What is Advancing Indiana?

Advancing Indiana is a consortium of individuals, organizations and businesses.

Hoosiers who understand that our roads and bridges are deteriorating faster than we can fix them. Hoosiers who understand that if we can’t repair our roads or develop new ones, we won’t be able to attract jobs or keep the jobs we have. Advancing Indiana understands that all those who depend on our roads for commerce and travel need a strong, unified voice.

It's a focus point for those who want to see our road system keep up with our economic growth.

Since 1990, 80% of all new business locations in Indiana have been within 10 miles of an interstate highway. Communities across the state depend on good roads for economic growth. But, there are over 100 key Indiana approved road projects unable to be built due to a funding crisis. Available funding for the next five years covers only 8% of these projects. Which communities will get funding for these vital projects and which will be left out?

Advancing Indiana is a way for business people, government officials and Hoosiers from all walks of life to connect the gaps in our road system.

If we don’t figure out how to connect our communities, our economy’s growth will falter. We must work together to solve the problem of our road deterioration and lack of funding. For decades, groups around the state have fought for good roads but without success. Instead of good roads, we are connected by congestion, bridges to nowhere, dangerous roadways, flooding and frustrated businesses.

Who should belong to Advancing Indiana?

Anyone who cares about the progress of Indiana. Anyone who wants to see better jobs in Indiana. People who work in manufacturing, education, retail, government, service, communications, utilities, hotels, or entertainment. People who belong to associations or economic development groups.

Instead of separately fighting for attention and funding, instead of bandaid approaches, we can join together to create strength and solutions.

What does Advancing Indiana do?

We educate, communicate and connect. We spotlight the problems and help craft the solutions. Working with communities all across Indiana, we will bring the conditions of our roads and bridges, the key economic development role our road system plays, and the importance of solid funding to the forefront. We want adequate road modernization funding by 1999.

What will Advancing Indiana members do?

Members will help community and state leaders understand how important it is to solve this crisis. Members can be very involved or they can simply lend support. Active members in communities everywhere will spread the word. As the organization grows, our unified voice will be heard. Our target for membership is 10,000. We can, and we will, ensure that our roads and bridges support Indiana’s growth.
Are our roads in poor condition?
Just listen to what these Hoosiers say!

The county already has a priority list of 700 miles of roads that need work, but with the limited funds available each year and the high cost of repair, workers have been able to repair only 20 or 30 miles a year, County Commissioner Stephen Wurster said. From the Michigan City News Dispatch, March 1996.

"It's one thing to close a road or bridge to work on it. It's another thing to close a bridge indefinitely and not have any kind of plans for what is going to be done." Pike County Engineer Harold Sorrells in the Petersburg Press Dispatch, April 1996.

…the narrow Park Road leading from Ind. 68 to the plant can't handle up to five 18-wheel semis delivering products many mornings...the company must grow in Haubstadt or possibly relocate in the future. From the Daily Clarion in Princeton, April 1996.

Many businesses chose to locate on the Bypass with the understanding that the road would be eventually expanded. Several companies are waiting for the completion of the project... "It would be kind of hard for a company to open when construction is still pending." Tim Eckerle, Grant County Economic Growth Council executive director, quoted in article from the Chronicle Tribune in Marion, March 1996.

The bridge has no weight limit posted, and heavy emergency vehicles won't cross it. "We're concerned with the safety of it. We want Harrison County to have some kind of standards for bridges." Harrison County Resident Julie Hoene, quoted in article from the Corydon Democrat, February 1996.

Working with a tight budget of only $70,000, which includes the lottery funding, many streets which ordinarily would get repaired will sit rocky for another year. From the Frankfort Times, March 1996.

As our community absorbs new residents, so must our roads bear the burden of more traffic. These are roads that were constructed with horses pulling slip scoops and gravel wagons. From the Johnson County Daily Journal, March 1996.

"We're strapped in our highway fund." County Highway Engineer Charlie Day in the Columbus Republic, February 1996.

"I have never seen roads anywhere in such despair. So much so that in recent months I've curtailed my visits to Indiana because of the frustration of having to travel on such inadequate roads." LaPorte County resident and talkshow host Oprah Winfrey quoted in a letter sent to LaPorte County Commissioners, May 1996.

"In 1999, we run out of money to build any roads in this state." Steve Wuertz, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project development specialist quoted in article in the Peru Daily Tribune, June 1996.
These road projects will not be done. Why? Indiana is short $1.6 billion dollars!

Indiana can only afford to do 8% of these approved road projects between now and the year 2000.

These projects don’t include county and local roads!

Our growth and jobs depend on good roads.

