

THE CITY OF

# HOBART

## 2024 ADA Year End Report

During 2024, the City of Hobart continued its commitment to accessibility improvements through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. Significant progress was made with the completion of multiple projects funded through federal and state programs. Due to larger scale projects and number of projects throughout town, Hobart was not able to conduct as many miscellaneous repairs on top of planned projects.

### CCMG-Funded Improvements

The City successfully secured Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) funds, which supported roadway and accessibility upgrades at the following locations:

- **3rd Street** from Lake Park Avenue to Park Street
- **Lasalle Street** from 3rd Street to 49th Avenue
- **Driftwood Drive** from 3rd Street to 3rd Place

These projects included the installation of new ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks and signage to enhancing safe pedestrian access throughout the community. The total cost of these improvements were approximately **\$182,065**.

### NIRPC/Federal Funded Project

West 61st Avenue and Marcella Avenue – Constructed by the City of Hobart with funding support from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), this roundabout also incorporated ADA-compliant sidewalks, ramps, crosswalks, and signage to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety. The cost for these improvements was approximately **\$86,856**.

### Notable Mentions - INDOT Projects

- State Road 51 and State Road 130 – Constructed by INDOT, helped improve one of the worst intersections in Hobart by eliminating an unsafe signalized intersection by installing a roundabout. The new roundabout safely connects the trail that cuts through by installing a new pedestrian trail around the roundabout with signage, striping, curb ramps and sidewalk.
- Colorado St TRAX project – installed a new bridge over the CN Railroad track just north of 69<sup>th</sup> ave. This project helped build connectivity by extended our sidewalk from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave to the north 1,450ft closing the gap from 61<sup>st</sup> ave and 69<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### Conclusion

These projects reflect the City's ongoing efforts to provide safe, accessible infrastructure for all residents and visitors. By integrating ADA-compliant features into roadway improvements, Hobart continues to advance toward its long-term goal of ensuring barrier-free access across the community. Hobart has planned to commit \$100,000 worth of sidewalk repairs for fiscal year of 2025. Lastly, Hobart has implemented a reimbursement program to help promote residential sidewalk improvement throughout town.

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