

Transportation Open Houses Held In April And May

Because public input is important to INDOT, all six districts conducted open houses from late April to mid-May to present the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Draft for Fiscal Years 2014-2017.

INDOT developed the plan under the federal transportation authorization, “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” (MAP-21), and Federal Code 23 CFR 450. The STIP is, in part:

- A four-year plan of projects that are expected to be funded in the four-year period with federal funds and state funds for projects that are deemed regionally significant
- An investment in various modes of transportation including transit, highways and bicycle facilities
- A means of implementing INDOT’s and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ (MPO) Long-Range Plans

Copies of the project listings, for each county within the district boundaries, were distributed at the six meetings.



LPA/MPO STIP Specialist Jeanette Wilson (left) speaks to an attendee at the Crawfordsville District STIP meeting May 7 at the Ivy Tech Crawfordsville Campus. Asset Management Director Roy Nunnally is in the background.

Local Public Agency/ MPO STIP Specialist Jeanette Wilson was one of many employees who had input into the draft STIP, and attended all the district meetings. Additional support at the meetings came from INDOT’s Public Involvement, Asset Management and Multimodal staff. MPO groups were invited to participate, as well.

“Generally, the public wanted to know what projects are planned in their communities,” said Wilson. “There is no typical question that we found from the public at the meetings or online through the website comment form. Various INDOT personnel also meet with their local elected officials on a regular basis about planned projects.”

INDOT will utilize the public comments, which were submitted through May 24, to advance the draft plan to a final plan. The STIP will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its review June 1. FHWA has 30 days to review, comment and approve. The final STIP will be posted on the INDOT website once approved.



Greenfield District Public Affairs Director Dwane Myers speaks at the April 23 STIP meeting at the Indianapolis Traffic Management Center.

Seymour District Deputy Commissioner Tony McClellan speaks with Patty Yount (left) and Dan Farvardin (right) with consulting firm Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates (BLA) at the district's May 14 STIP meeting. BLA is INDOT's project management consultant for the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project.