Advancing Indiana can solve this crisis with your help!
1. Added travel lanes on SR-1, at Connersville in Fayette County $2,637,000
2. Road construction on SR-1, in Wayne County, from Connersville to Milton $4,085,000
3. Added travel lanes on US-6, in Jackson County, from SR-51 to SR-149 $10,797,000
4. Added travel lanes on US-6, at Kendallville in Noble County $1,623,000
5. Added travel lanes on SR-9, at Marion in Grant County $8,513,000
6. Road construction on SR-9, in Madison County, from SR-32 to SR-128 $5,530,000
7. Road construction on SR-13, at Elwood in Madison County $5,550,000
8. Road construction on SR-15, in Elkhart County, from US-20 to 2 miles north of US-20 $3,970,000
9. Added travel lanes on SR-17 at Plymouth in Marshall County $8,000,000
10. Added travel lanes on SR-19 in Elkhart, from US-20 to US-33 $3,000,000
11. Road construction on US-20 in Lagrange County, from SR-5 to 3 miles east of SR-5 $5,310,000
12. Road construction on SR-22 at Kokomo in Howard County $1,160,000
13. Added travel lanes on SR-23, from the toll road to 5.6 miles south of the Indiana/Michigan state line in St. Joseph County $5,952,000
14. Added travel lanes on SR-23 in South Bend & Mishawaka, from Eddy Street to Cleveland Road $1,907,000
15. New road construction on US-24, Hoosier Heartland, from Logansport to Peru $73,093,000
16. New road construction on US-24, Hoosier Heartland, from Wabash to Huntington $57,490,000
17. Added travel lanes on SR-26, from I-65 to 1.5 miles east of I-65 in Tippecanoe County $6,600,000
18. Road construction on SR-26, from US-41 to SR-55 in Warren County $4,507,000
20. New road construction on SR-28, from I-65 to just west of SR-39 at Frankfort in Clinton County $10,000,000
21. Added travel lanes on US-30, from 2 miles west of US-41 to US-41 in Lake County $8,800,000
22. Added travel lanes on US-30, at the Merrillville interchange in Lake County $1,118,000
23. Added travel lanes on US-31 in Indianapolis, from Mills Ave. to Southern Ave. $8,460,000
24. Added travel lanes on US-31 in Indianapolis, from 86th Street to 96th Street $1,500,000
25. Added travel lanes on SR-32, at the interchange with I-65 in Boone County $1,000,000
26. Added travel lanes on US-33, from US-30 to Cook Road in Allen County $6,000,000
27. Added travel lanes on US-33 in Goshen, from CR 40 to south junction of SR-15 in Elkhart County $3,250,000
28. Added travel lanes on US-33 in Goshen, from CR 40 to south junction of SR-15 in Elkhart County $3,250,000
29. Added travel lanes on US-33, from Mishawaka to the St. Joseph/Elkhart County line $1,324,000
30. Added travel lanes on US-35, from SR-8 to Knox in Starke County $5,050,000
31. Road construction on US-35, from SR-8 to Knox in Starke County $5,050,000
32. Added travel lanes on US-36, from I-465 to 6 miles northeast of I-465 in Indianapolis $15,000,000
33. Added travel lanes on SR-37, from 2 miles north of SR-32 to 3.5 miles north of SR-32 in Hamilton County $3,000,000
34. Added travel lanes on SR-37, from SR-66 to just west of SR-37 at Noblesville in Hamilton County $3,000,000
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38. Added travel lanes on US-40, from SR-267 to the Hendricks/Grant County line $21,027,000
39. Added travel lanes on US-40 in Marion County, from Franklin Road to Buck Creek $13,400,000
40. New interchange construction on US-41, at CR 550S in Gibson County $7,945,000
41. Added travel lanes on US-41, from I-80 to US-12/US-20 in Lake County $39,141,000
42. Road construction on US-41, in Parke County, 2.5 miles north of SR-163 $2,230,000
43. Added travel lanes on SR-46 in Bartholomew County, from I-65 to Columbus $21,418,000
44. Road construction on US-46 in Bartholomew County, from SR-9 to I-65 $6,000,000
45. Road construction on SR-46 in Bartholomew County, from SR-7 to I-65 $1,446,000
46. Added travel lanes on SR-46 in Franklin County, from just west of SR-229 to Winding Way $3,275,000
47. Added travel lanes on SR-46, from Ellettsville to Bloomington $50,686,000
48. Added travel lanes on SR-46, from SR-148 to US-50 in Dearborn County $4,960,000
49. Added travel lanes on SR-46 in Monroe County, from 2.5 miles west of US-37 to 0.5 mile west of US-37 $8,610,000
50. New road construction on US-50 in Jackson County, from Brownstown to 1.3 miles west of US-50 $7,942,000
51. Road construction on US-50 in Jackson County, from Brownstown to 1.3 miles west of US-50/SR-11 $7,942,000
52. New road construction on US-50, from 2 miles west of SE CR 400S to 1.8 miles east of SR-241, Knox County $29,506,000
53. Road construction on US-50, at Bedford in Lawrence County $17,952,000
