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**Walnut Street Improvement Project Kickoff Meeting Planned**  
*Design efforts beginning for the road diet transformation*

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** – The City of Evansville is hosting a project kickoff meeting for the Walnut Street Improvement Project that will run approximately 3.1 miles from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Vann Avenue. The project will include the rehabilitation of the pavement, curb and gutter, and south sidewalk, along with the replacement of the north sidewalk with a multi-use trail.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the C.K. Newsome Center (100 East Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713). Project representatives will be present at the meeting to provide information about the proposed project and to solicit input from the public that will help inform the final design of the project.

The Walnut Street Improvement Project is identified as a road diet project reducing the number of vehicular travel lanes from four to three, with one east bound, one west bound, and a center two-way left turn lane. The kickoff meeting is held early in the design phase in order to solicit input to inform various decisions. The project will be constructed in phases with the first phase slated to start in 2020 and subsequent phases to follow.

“The Walnut Street Improvement Project is another example of listening to the will of the people. Through the VOICE Initiative we heard loud and clear that the residents of Evansville want improved connectivity for all modes of transportation throughout the City,” said Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. “With the generous support of the Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (Regional Cities), Vectren, Welborn Baptist Foundation, the Evansville Water and Sewer Department and our partners with INDOT and FHWA, we are excited to deliver another great project for our community and visitors alike.”

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