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### News Release

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### **Another Contract Awarded For New U.S. 31 Project**

*Contract For Work Between Roosevelt And Kern Roads In St. Joseph County*

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a Major Moves contract to construct new travel lanes between Roosevelt Road and just south of Kern Road in St. Joseph County as part of the new U.S. 31 project between South Bend and Plymouth. Rieth Riley Construction of South Bend was awarded the \$6,082,708 contract.

This latest contract is one of seven active projects along the new U.S. 31 corridor. Approximately 15 miles of the 20-mile corridor will be constructed on new terrain. Once complete, U.S. 31 will be a freeway between Plymouth and South Bend, with access only at interchanges. The entire corridor is expected to be opened to traffic by the end of 2014.

The goal of the project is to reduce congestion and improve safety and mobility along the route. This project is part of the larger Major Moves initiative to upgrade the route to freeway standards and cut a half hour off travel time between Indianapolis and South Bend.

INDOT will hold an open house on Tuesday, May 17, to update the public on the progress of the U.S. 31 project. INDOT's project team will display updated design and construction plans and present project information in an informal setting. Team members will be available to address questions and comments. The open house is from 4 to 7 p.m. at Jackson Intermediate School, 5001 South Miami Road, South Bend.

Additional information on the U.S. 31 project is available on the internet at <http://www.us31plysb.com/>.

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