

ICI Presentation Notes

ATSSA meeting, Purdue Roads School, Thursday, March 9, 2017

TOPICS

2017 Legislative Session

Transportation funding: HB [1002](#) (*further details provided by Build IN Council representative Pat Long*)

Status and brief summary...

Transportation funding has been the talk of the Statehouse halls. The House passed its transportation funding bill, HB 1002, last week, and it's now in the hands of the Senate where the Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee chaired by Senator Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek) will consider it. Currently, HB 1002 includes a combination of funding mechanisms including a fuel tax increase, indexing of all fuel tax rates, transfer of \$0.045 of the gasoline sales tax to the State Highway Fund, a \$15 annual automobile registration fee and a \$150 fee for all electric vehicles.

In addition to HB 1002, there are several non-funding bills we are actively working on or tracking. HB 1018 addresses vehicles that haul aggregate. The bill states that the vehicle, loaded or unloaded, shall be free from any openings that would allow material to escape. ICI is not in favor of this bill. It appears to target aggregate haulers and would allow law enforcement to stop trucks upon suspicion that material has fallen from any part of a vehicle.

Two other bills, HB 1447 and SB 295 address the points on CDL licenses that were assessed in 2016 due to a spring 2016 revision to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles points table. ICI supports the aim of the bills. They would provide relief for truck drivers that have been cited for driving an overweight truck without having full control over the material loaded in it. ICI staff and our lobbying team will continue to communicate with key lawmakers associated with these bills.

Finally, it was noted that Representative Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso) has included language in his motor vehicle law catch-all bill to include surveyors and construction vehicles in the current "move over, slow down" law.

Build Indiana Council is planning a second Road Funding Day on March 21.

Please **register** and plan to go to the Statehouse on that day to support road funding and communicate with your legislators!

Work Zone Safety

Bob Tally (INDOT) and Calvin Lee (ICI) are leading a joint INDOT/ICI task force. The task force met on December 9, 2016. The group split up into four groups of industry and INDOT representatives and discussed work zone improvements in the following four areas: A + B project delivery, police patrols, barrier wall utilization, and INDOT's Lane Closure Policy. A list of initiatives (*see attached*) was created. Mr. Tally and Mr. Lee assigned leaders to follow through on each initiative. ICI will continue to update members on progress in future newsletters and on our [website](#).

INDOT

Staff updates

- New commissioner Joe [McGuinness](#)
- Mark Miller has retired as of Feb. 24. Is now working for GAI as Senior Manager of Construction Services

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- Undistributed pay items – design memo 16-35, provides direction to designer to limit use of undistributed pay items, limit quantities associated with the pay items and include as much detail and information about locations where undistributed quantities may be used on plans.
- INDOT construction is looking for improve the project contact information provided to INDOT TMCs for emergencies. Contractors should provide two contact names that will be available at all times or as required.
- The current contractor notification procedures involve contact to the INDOT Traffic Management Centers (TMC). The TMC personnel must find the appropriate emergency contact. The TMC is experiencing difficulty contacting the contract contacts from the list of people that are on file. INDOT is moving to try to get two emergency contacts from each prime contractor. The contacts should be available at all times unless special instructions apply. The INDOT [CARS](#) program is an interactive map-based tool that TMC personnel utilize to get contract information quickly. The version used by INDOT personnel includes additional contact information not available on the public version.
- INDOT construction is working on clarifying contractor vs. INDOT maintenance responsibilities during open contracts.