



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Key Names and Dates in INDOT History

- *On June 22, 1914, Governor Samuel M. Ralston appointed the Highway Commission to investigate the system of construction and maintenance of public roads and make recommendations.*
- *In 1917, an Act by the General Assembly created the State Highway Commission and it met for the first time at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 1917.*
- *In 1919, an Act by the General Assembly attempted to clear up any constitutional questions, when it re-created the State Highway Commission.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1919	James P. Goodrich	D. C. Jenkins	L. H. Wright	H. K. Bishop
1920	James P. Goodrich	Archie Campbell	L. H. Wright	H. K. Bishop
1921	Warren T. McCray	Chas. Zeigler	Lawrence Lyons	C. Dolly Gray
1922	Warren T. McCray	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	C. Dolly Gray
1923	Warren T. McCray	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	C. Dolly Gray
1924	Emmett F. Branch	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	C. Dolly Gray
1925	Emmett F. Branch	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	William J. Titus
1926	Ed Jackson	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	William J. Titus
1927	Ed Jackson	Chas. Zeigler	John D. Williams	William J. Titus
1928	Ed Jackson	Albert J. Wedeking	John D. Williams	William J. Titus
1929	Harry G. Leslie	Albert J. Wedeking	John J. Brown	William J. Titus
1930	Harry G. Leslie	Albert J. Wedeking	John J. Brown	William J. Titus
1931	Harry G. Leslie	Albert J. Wedeking	John J. Brown	William J. Titus
1932	Harry G. Leslie	Albert J. Wedeking	John J. Brown	William J. Titus
1933	Paul V. McNutt	James D. Adams	Hugh Barnhart	Merton R. Keefe

- *In 1933, an Act was created to repeal the law of 1919 and created a new State Highway Commission consisting of four members. The structure was changed, but the purpose remained the same.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1934	Paul V. McNutt	James D. Adams	Merton R. Keefe
1935	Paul V. McNutt	James D. Adams	Merton R. Keefe
1936	Paul V. McNutt	James D. Adams	Merton R. Keefe
1937	M. Clifford Townsend	Earl Crawford	Merton R. Keefe
1938	M. Clifford Townsend	T. A. Dicus	Merton R. Keefe
1939	M. Clifford Townsend	T. A. Dicus	Merton R. Keefe
1940	M. Clifford Townsend	T. A. Dicus	Merton R. Keefe
1941	Henry F. Schricker	James D. Adams	Earl B. Lockridge

- *In 1941, an Act abolished the State Highway Commission and created the State Highway Commission of Indiana.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1942	Henry F. Schricker	James D. Adams & Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1944	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1944	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1945	Ralph F. Gates	John H. Lauer	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1946	Ralph F. Gates	John H. Lauer	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1947	Ralph F. Gates	John H. Lauer	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1948	Ralph F. Gates	John H. Lauer	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1949	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1950	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1951	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1952	Henry F. Schricker	Samuel C. Hadden	Ray Bower
1953	George N. Craig	Albert J. Wedeking	Carl E. Vogelgesang

- *In 1953, an Act abolished the State Highway Commission of Indiana and created the State Highway Department of Indiana.*

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1954	George N. Craig	Albert J. Wedeking	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1955	George N. Craig	Virgil W. Smith	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1956	George N. Craig	Virgil W. Smith	Carl E. Vogelgesang

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1957	Harold W. Handley	John Peters	George M. Forster	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1958	Harold W. Handley	John Peters	George M. Forster	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1959	Harold W. Handley	John Peters	George M. Forster	Carl E. Vogelgesang
1960	Harold W. Handley	John Peters	George M. Forster	Carl E. Vogelgesang

