



BTC bridges

Two of Brookville's bridges will undergo construction at the same time this spring and summer.

The bridge on U.S. 52 over the East Fork of the Whitewater River on the south side of Brookville and the bridge on Indiana 101 on the north side of Brookville will each be down to one lane during the construction.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plans on doing a bridge overlay on each bridge. Overlays are a way to waterproof and protect the bridge's decking.

During the construction, traffic lights will be placed on either end of both bridges to control the traffic flow over the bridges. On the U.S. 52 bridge, the intersections of High Street and U.S. 52 and Harrison Street and U.S. 52 will be closed to traffic. People can use First Street to eventually get back on High and Harrison streets past the blockages.

Work on each of the bridges is supposed to begin on or after April 1. It is believed that each of the bridge construction projects should be completed by August. That date depends upon weather conditions.

There is more, but this is only conjecture. Several people associated with the town have tried to get in touch with INDOT employees to find out all the road construction being done in and near Brookville this spring and summer, but the INDOT employees have not been forthcoming with good information. Town officials were told, until recently, the work on the Ind. 101 bridge would take place in 2027. An interactive bridge overlay map on the INDOT website still shows a completion date of the third quarter of 2027.

Emergency repairs are planned for U.S. 52 east of the Butler Run bridge on Brookville's west side. The construction site is where the metal plate is currently located in the westbound lane. It is not known when it will take place, how long it will take or if there will be any road closures or restrictions during the process.

Also, it is believed there will be construction on the perineal slide located in the far northbound lane (slow lane) on Bonwell Hill on Ind. 101. Signs of road closure have recently appeared at either end of the hill. The road closure is supposed to take place after the end of March. If it occurs, it is not known how long it will take. No one at INDOT had any information concerning that project. It is believed locally they are going to do something permanent with that slide much like the work on the slide west of Brookville on U.S. 52

Two culverts may be replaced on U.S. 52 between Brookville and Metamora. The interactive map shows the culvert replacements for 2027, but a regional contractor said they are scheduled for this year. That contractor had the correct information on the Ind. 101 bridge while INDOT did not.

There will be traffic problems this summer with all of the road and bridge construction, but please have patience.

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