

## Crawfordsville And LaPorte District Celebrate Hoosier Heartland Milestone



*INDOT Project Manager Jim Earl speaks at a July 16 Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor Coalition gathering. This project spans the Crawfordsville and LaPorte Districts.*

INDOT's LaPorte and Crawfordsville Districts spread more good news to Hoosier taxpayers from Lafayette all the way to Logansport on July 16.

The occasion was the last contract letting for the State Road 25 Hoosier Heartland project. More than 100 people packed a luncheon meeting in Logansport to celebrate this achievement. The event took place in conjunction with the Logansport Rotary Club and the Logansport-Cass County Chamber of Commerce.

INDOT Project Manager Jim Earl briefed the audience on the project status, which included the announcement of the last of 25 contract lettings. Local community members, including those who have served on the decades-old Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor Coalition, applauded the news. For more than 30 years, they have advocated a four-lane divided limited-access highway and its likely economic benefits.

"Their wishes are becoming a reality thanks to Major Moves, Governor Mitch Daniels' innovative 10-year transportation program," said Crawfordsville District Communications Director Debbie Calder. "The Lafayette-to-Logansport corridor, built to freeway standards, is expected to open to traffic in December 2013."

In addition to Earl, LaPorte District Communications Director Jim Pinkerton, LaPorte District Capital Program Manager Angie Fegasas, Crawfordsville District Communications Director Debbie Calder and Crawfordsville District Program Director Aimee Bennett attended the celebratory luncheon.

For more information on the project, please visit <http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/2335.htm>.