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A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD ROAD

The Future of Range Line

Range Line Road has been a part of Carmel's history since it began in 1837, when pioneer Daniel Warren platted the town with Range Line and Main Street as its center point. From dirt to gravel to pavement, Range Line has evolved over time to meet the needs of tiny Bethlehem (our name until 1874) and then served as the primary north-south artery, being widened along the way as the City of Carmel grew up.

Now it's time to evolve again!

The Arts & Design District, City Center and the growing Midtown project, have created a more dense, mixed-use, walkable and sustainable corridor. Now, it is time to update Range Line Road so it can better serve this more pedestrian and bicycle friendly area.

"Typically when a city talks about improving traffic flow, it involves building new roads or adding lanes. But in this case, we plan to do the opposite," said Mayor Brainard. "This large, multi-lane, uninviting expanse of road will be replaced by an inviting, aesthetically-pleasing, protected boulevard. What is currently a 'pass through' corridor will soon be transformed into a tree lined, sculpture infused, pedestrian destination." *(continued on page 2)*

SAFER STREETS

Designing for Safety

Carmel's streets have become safer overall with the addition of boulevard designs and more than 100 roundabouts replacing traditional traffic light or stop sign intersections. The result is a 65 percent decrease in accidents with injury for all 487 miles of road in the city. This number is even more significant when you realize that our population has grown 187 percent since 1996, which was used as the base year before Carmel's first roundabout opened. The chart below shows how Carmel's accident rate per population has continued to drop from 1996 until today.

Year	Population	Accidents with Injury	% of Population with Injury Accidents	Decrease vs. 1996
1996	31,808	216	0.68%	00%
2001	41,251	232	0.56%	-18%
2006	67,339	249	0.37%	-46%
2011	81,668	212	0.26%	-62%
2016	91,374	215	0.24%	-65%

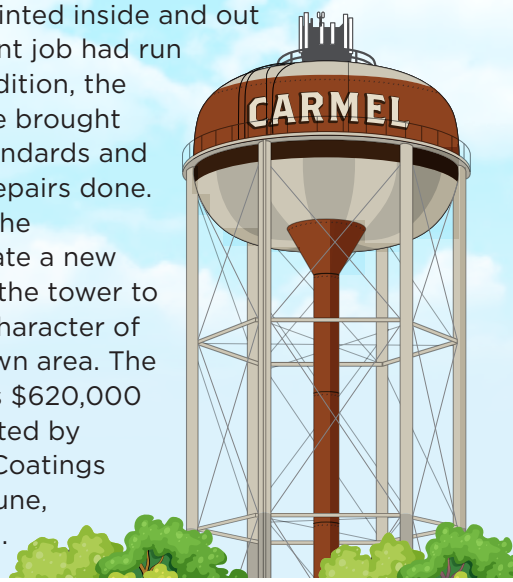
Sources: City population estimates; Engineering report on road miles; Police Department accident statistics

See the complete report online at **Carmel.IN.gov**

Read more about roundabouts on pages 4 - 5 inside.

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR MIDTOWN WATER TOWER

You may have noticed changes happening to our City of Carmel water tower in Midtown. It was time to have the water tower painted inside and out as the previous paint job had run its useful life. In addition, the tower needed to be brought up to new code standards and have other minor repairs done. This gave the city the opportunity to create a new graphic design for the tower to better reflect the character of the growing Midtown area. The total project cost is $620,000 and will be completed by Classic Protective Coatings sometime in mid-June, weather permitting.



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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Welcome to another season of change in our growing city, where we are in the middle of a three-year plan to vastly improve our roads, pathways and associated drainage issues. These new road designs improve safety and reduce congestion. We have also seen a number of new buildings rise in our city, each one filled with the promise of new tenants, new daytime workers, new residents.

These exciting projects are clear evidence that we are on the right path with our redevelopment initiatives. The investment we have made in our community continues to attract private sector capital. Already, more than half a billion dollars of private capital has been invested in projects within a two-mile radius of City Hall.

We also continue to rank among the best places to live in the country and were recently recognized by *Safewise* as #1 Safest City to Raise a Child, by *Military Times* as the #1 Best City for Veterans and by *Apartment List* as one of the Best Cities for Families in the Nation.

I want to thank you, our residents, and those who travel to Carmel for work, for your patience as we continue to add roundabouts and rebuild roads to make our transportation system safer. We have a robust agenda that means more roundabouts are coming, along with other major road improvements and drainage projects – such as 126th Street from Keystone Parkway to Range Line Road, new paths and road improvements along Spring Mill Road and a new design for Range Line Road.

Carmel is a very vibrant and growing city. We will continue to communicate with you in many ways to ensure that you are aware of our plans. As always, feel free to call or e-mail me directly if you have any questions or comments.

Jim Brainard

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A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD ROAD

The Range Line Road project will reduce the number of lanes from two to one in each direction and eliminate the center turn lane. It will include mid-block pedestrian crosswalks and raised crosswalks at new roundabouts to provide safe pedestrian crossings and enhance the pedestrian experience. A cycle track on one side of the road and 8-foot wide mixed-use paths on both sides are also a part of the plan. In addition, Carmel is bringing back on-street parking.

