



**MINUTES**  
**ICI/INDOT CENTRAL REGION JOINT COOPERATIVE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
AUGUST 28, 2020



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## **ATTENDING**

**INDOT** – Co-Chair Scott Sipes (Area Engineer, Greenfield), Vice-Chair David Holtz (District Construction Director, Crawfordsville), Jacob Blanchard (Construction Project Engineer, Greenfield), Kent Borggren (Contract Compliance Manager, Central Office), Dan Bridge (Area Engineer, Crawfordsville), Steve Duncan (Director of Contract Administration Central Office), Kirk Frederick (Field Engineer, Crawfordsville), Clara Furst (Environmental Manager, Central Office), Derrick Hauser (Field Engineer, Central Office), John Ritter (Office Engineer, Crawfordsville), Joe Sheedy (Engineering Assistant, Greenfield), Don Thornton (Area Engineer, Crawfordsville) and Rachel Wren (Construction Area Engineer, Seymour).

**Industry** – Co-Chair Brian Garrett (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), Vice-Chair Amy Zakutansky (Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc.), Scott Beyer (HIS Constructors, Inc.), Nathan Bickford (Inland Pipe Rehabilitation - Great Lakes), Ryan Cross (American Structurepoint, Inc.), David Dankert (Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.), Jason Dapp (Gradex, Inc.), Rob Gonzalez (Southeastern Equipment Company), Andrew Horwath (Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.), Joe Jones (Michael Baker International, Inc.), Brian Kenney (HIS Constructors, Inc.), Ian Lesko (HWC Engineering, Inc.), Keith Mullens II (The Hoosier Company, Inc.), Colin O’Keefe (Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc.), Doug Pierce (Milestone Contractors, L.P.), J.R. Pitcock (Milestone Contractors, L.P.), Tom Rayburn (Force Construction Company, Inc.), Peggy Schleter (Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc.), Todd Scott (Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc.), Jacob Sipe (James H. Drew Corporation), and Rick P. Smith (RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc.).

**FHWA** – Eryn Fletcher.

**ICI Staff** – Lori Lynn, Dan Osborn, and Jim Wood

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## **Introductions**

Amy Zakutansky, IN Sign & Barricade, was introduced as the new ICI-side Vice-Chair.

## **Joint Cooperative Committee Charter – Make up and Leadership**

Mr. Garrett reviewed the committee structure and leadership make up and terms of service language in the current committee charter (*see below*).

**COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Statewide Joint Cooperative Committee

Region Joint Cooperative Committees

- Southern (Seymour & Vincennes districts)
- Central (Greenfield & Crawfordsville districts)
- Northern (LaPorte & Ft. Wayne districts)

Subcommittees

Task Groups

**COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

Statewide and Region Joint Cooperative Committees

ICI	TERM	INDOT	TERM
Co-Chair	2 years	Co-Chair	Indefinite
Vice-Chair	2 years	Vice-Chair	Indefinite
Board Liaison	ICI Board Designation		
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Region Joint Cooperative Committees

ICI	TERM	INDOT	TERM
Co-Chair	2 years	Co-Chair	Indefinite
Vice-Chair	2 years	Vice-Chair	Indefinite

Appointments - Co-Chair and Vice-Chair

- ICI – Committee nominations with selection by the current ICI leadership.
- INDOT – (need input)

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

- Mr. Sipes suggested INDOT limit chair terms to two years for each position.

**Work Zone Safety**

Mr. Garrett solicited examples of work zone safety success or challenge examples.

Mr. Sipes shared that INDOT is working on LEO guidance document.

Mr. Osborn stated that Indiana State Police have served warnings most cases for hands free law infractions since the law became effective on July 1, 2020.

Mr. Garrett asked for comments about the concept of contrasting temporary pavement markings.

Mr. Garrett introduced the current use of intelligent work zone motorist alert systems. Mr. Scott provided a summary of the equipment and use of the system on I-70 east projects.