- *In 1961, an Act abolished the State Highway Department of Indiana and created the Indiana State Highway Commission.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1961	Mattew E. Welsh	David Cohen	George M. Forster	George E. Goodwin
1962	Mattew E. Welsh	David Cohen	George M. Forster	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1963	Mattew E. Welsh	David Cohen	George E. Goodwin	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1964	Mattew E. Welsh	David Cohen	George E. Goodwin	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1965	Roger D. Branigin	Robert S. Whitehead	Martin L. Hayes	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1966	Roger D. Branigin	Robert S. Whitehead	Martin L. Hayes	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1967	Roger D. Branigin	Robert S. Whitehead	Martin L. Hayes	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1968	Roger D. Branigin	Robert S. Whitehead	Martin L. Hayes	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1969	Edgar D. Whitcomb	Ruel S. Steele	Robert H. Harrell	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1970	Edgar D. Whitcomb	Ruel S. Steele	Robert H. Harrell	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1971	Edgar D. Whitcomb	Ruel S. Steele	Robert H. Harrell	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1972	Edgar D. Whitcomb	Ruel S. Steele	Robert H. Harrell	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1973	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Richard A. Boehing	Robert H. Harrell	F. (Fred) L. Ashbaucher
1974	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Richard A. Boehing	Roger F. Marsh	Gene K. Hallock
1975	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Richard A. Boehing	Roger F. Marsh	Gene K. Hallock
1976	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Richard A. Boehing	Gene K. Hallock	Gene K. Hallock
1977	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	James A. Gardner	Roger F. Marsh	Gene K. Hallock
1978	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	James A. Gardner	Roger F. Marsh	Gene K. Hallock
1979	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Donald C. Pratt	Roger F. Marsh	Gene K. Hallock
1980	Otis R. Bowen, M.D.	Donald C. Pratt	Henry P. Wehrenberg	Gene K. Hallock
1981	Robert Orr	Donald C. Pratt	Henry P. Wehrenberg	Gene K. Hallock

- *In 1981, the Indiana Department of Highways was created when the Indiana State Highway Commission was combined with the Office of Traffic Safety, the Toll Road Commission, and the Toll Bridge Commission.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Director</u>
1982	Robert Orr	Gene K. Hallock
1983	Robert Orr	Gene K. Hallock
1984	Robert Orr	Gene K. Hallock
1985	Robert Orr	John Isenbarger

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1986	Robert Orr	John Isenbarger	Donald W. Lucas
1987	Robert Orr	John Isenbarger	Donald W. Lucas
1988	Robert Orr	John Isenbarger	Donald W. Lucas
1989	Evan Bayh	Christine W. Letts	Donald W. Lucas

- *In 1989, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) was created when the Department of Highways was combined with the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Planning Office.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Chief Engineer</u>
1990	Evan Bayh	Christine W. Letts	Donald W. Lucas
1991	Evan Bayh	Christine W. Letts	Donald W. Lucas
1992	Evan Bayh	John J. Dillon III	Donald W. Lucas
1993	Evan Bayh	Frederick C. P'Pool	Donald W. Lucas
1994	Evan Bayh	Frederick C. P'Pool	Donald W. Lucas
1995	Evan Bayh	Stan Smith	Donald W. Lucas
1996	Evan Bayh	Stan Smith	Donald W. Lucas
1997	Frank O'Bannon	Curtis A. Wiley	Donald W. Lucas
1998	Frank O'Bannon	Curtis A. Wiley	Donald W. Lucas
1999	Frank O'Bannon	Curtis A. Wiley/Cristine M. Klika	Donald W. Lucas
2000	Frank O'Bannon	Cristine M. Klika	Donald W. Lucas
2001	Frank O'Bannon	Cristine M. Klika/James B. Nicol	Richard Smutzer
2002	Frank O'Bannon	James B. Nicol	Richard Smutzer
2003	Frank O'Bannon/Joe Kernan	James B. Nicol	Richard Smutzer
2004	Joe Kernan	James B. Nicol	Richard Smutzer
2005	Mitch Daniels	Tom Sharp	Richard Smutzer
2006	Mitch Daniels	Tom Sharp	Richard Smutzer
2007	Mitch Daniels	Karl Browning	Richard Smutzer
2008	Mitch Daniels	Karl Browning	Mark Miller
2009	Mitch Daniels	Karl Browning/Mike Reed	Mark Miller
2010	Mitch Daniels	Mike Reed/Mike Cline	Mark Miller
2011	Mitch Daniels	Mike Cline	Mark Miller
2012	Mitch Daniels	Mike Cline	Mark Miller
2013	Mike Pence	Mike Cline/Karl Browning	Mark Miller
2014	Mike Pence	Karl Browning	Mark Miller
2015	Mike Pence	Karl Browning/Brandye Hendrickson	Mark Miller
2016	Mike Pence	Brandye Hendrickson	Mark Miller
2017	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness	Mark Miller
2018	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness	John Leckie
2019	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness	Greg Pankow/Jeremy Hunter
2020	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness	Greg Pankow/Jeremy Hunter
2021	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness	Greg Pankow/Jeremy Hunter
2022	Eric Holcomb	Joe McGuinness/Mike Smith	Greg Pankow/Jeremy Hunter
2023	Eric Holcomb	Mike Smith	Jeremy Hunter/Mark Bailey
2024	Eric Holcomb	Mike Smith	Roland Fegan/Lyndsay Quist
2025	Mike Braun	Kent Abernathy/Lyndsay Quist	Roland Fegan/Louis Feagans

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