



# City of Mishawaka

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Mayor Dave Wood, City of Mishawaka, announces the opening and ribbon cutting for the Church-Union, Norfolk South Railroad Underpass. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm near the 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Union intersection and is open to the public. Parking for attendees will be at the Union Street Fire Station north parking lot.

The Church-Union Underpass is finally complete (except for the rail bridge), after three construction seasons! Not only does it provide improved sewer, water and electric infrastructure to our citizens, but it also moves traffic and pedestrians more effectively and safely with new traffic signals, LED-energy efficient streetlights, and new landscaping amenities. These improvements were made while NOT having to close the road to thru traffic.

This project was part of a much larger Main Street corridor improvement plan that includes Bremen Hwy, Union, Church, Main and Gumwood. The long-term goal is to make this corridor five lanes from one end of the City to the other. Over the past 10 years, the City has spent over \$70 million to improve this corridor and underlying infrastructure that is effectively the backbone of our City. It goes from our southern border to our northern and connects the residential and industrial south side to the Historic Downtown and the Northern Shopping District. We have made big strides in recent years to get this accomplished within the City limits. Currently there is a section of Bremen Highway between Dragoon Trail and Ireland Road that is in the County. Right now, the only section that is not five lanes in the City is Union Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Dragoon Trail. Although it will be many years before the corridor is complete, the City is already planning for future widening as part of numerous projects like the acquisition and demolition of the former Crossbars Ministry building at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> and Union Street.

Mayor Wood will also be making an announcement concerning the future of the Main Street corridor.

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Promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life, and inspiring pride in our community.*

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