Roundabouts will replace traffic signals along Range Line Road at the intersections of 116th Street, Medical Drive, Executive Drive, City Center Drive and 4th Street. Each roundabout will be two lanes except for the 4th Street roundabout.

Installing roundabouts at major intersections makes reducing the number of lanes possible as studies show an estimated 30 to 50 percent increase in traffic capacity with roundabouts. Multiple lanes are no longer needed to stack traffic waiting at lights.

The estimated $13.5 million project will include this new landscaped boulevard treatment from 4th Street south to Executive Drive. The project will be funded by the City's local improvement bonds that were approved by the Carmel City Council in 2016.

Watch a video about this project on our YouTube channel: ***youtube.com/CityofCarmel***

Rendering of the Range Line Road design looking north from Carmel Drive.

Carmel City Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

COUNCIL CORNER

CONNECTING WITH THE CARMEL CITY COUNCIL

Watch Live

Meetings are open to the public. They can also be viewed live on Spectrum cable channel 16 or via the City of Carmel website homepage.

Address the Council

You can speak to the Council at the meetings by getting on the agenda ... all you need to do is fill out a "Blue Card" prior to the start of the meeting and bring it to the Council. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. Remember to state your name clearly for the record.

Read the Minutes

To access Council minutes and agendas, simply go to the City of Carmel website, carmel.in.gov, click *Our Government* and then click *City Council* to find the meeting year.

Watch the Previous Meetings

Missed a meeting? You can find all archived meetings on the City of Carmel website. Just click *Video Archives* on the homepage.

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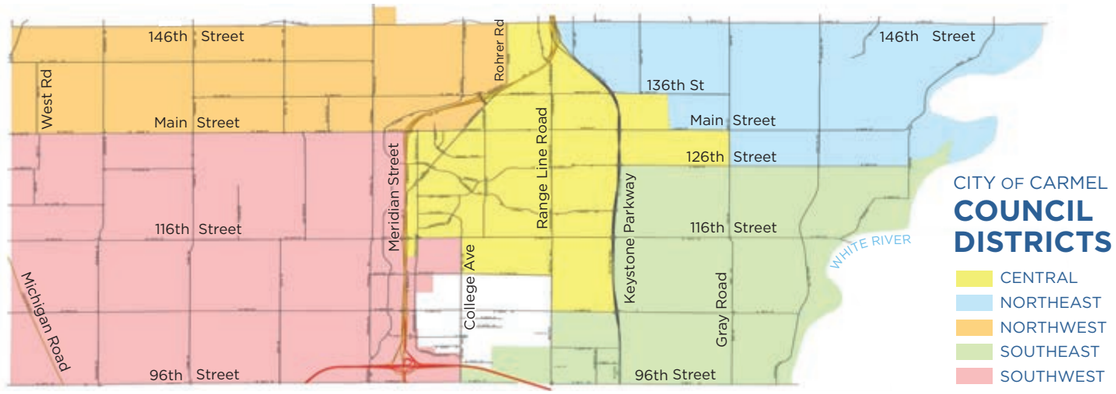


CARMEL, IN: ROUNDABOUT CAPITAL OF THE U.S.

Carmel, like many other cities across America, had for years relied on an old county road system that had been built more with tractors in mind than cars and was simply not adequate for the thousands of residents moving into our city. There had to be a better way to move traffic more efficiently and keep our residents safe while still allowing them to reach their destinations on time.

The answer was roundabouts. Even though the majority of cities in America were not incorporating them into their roadway networks, Mayor Jim Brainard was convinced they were the solution for Carmel.

A roundabout is a circular intersection where approaching traffic yields to vehicles already in the roundabout. This is a safer alternative to intersections with traffic signs or stop signs.

Carmel opened its 100th Roundabout at Carmel Drive and Range Line Road in 2016. A few more have been completed since then and there are even more to come!

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- Aesthetic landscaping, more green space
- Less idling for cars, less gas being burned into the atmosphere, better fuel economy
- Crosswalks for pedestrians and bicyclists encourage alternate forms of transportation

*Statistics from IIHS 'Status Report' Col. 40, No.9. Nov. 19, 2005. Information from FHWA Roundabouts: An Informational Guide & Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Study

COST BENEFITS

- Roundabout construction costs about $125,000 less than signalized intersections
- No traffic lights to install and maintain
- Gas savings average 24,000 gallons per year per roundabout based on 10 study sites with traffic counts ranging from 14,000 to 47,000 AADT*

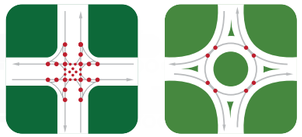
TIPS FOR DRIVING A ROUNDABOUT

- Slow down as you approach the intersection
- Follow the signs and lane markers on the pavement to choose the lane you need to enter
- Look left, yield to vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists already in the roundabout; they have the right of way
- If there is no traffic in the roundabout, do not stop
- If there is traffic, wait for an adequate gap in traffic to safely merge into the roundabout
- While in the roundabout, do not stop or change lanes
- Use your turn signal as you approach your exit
- If you miss your exit, continue around the roundabout and exit the next time you come around
- Keep in mind buses, trucks and vehicles with trailers may need more room to make turns and legally can take up more than one lane in the roundabout

