



**MINUTES
ICI/INDOT CENTRAL REGION JOINT
COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2020**



ATTENDING

INDOT – Co-Chair Scott Sipes (Area Engineer, Greenfield), Vice-Chair David Holtz (District Construction Director, Crawfordsville), Dan Bridge (Area Engineer, Crawfordsville), Misty Chandler (Construction Project Supervisor, Crawfordsville), James D. Culbertson (Field Engineer, Central Office), Kirk Frederick (Field Engineer, Crawfordsville), Sean Hendrickson (Greenfield), Mike Jett (Utility & Railroad Director, Central Office), Jacob Kelley (Construction Project Engineer, Crawfordsville), Robert B. Miller, Jr. (Construction Project Supervisor, Crawfordsville), Andy Nahrwold (Area Engineer, Greenfield), Bill Plant (Utility Administrator, Central Office), Michael Prather (Area Engineer, Greenfield), Jeana Reichle (Senior Project Manager, Greenfield), Jay Ritter (Office Engineer, Crawfordsville), Erik Seef (Area Engineer, Crawfordsville), Don Thornton (Area Engineer, Crawfordsville), Fielding Tipton (Greenfield), Cliff Walker (Greenfield), Nathaniel Williams (Crawfordsville) and Andrew J. Wortkoetter (Area Engineer, Greenfield).

Industry – Co-Chair Scott Beyer (HIS Constructors, Inc.), Vice Chair Brian Garrett (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), John Agresta (The Hoosier Company, Inc.), Dakota Atkins (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), Brian Barth (Specialties Company, LLC), Zane Cooperider (E & B Paving, Inc.), Josh Coulter (The Hoosier Company, Inc.), David Dankert (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), David Denisiuk (Milestone Contractors, L.P.), Kyle Dickerson (HIS Constructors, Inc.), Cory Downs (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), Nathan Garrett (American Structurepoint, Inc.), Jason Gasaway (E & B Paving, Inc.), Joshua Lea (E & B Paving, Inc.), David Machala (American Structurepoint, Inc.), Dan Livingston (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), Andrew Meeks (3M), Keith Mullens II (The Hoosier Company, Inc.), Colin O’Keefe (Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc.), Christa Petzke (Resolution Group, Inc.), Brian Pickering (HIS Constructors, Inc.), J.R. Pitcock (Milestone Contractors, L.P.), Tyler Robinson (E & B Paving, Inc.), Kurt Schleiter (Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc.), Jacob Sipe (James H. Drew Corporation), Rick P. Smith (RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc.), Evan Solgere (Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc.), Clint Stroud (E & B Paving, Inc.), Melissa Walker (HWC Engineering, Inc.) and Amy Zakutansky (Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc.).

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ICI Staff – Ashley Aiken, Richard Hedgecock, Lori Lynn, Dan Osborn and Sara Perkins.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee leadership introduction

Co-Chairs: Scott Sipes, INDOT and Brian Garrett, ICI

Vice-Chairs: Dave Holtz, INDOT and (vacant)

Thank you to past Co-Chair Beyer who completed his term on December 31, 2019. Please communicate ICI-side vice-chair nominations to Dan Osborn, Co-Chair Beyer, or Vice-Chair Garrett.

ICI/INDOT JOINT COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER

Mr. Osborn stated that the committee leadership groups are reviewing the committee charter to make updates and revisions as needed to align the language with current needs and in light of the INDOT/ICI/ACEC 360 Engagement effort. The committee leadership suggested that a portion of the charter be read and discussed at each meeting going forward. Mr. Osborn read the Purpose Statement.

Purpose Statement: *ICI member and INDOT staff collaborate to develop solutions to challenges and share knowledge involved in performing the administration, construction, and inspection of INDOT and Local Public Assistance highway and bridge contracts.*

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Law Enforcement Officer Recurring Special Provision

Mr. Pelz stated that INDOT is working to enhance the LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) RSP (recurring special provision) [801-R-672](#). INDOT has amended the RSP to accommodate training fees and increase the LEO pay item rate to \$60 per hour.

