

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-42

FOR: MAINTAINIGN BEST-IN-CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE AND ENSURING PRUDENT USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS BY REFORMING PERMITTING ALONG INDIANA'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 8-23-2 establishes the Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT") as the steward of the state's transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, INDOT utilizes the standards established in 105 Indiana Administrative Code Article 7 in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation standards, the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and the Indiana Design Manual, to provide guidance to the public, issue permits, and to determine and establish such requirements and restrictions as may be necessary to provide for the drainage of the highway, preservation of the highway, and the safety and convenience of traffic on the highway.

WHEREAS, INDOT has earned national acclaim for its proven ability to design, construct, and maintain one of the most efficient and resilient infrastructure networks in the country, setting a benchmark for excellence in transportation asset management;

WHEREAS, as the primary authority overseeing state right-of-way and permitting operations, INDOT must uphold the highest standards in ensuring the responsible use, maintenance, and enhancement of the State of Indiana's highway corridors;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana remains steadfast in its commitment to a safe, reliable infrastructure network, supporting the mobility, prosperity, and well-being of Hoosiers, their communities, and businesses across the state;

WHEREAS, a transparent, efficient, and orderly permitting process is fundamental to the effective management of the State of Indiana's right-of-way, ensuring appropriate access control, infrastructure longevity, and the highest levels of safety for the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, implementing strategic systems, standardized procedures, and uniform regulations across all INDOT offices ensures fairness, predictability, and clarity for permit applicants while reinforcing the agency's mission of excellence in transportation governance statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure shall oversee and implement the provisions of this Executive Order to ensure permitting standardization.
2. Under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure, INDOT shall:
 - a. Conduct a review of current processes, applications, guides, rules, staff, and operations and submit a written report on the findings to the Governor no later than October 31, 2025, that includes statistics on how many permits

- have been issued in the past five years, the average length of time for approval, and rules that stand out as reasons for permits being declined;
- b. Enhance the Electronic Permit System and INDOT's website to encompass better applicant visibility to all regulatory requirements necessary to obtain a permit;
 - c. Develop uniform statewide standards by which all permit applications will be reviewed; and
 - d. Advance and implement a best-in-class timeframe for department response, customer service, and application review; and
3. The review shall be completed by October 31, 2025, with a written report detailing progress and recommendations provided to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 31, 2025.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal
of the State of Indiana on this 31st day
of March, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State