

VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Kirstie Anderson
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Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Ave., N758 – Legal Services
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: LSA Document #25-320/Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #25-320 (proposed rule) submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Indiana Department of Transportation. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule #25-320 adds to and amends 105 IAC 17.5 moving the rule from an emergency rule to a standard one due to the emergency rules' expiration in February of 2026. As the Ombudsman understands, this will enforce legislation established in Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. It amends the definition of moving expenses and clarifies what a sign owner can do if impacted by an INDOT project.

The Indiana Department of Transportation has provided a thorough analysis and displays a reasonable understanding of how the rule will be implemented. As a result, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman sees no evidence that this change would negatively impact Indiana small businesses and will remain neutral on this proposed addition to the Indiana Administrative Code. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman at ombudsman@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,
David Watkins
Small Business Ombudsman
Indiana Economic Development Corporation