Maintenance of Traffic

Mr. Pelz announced that INDOT is working on “maintenance of traffic” training and an accompanying hard copy and electronic field guide.

MCAR (Marion County Asset Recovery)

Mr. Colonis stated that INDOT is focused on safety within and around the multiple MCAR projects on I-465, I-65 and I-865. There is a specific effort to provide either police, Hoosier Helper, and or a “back of queue” vehicle presence at the back of queues. INDOT/ISP has entered into an agreement with Indianapolis Police Department to assist with MCAR at ramps and connecting routes.

The group discussed the use of moveable barrier in 2019. Industry mentioned use on I-465 and I-70 for patching work. Several mentioned difficulties working with the barrier wall moving machine including speed, limited storage locations, and difficulty with change ordering the wall into contracts after award due to completion dates and expected productivity.

2020 Legislative update

Automated Speed Enforcement, Senate Bill [170](#) – The bill provides a comprehensive program for automatic speed enforcement in work zones. The bill made it out of the Senate committee but died on Senate floor as it was not brought up for a vote per the author, Sen. Jon Ford due to lack of support.

Distracted Driving, House Bill [1070](#) – The bill prohibits holding of hand held devices while operating a motor vehicle. The bill moved out of Senate Committee on 2/18 after passing the House.

Liens, House Bill [1021](#) - Permits a person to discharge a mechanic's lien by filing an indemnification, payment, or cash bond with the recorder's office. The bill passed the House but failed to get a hearing in the assigned Senate Committee.

Additional discussion under Work Zone Safety included temporary buzz strips, temporary portable rumble strips, addition of transverse barricades to curb motorists driving into closed lanes, radar speed buggies, and small message boards. Use of "intelligent work zone messaging" systems was recommended.

UPDATES

INDOT/ICI/ACEC 360 Industry Engagement – Greenfield and Crawfordsville Districts

Mr. Osborn stated that district groups continue to discuss constructability, partnering, and contractor and consultant evaluation. To get information about meetings including leadership information, registration, agendas, minutes, and announcements. please see the INTransportationTeam.org website.

INDOT Storm Water Management Task Group

Mr. Beyer provided a summary of task group discussions including penalties and proposed pre-priced pay item increases included in recently revised and approved versions of [RSP 205-R-636](#). Mr. Pelz described a planned change to a new erosion control inspection application that could be used on mobile devices including smart phones.

CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT TOPICS

"DES" Level Pay Items

Mr. Sipes announced that contract pay items by "DES" number are now available prior to bid time via the INDOT Lettings web page.

Temporary Pavement Markings

Mr. Osborn stated that INDOT distributed a draft proposal for comment on 1/31/20. ICI has solicited and submitted comments from industry. The proposal includes direction for contractors to place "edge lines" on pavement (any lift) that is open to live traffic within 14 days. Also noted is that INDOT has committed to include temporary pavement marking pay items in contracts that include the special provision. INDOT plans to select projects based on characteristics such as traffic volume and type. Mr. Nagel stated that "mobilization" is the largest risk for pavement marking subcontractors.

NEW TOPICS

Joint Training Topics

Joint training for INDOT, contractors, and consultants has been suggested in multiple Joint Cooperative meetings and during the 360 Industry Engagement interview and survey process last year. What training topics do you believe would be most beneficial? Mr. Sipes suggested DCP (Dynamic Cone Penetrometer) training.

Temporary Signs – Measurement and Payment Specifications

Mr. Garrett explained that specific attention has been placed on bundled contracts when the contract documents contain a small quantity or enough for one location. The current specification stating that “moving” of signs is included in the unit costs, is difficult to enforce in these situations. It would be good to generate potential solutions for inclusion at the May Statewide Joint Cooperative Committee meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Lettings – What are the reasons for the consistent contract reschedules? Why is there a delay in release of letting apparent low bidder information?

Mr. Holtz stated that the beam setting work for the SR 39 overpass bridge over I-70 went well. The plans included night-time lane closures. Milestone submitted a proposal to use the ramps to divert traffic during beam setting.