### **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

- Mr. Garrett offered that his crews have experienced increased collaboration in evaluating and adjusting work zone safety plans. He added positive use of barrier wall and rumble strips.
- Mr. Holtz referenced a project on SR 38.
- Mr. Mullens commended INDOT for collaboration with E & B Paving on I-65 for improving work zone safety. He noted that work zone safety was discussed at the preconstruction conference.
- Mr. Sipes expressed concern about TMA (truck mounted attenuator) availability.
- Regarding contrasting temporary pavement markings, tape only was recommended. Paint would require dedicated trucks. Ms. Fletcher mentioned adherence to the MUTCD guidance.

### **Presentation - Highway Funding Update**

Mr. Osborn referenced Build Indiana Council and it's [website](#). BIC is an association with that operates with the following mission statement:

BIC's mission is to achieve long-term, dedicated, stable and adequate funding for our state system of highways and bridges and our local system of roads, streets, and bridges. We educate the public about how funding works and the importance of these investments. We advocate for state and federal policies that allow Indiana to adequately investment in these transportation systems.

At this point BIC is forecasting state highway revenues to continue to grow (i.e.. state gas and diesel taxes, sales tax on gas). However, there are two other revenue factors that are causing total available resources to rise then decline. First, their projection of federal dollars peaked in 2020 and then gradually declines. INDOT received some special federal grants that will be spent through 2022 and that causes that year's number to be strong. However, conservatively, INDOT is anticipating just normal regular federal dollars for 2023 and 2024. As an example, there is a difference of \$160 million when you compare the federal revenue number from 2020 to 2023.

The other revenue that flows through 2019 thru 2023 is the proceeds from the Indiana Toll Road Lease Amendment (announced in late 2018). That's \$600B rolling through the program with the highest peak in 2021 and then gradually winding down through 2023. 2024 just includes a small remaining sliver of these funds.

### **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

- Ms. Fletcher mentioned federal redistribution of unused transportation funds. Indiana will receive more funds than it typically receives.

### **Subcommittee and Topic Updates**

Mr. Osborn reported that industry is viewing contract files that INDOT is posting on the newly established 18 month letting list dash**board**, but not providing feedback.

Mr.'s Sipes and Holtz stated that Indiana Transportation Crawfordsville and Greenfield Teams have been promoting project level partnering.

Mr. Osborn asked participants to provide feedback about E-Ticketing efforts since publishing of Construction Memorandum 20-05. Several responded that they are not utilizing systems but looking into.

### **Continuing Improvement Topics**

Mr. Garrett stated the committee is still considering joint training opportunities. Mr. Holtz presented this idea in the winter 2020 meeting. Several example topics were discussed (listed below). Mr. Osborn stated that ICI is currently working with stake holders including contractors, INDOT, and ACEC representatives to develop a pilot training/information video about subgrade treatment and unforeseen unground obstructions.

- soils - compaction testing
- field eng. Tech. - AMG, GPS, laser
- MOT topics
- submittals and project documentation
- pay applications and change orders

### **Measurement and Payment of Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices**

Mr. Osborn explained that the solutions for this topic are ready to present to INDOT central office for implementation consideration.

### **Subgrade Treatment Type IC (*53 agg.*) paid as Type IB (*chem. mod.*) Devices**

Mr. Osborn stated that there are two suggested solutions listed on the IRWS. A majority of industry has supported option 1 – C.O. option, and a majority of INDOT has supported option 2 – if not IC pay item, pay at “x” times the IB unit price.

### **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

- Participants suggested that contracts, where applicable, include a subgrade treatment type C pay item with undistributed quantity.
- Mr. Sipes added that costs for compacted aggregate subgrade treatment quantities applied around structures and underdrain cross pipes should be included with the structure pay item costs.

### **New Topics**

Mr. Holtz suggested greater attention on educating and communicating details about new technologies and means and methods.

Mr. Holtz urged the committee to take advantage of and develop more opportunities to partner at the field level.

Ms. Zakutansky presented challenges associated with installing grooved in preformed tape.

### **Open Forum**

- Mr. Smith presented the following items for consideration:

- Implementing “intermediate completion dates” and permanent pavement markings the following construction season.
  - Accommodating HMA cure time prior to permanent pavement markings application.
  - Special provisions requiring permanent pavement markings within 10 days of surface pavement placement.
- Mr. Pitcock suggested improved geotextile pay item differentiation.