

Eastern Indiana Development District (Rural Planning Organization)  
INDOT Meeting Notes for 2010 Long-Range Plan  
Held at Greenfield District Office on March 29, 2010  
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)

In Attendance: Nancy Kinder, Director of Eastern Indiana Development District  
Troy Collier, Staff with Eastern Indiana Development District  
Steve Smith, INDOT – Manager, Urban and Long Range Planning  
Dwane Myers, Greenfield District Planning Director  
Seema Alvi, INDOT Modeling Section  
Bill Flora, INDOT Urban and Long Range Planning  
Randy Walter, INDOT Urban and Long Range Planning

Steve Smith opened the meeting and introductions were made. Steve noted that INDOT is updating the 2007 Long Range Plan (LRP) in 2010 and extending the planning horizon year from 2030 to 2035. Steve also noted that this update of the LRP will not be project specific beyond 2020, but instead will be needs oriented after 2020. The target for adopting the LRP update is July 2010.

The meeting's purposes were noted:

1. Share the results from the statewide modeling process for 2020 and 2035 traffic projections for the Greenfield District / Eastern Indiana Development District (EIDD) area and offer the opportunity to identify any anomalies the staff of EIDD or the District may detect.
2. Review the Major Moves information for any projects in the EIDD area presented on the INDOT website, including the recent update for the projects.
3. Discuss any projected needs EIDD has identified for their area.

The 2020 and 2035 Congestion Maps were displayed on the conference table and Seema Alvi noted that 2006 count data were used for the modeling. The boundaries of EIDD were discussed and Nancy Kinder noted they currently work with Henry, Wayne, Fayette, Randolph, Rush and Union Counties and that there are few problems in those counties.

The RPO did mention some issues / concerns that follow:

1. SR 3 in the Rushville area and the extension of Cherry Street from Harcourt Way to CR 200 North is a local project being done to county road standards with economic development funds. It could be a bypass for truck traffic but is not to INDOT design standards. It will connect the old and new industrial parks in Rushville. It was also noted that INDOT is doing some reconstruction work on SR 3 in Rushville.
2. The RPO feels Randolph County is in pretty good shape; however the intersection of US 27 and SR 32 in Winchester may need some attention in the future. An ethanol plant near Union City was mentioned.
3. I-70 in the Richmond area was noted, including future congestion shown on the maps. The model shows the congestion to be somewhat localized. Randy Walter noted the

Major Moves project completed in 2007 for modification of the I-70 interchange with US 27 at Richmond.

4. The RPO commented that it is not anticipating major expansion of the industrial parks in Wayne County. Some expansion is a possibility at the Mid-West Industrial Park near US 35 and I-70. It was noted INDOT may also want to keep tabs on the interchange of I-70 and SR 1 near Cambridge City where some recent industrial investment has occurred.

5. The RPO also noted the I-70 interchange with SR 3 may have a new truck stop coming with potential commercial development now that public infrastructure is available.

6. Concerning the suggestion to re-route SR 1 in the Connersville area, it was reported that the Mayor has withdrawn his support, as the new Walmart site is in the ROW.

INDOT followed with a brief discussion about the November 2009 update of Major Moves. The project list and the map from INDOT's website were distributed.

Discussion followed about the various roles for RPOs.

The RPO noted the problem where consultants come to a community and get them started on a project that the community cannot afford in the long run. It would be better for the communities to come to the RPO as a first step.

INDOT noted the RPOs were receiving funding from the small area and rural planning program for the following activities:

- Traffic counting
- Level of service analysis
- Planning support for LPAs and for INDOT, including District Offices

In closing, INDOT noted the work on rural county comprehensive plans done by Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) and offered to share some of that information with the RPOs.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM (Noon).