

Streets/Infrastructure

Roads & Streets:

- Thank you! In the 2013, the General Assembly allocated an additional \$215M in new road funding over the next two years to INDOT, counties, cities and towns.
- Unfortunately, road and street funding has not kept pace with the ever increasing cost of materials and labor.
- The official motto of Indiana is “The Crossroads of America,” yet many of our roads and streets are in subpar condition.
- Quality roads and streets are critical to Indiana’s efforts in attracting new businesses to grow in and relocate to Indiana.
- In several counties, the wheel tax has not been adopted. In 2013, the General Assembly authorized the wheel tax to be adopted via the county income tax council. Although helpful in theory, this adoption method still prohibits most cities and towns from acting independently to secure new revenue.
- Local Public Agencies (LPA) should to have the flexibility to cash flow the LPA’s federal funds over a multi-year period in order to plan one comprehensive and cost effective project. Currently, when a Local Public Agency plans a federal project, it must use the funds appropriated to it that year or lose the funds.
- According to INDOT, the average Hoosier pays under \$20/month for highway funding.
- As vehicles are being made for greater fuel efficiency, revenue generated by the gas tax is shrinking.

Infrastructure:

- Cities and towns must have the flexibility to react at the speed of business in order to be responsive to businesses’ needs. Often times, business will choose to locate in a municipality that is willing to supply the infrastructure needed by the company.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is generally the method used for funding infrastructure (water and sewer lines, roads, rail lines) that are needed to incentivize a company.
- Quality infrastructure brings quality of life to a community.
- Taxpayers expect roads and streets to be maintained and well-kept.
- IACT has been working with the Build Indiana Council and other road funding stakeholders to survey locals on how the new revenue from the 2013 session was spent and to identify the current needs for the 2015 session. The survey should be released before the 2015 session begins.