



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor**  
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Dear Local Partners,

Today, April 9, 2012, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for projects that is structured differently than previous NOFAs or project calls. With the on-going debate in Washington regarding a highway reauthorization bill, information regarding long-term funding levels is not clear. However, INDOT recognizes the need to plan for the future as well as provide funding for projects that were previously only partially funded.

INDOT's first priority is to handle previously made commitments for project funding. The NOFA posted to the INDOT LPA/MPO website (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm>) focuses on applications for existing projects that can demonstrate a reasonable schedule for letting in next two fiscal years (FY' 13 and FY '14) with a secondary objective of providing funding for new projects in communities that do not have an active project. The NOFA details more extensive eligibility requirements and available funding programs.

It is important to note that INDOT is not soliciting new Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, only additional funding for existing TE projects. INDOT's priority within the TE program is to utilize the dollars available to advance existing projects, as the TE program has a substantial inventory of projects. Completing many of these projects will further the Governor's "Hoosiers on the Move" Plan and will provide more trail access to Hoosiers.

In addition to focusing on funding projects that will reach construction in the next two years, INDOT will work with the current commitments to ensure proper management of the LPA program. To assist with these efforts, INDOT will be reaching out to each community over the course of this year to discuss the status of the community's active transportation projects. Any community wishing to take the initiative in working with the department can contact their INDOT district local programs coordinator.

We recognize this is a conservative approach to the many unknowns about the future level of federal funding and encourage all our stakeholders to take the same approach. A thorough assessment of needs versus wants will help everyone in maintaining a state-wide infrastructure network that serves the needs of the traveling public.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please direct questions regarding this letter to the appropriate INDOT District for your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Audra Blasdel".

Audra Blasdel  
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