

**INDOT Long-Range Plan Development Coordination Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting with the LaPorte District and South Bend Elkhart MPO**  
**Conducted at the INDOT Central Office, March 24, 2010**  
**1:00PM AM to 2:00 PM**

**In Attendance:** Steve Smith, Manager, INDOT Long-Range Transportation Planning  
Roy Nunnally, Manager, INDOT, Manager Office of Modeling  
Jerry Halperin, INDOT Long-Range Transportation Planning  
Frank Baukert, INDOT, Long-Range Transportation Planning  
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT  
Steve Hauersperger, INDOT, LaPorte District (phone)  
Lisa Shrader, INDOT, LaPorte District (phone)  
Marcia Blansett, INDOT, LaPorte District (phone)  
Joyce Newland, FHWA  
Tony Parkinson, FHWA (phone)  
Sandra Seanor, Executive Director, South Bend-Elkhart MPO  
J.P. Hopman, South Bend-Elkhart MPO  
James Turnwald, South Bend-Elkhart MPO (phone)  
Jessica Mitchell, South Bend-Elkhart MPO (phone)

Steve Smith began the meeting with a short review of the meetings' agenda. The three areas of emphasis of the meeting were noted for developing the update of 2010 to the INDOT Long Range plan. Projects being shown in the plan for after 2020 will not be listed as specifics, rather as long range needs.

1. Discuss the Long Range Plan needs from the Transportation Demand Model and the MPO model.
2. Review Major Move Project Listing resulting from updating of project listing.
3. Open discussion of Long Range Plan needs .

A discussion developed on how the base year volumes were developed as some of the assigned future year volumes were lower than ground counts. The MPO was concerned about over & under assignments of traffic estimates in the statewide model. A recommendation was made by the MPO to develop a process to provide traffic count numbers and adjustment factors acceptable to all.

The need for a standardized date to be used as a completion and/or open to traffic date was discussed, to assure projects would be placed in the correct air quality year, based on the open to traffic date of project. The MPO desires definite dates however INDOT cannot guarantee specific dates due to the possibility unknown construction issues. The recommended rule of thumb is to estimate one to two years after the ready for contracts date for open to traffic.

SR 23 Granger: Added travel lanes from two to four with a raised landscaped median and sidewalks on both sides. The six leg intersection at Corby Blvd/Eddy St/South Bend Ave will be abandoned through re-alignment of the legs. Twyckenham Drive's intersection with South Bend Ave will be improved with exclusive left/right turn lanes. The sections from Gumwood to Fir,

Fir to Brick, and from 2 Mi North to 2.7 Mi North of Us 331 have been completed. The remaining section from Brick to Adams is anticipated to be completed in 2013.

SR 331 Corridor 127: Added Travel Lanes/New Alignment from US 20 to SR 23. Project has been phased into multiple sections only 2 remain US 20 to 12<sup>th</sup> St and 12<sup>th</sup> St to SR 933, project was originally scoped as 6 lanes, has been re-scoped to be 4 lanes with an expected completion date of 2012.

US 31 Corridor 231: New Alignment of US 31 in Marshall and St. Joseph Counties, 20 mile project with 15 miles of on new terrain east of the existing US 31. Some re-scoping issues for cost savings including ending just south of US 20 bypass and using the existing interchange to tie into the bypass will not affect air quality.

CR 17: Due to improvements has become a major local roadway and should be added to the INDOT traffic model.

SR 933: Has been removed from the NHS system in the South Bend/Elkhart MPO area.