54. Added travel lanes on SR-51 in Lake County, from Hobart Road to US-20 $4,428,000
5. Added travel lanes on US-52 in Marion County, from I-465 to Post Road $4,970,000
6. Added travel lanes on SR-53 in Lake County, from 1 mile north of US-30 to just south of 61st Ave. $1,370,000
7. Added travel lanes on SR-55 in Lake County, from 1 mile north of US-30 to just south of 61st Ave. $1,370,000
8. Added travel lanes on SR-62, from I-164 to Booneville in Warrick County $45,440,000
9. Added travel lanes on I-65, from the Ohio River to SR-311 in Clark County $248,307,000
10. Added travel lanes on I-65, from US-231 to US-30 in Lake County $27,397,000
11. Interchange modification on I-65, at 61st Ave. in Merrillville $9,056,000
12. New interchange construction on I-65 at the Marion/Johnson County line $7,822,000
13. Interchange modification on SR-66 in Evansville at Green River Road $9,117,000
14. Added travel lanes on SR-66 from Evansville (Green River Road) to I-164 $6,085,000
15. Road construction on SR-66 in Evansville, from St. Joseph Ave. to US-41 $6,873,000
16. Added travel lanes on SR-66 in Warrick County, from just east of SR-261 to Yankeetown Road $28,734,000
17. Road construction on SR-67 in Delaware County, from I-69 to the Muncie bypass $26,268,000
18. Road construction on SR-67 in Knox County, from US-41 interchange to Bicknell $12,185,000
19. Interchange modification on I-69 in Allen County, at US-24 southwest of Fort Wayne $14,229,000
20. Added travel lanes on I-69 at the interchange with SR-3 in Allen County $2,822,000
21. New road construction on I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis, from Evansville to Petersburg $150,000,000
22. Bridge rehabilitation on I-69 in Hamilton County at 116th Street interchange $3,900,000
23. Interchange modification on I-69 in Hamilton County at SR-238 interchange $85,000
24. Bridge rehabilitation on I-69 in Marion County at 96th Street interchange $2,666,000
25. Road construction on SR-69, from Mount Vernon bypass to I-64 in Posey County $36,236,000
26. Interchange modification on I-70 in Hendricks County, at SR-267 $4,436,000
27. Interchange modification on I-70 in Marion County, at Post Road $14,217,000
28. Weigh station construction on I-70 at the Illinois State line in Vigo County $5,866,000
29. New interchange construction on I-74 near the Marion/Hendricks County line $3,500,000
30. Freeway management system on I-80 in Lake County $7,482,000
31. Interchange modification on I-80 in Lake County, at Grant Street in Gary $2,854,000
32. Interchange modification on I-80 in Lake County, at Burr Street in Gary $17,000,000
33. Interchange modification on I-80 in Lake County at SR-912 in Gary $63,011,000
34. New interchange construction on I-94 at the Porter/LaPorte County line $2,142,000
35. Road construction on SR-103 in Henry County, from 3 miles south of SR-38 to SR-38 $1,400,000
36. Road construction on SR-129 in Switzerland County, from SR-56 to SR-250 $15,000,000
37. Road construction on SR-135 in Harrison County, from US-150 at Palmyra to SR-60 at Salem $23,725,000
38. New road construction on SR-145 from I-64 in Perry County to SR-64 in Crawford County $49,570,000
39. Road construction on SR-145 from French Lick to Mitchell $36,040,000
40. Added travel lanes on US-231, at Crawfordsville in Montgomery County $6,614,000
41. Road construction on US-231 in Cloverdale, from 2 miles south of I-70 to 1 mile south of I-70 in Putnam County $2,323,000
42. Bridge construction on US-231, near Rockport in Spencer County (Indiana share) $55,637,000
43. New road construction on US-231 in Tippecanoe County, from SR-25 to the US-231/SR-43 interchange $15,961,000
44. New road construction on US-231, Jasper/Huntingburg bypass $20,000,000
45. New road construction on US-231 in Spencer County, from the Ohio River to US-64 $25,000,000
46. New road construction on SR-240 in Putnam County, from 3 miles east of US-231 to 4 miles east of US-231 $1,088,000
47. New road construction on SR-334 at Zionsville, in Boone County $1,502,000
48. New road construction on US-421 at Frankfort, in Clinton County $2,468,000
49. Added travel lanes on US-421, from the Marion/Hamilton County line to SR-334 $13,840,000
50. Added travel lanes on SR-431 at Carmel in Hamilton County, from 96th Street to US-31 $390,000
51. Road construction on SR-446 at Bloomington in Monroe County, from Allens Creek Rd. to Chapel Hill Road $950,000
52. Interchange modification on I-465, Shadeland Ave. to Chapel Hill Road $43,000,000
54. Road construction on SR-531 in Newburgh in Warrick County $3,143,000
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