

**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Patricia Abbott  
Controller/Interim Town Manager

**Date:** June 17, 2024

**Re:** Ridge Road

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Council named Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. (IEI) as their preferred consultant for the design of Ridge Road on May 15, 2023. IEI has prepared drawings that they believe are the bare minimum that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) might accept. The drawings include the following features:

1. Two lanes in each direction of travel that are 10' wide
2. Striped medians only
3. 10' multi-use path on the south side that is offset from the road

IEI advises that adding additional safety elements will be necessary to increase the possibility that the design will be accepted. As discussed in Agenda Review, these elements include the following:

1. Improved and updated traffic signals (i.e. LED)
2. Backplates and retroreflective borders on traffic signals
3. Better defined crossing areas (i.e. hi-viz crosswalks)
4. Better defined turning movements

Council is asked to approve using the most recent set of drawings as the basis for the submittal to FHWA and to allow the additional safety elements to be included in the design.

**Recommendation:**

By motion and roll call vote, move to approve the drawings described in the memo to the Council dated June 17, 2024, as the basis for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration, and to allow IEI to use their professional judgment to include additional safety elements to the drawings, and to submit the updated drawings to the Town prior to submittal to the Federal Highway Administration, and to direct the Interim Town Manager to relay this action to IEI.