink 65/70 and the Indy Chamber released an Inner Loop study in 2021. Why is another study being done?

The Inner Loop study provided a preliminary analysis of two design alternatives for three specific interstate segments. ProPEL Indy will be more comprehensive in nature. The study will analyze numerous alternatives for interstate design that consider how the interstates interact with the local street grid, public transit, and shared mobility options. ProPEL Indy will also combine environmental, economic, and community considerations with engineering and financial analysis.

11. Are noise barriers planned?

It is too early to know whether any noise barriers will be constructed. The study a preliminary investigation of noise sensitive areas. For any potential future projects, a subsequent phase of project development would determine whether noise barriers are warranted. To learn more about noise barriers and INDOT's noise policy, please read [this brochure](#).

12. Will impacts to the environment be considered?

Yes, the ProPEL Indy study will consider impacts to both natural and human environmental resources during the alternatives development and evaluation process.

13. How can I get involved in the project?

You can find out more information about the study and participate in a survey at ProPELIndy.com. Future public meetings and listening sessions will be announced. Public and stakeholder outreach will be conducted to gather input for use in the decision-making and project development process.