SAFETY INFO

- All vehicles travel in same direction, which dramatically reduces number of serious crashes
- Slower vehicle speeds give drivers more decision-making time
- Roundabouts eliminate head-on and high-speed right-angle collisions
- Accidents with injury decreased in Carmel by about 80% where roundabouts replaced traditional intersections
- There are less conflict points in roundabouts than in traditional intersections (see diagram at right)

POTENTIAL VEHICLE CONFLICT POINTS



TRADITIONAL INTERSECTION ROUNDABOUT

Due to roundabouts...

...Carmel drivers save 272 tanker trucks of fuel per year!

NATIONAL RECOGNITION!

Did you know that when it comes to being recognized for excellence by our peers, the City of Carmel has achieved a trifecta of accolades? Carmel Police, Carmel Fire and the Carmel Clay Parks have all been honored by their respective organizations.

CARMEL POLICE
Has been accredited for the past 20 years by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

CARMEL FIRE
Has been accredited since 2013 by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

CARMEL CLAY PARKS
Has been accredited since 2014 by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

MEET YOUR NEW POLICE CHIEF, JIM BARLOW

Mayor Jim Brainard has appointed Major Jim Barlow as Carmel's new Chief of Police, replacing the retiring Chief Tim Green. In addition, the Mayor appointed two new Assistant Chiefs –Aaron Dietz, to oversee Operations and Jeff Horner, to oversee Administration. These changes take effect June 1.

"I am pleased to promote Jim Barlow to Police Chief. His experience in Carmel and his knowledge of law enforcement make him perfect for this role," said Mayor Brainard. "I also wish to thank Chief Green for his 35 years of service. We wish him well in his retirement." Jim Barlow has been a member of the Carmel Police Department for 34 years, the last six years serving as Assistant Chief. During his tenure, he also served as Commander of the SWAT team, as well as Commander of the Operations, Special Investigations and Support Divisions.

Major Dietz has commanded the Special Investigations Division and the Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force since 2012. Major Dietz has been a member of the Carmel Police Department for 28 years and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Major Horner, joined CPD in 1994. He spent his first 13 years on the department in the Operations Division. He has also served as an Administrative Lieutenant in the Support Division running the School Resource Unit and has served as the department's Public Information Officer.

FIRE CHIEF COMPLETES COURSEWORK AT PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE

Carmel Fire Chief David Haboush has completed the fourth year of the Fire Service Executive Development Institute. Haboush was selected by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) last spring for this honor from among new fire chiefs and chief officers from across the country.

"Congratulations to Chief Haboush on this honor, which reinforces that the City of Carmel has one of the most professional and best trained fire departments in the nation. It is also worth noting that Dave diligently pursued a scholarship to cover expenses, so taxpayers wouldn't have to pay for the advanced education, but will get the benefit of a better-trained fire chief," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

The Fire Service Executive Development Institute is a year-long leadership-development program created and implemented by the IAFC to provide new and aspiring chiefs with the tools they need to have successful and productive tenures.

ABOUT THAT COOL & COLORFUL BRIDGE

Have you seen the colorful Monon Greenway bridge over Carmel Drive? Earlier this year, during a bridge lighting upgrade, the City installed a Philips Color Kinetics lighting system that allows our street department to control the color scheme of the span – easily from their desktops.

That's how the bridge became pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month. It was also red, white and blue during 4th of July weekend and purple the day after the popular rock star Prince passed away. ***With more than 1000 lights, the possibilities are endless.***

THINGS TO COME

Lace up those skates for Carmel's new winter attraction, the Center Green ice skating rink, scheduled to be installed this fall and open by the time we hit the holiday season of 2017. Keep an eye out for future announcements regarding the rink and the Carmel Christkindlmarkt that will be situated around the ice!

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10 MILE | 25 MILE

5:30 P.M. - REGISTRATION
6:30 P.M. - RIDE BEGINS

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AUG 13TH — SACK LUNCH RIDE

10 MILE

12:30 P.M. - REGISTRATION
1:00 P.M. - NUTRITION SEMINAR
1:30 P.M. - RIDE BEGINS

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CARMEL SUMMER EVENTS!

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Center Green
CarmelFarmersMarket.com

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Wednesday Evenings
May 31 – August 9, 7:30 p.m.
No concert on July 5
August 16 – September 6, 7 p.m.
Carmel City Hall Gazebo
CarmelGazeboConcerts.org

CARMELFEST
July 3 - 4
Carmel Civic Square
CarmelFest.net

ART OF WINE
July 15, 5 - 10 p.m.
Carmel Arts & Design District
CarmelArtsAndDesign.com

ARTOMOBILIA
August 26, Noon - 5 p.m.
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CarmelArtsAndDesign.com

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June 17, 24; July 22, 29; August 5, 6 - 9 p.m.
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