

Welcome to the 89th Annual Purdue Road School

March 25th – 26th, 2003

What's Up at INDOT?

- Major State Projects - Update
- Federal Reauthorization
- Local Funding Issues
- INDOT Assists Locals
- Safety Initiatives



Major State Projects - Update

- Hoosier Heartland
- Hyperfix 65/70
- I-69
- U.S. 31 Upgrade
- U.S. 231
- Fort to Port
- Revive 65
- I-465 West Leg
- Borman Added Capacity



INDOT Positions on Tea 21 Reauthorization

- Supporting efforts to increase Indiana's share of the highway trust fund.
- Supporting efforts to secure federal funding for the Gary/Chicago regional airport.
- Supporting efforts to secure funding to surpass \$31 billion in 2003.
- Supporting efforts to redirect ethanol gas tax from general fund to highway trust fund.
- Supporting efforts to ensure that trust fund revenues are used for their intended purpose.
- Supporting a correction in RABA calculation to insure accuracy.

INDOT Positions on Tea 21 Reauthorization

- Support greater flexibility for states to utilize funds for the best projects.
- Supporting the use of incentive programs rather than penalties to further federal policy goals.
- Supporting initiatives to develop a high-speed rail system, and maintain a viable freight rail network.
- Supporting the maintenance of a stable funding program for Indiana's airport infrastructure.

Local Funding Issues



- Low estimates regarding federal transportation spending were premature, spending levels will remain constant in FY 2003 – Good news for cities and towns.
- HB 1001(ss) provided gas tax increase & local funding boost – an approximate \$35 million increase.

INDOT Assists Locals with Road Funding

- INDOT will allow the costs that cities, towns and counties spend on development, design or land acquisition phases of a road project to be credited for up to half of the 20% required match to fund construction.
- As noted by Governor O'Bannon, "Road budgets for many cities, towns, and counties are stretched to the limit and damage to roads caused by the harsh winter hasn't helped. That's why this arrangement is such good news – it frees up money so local governments can take care of ongoing needs but still undertake new projects."

Safety Initiatives

- Run-Off-Road Treatments
- Crash Records Improvement
- High Crash Location Treatments (HCL)
- Work Zone Focus
- Targeted Maintenance
- Personnel Commitment



Summary of 2003 INDOT Activities

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