Update: INDOT's response to ACEC Indiana's ideas to keep projects moving 4.2.2020

1. Update on FHWA requirement for “in person” hearings for issues like Environmental permitting?

   INDOT has been in discussions with FHWA. INDOT guidance on public information meetings (https://www.in.gov/indot/4039.htm) and FHWA is working on guidance for public hearings. Until INDOT hears further from FHWA, this is all there is to share. As soon as any new information is available, it will be shared.

2. Update on FHWA allowing the use of extrapolated historical data for traffic counts and noise impact analysis?

   For traffic counts this is something the INDOT Traffic Engineering Department is monitoring. For noise analysis this isn’t a large portion of our program that requires this study on a project basis and this would be handled on a case by case basis. INDOT uses historical traffic counts at times to assist in these efforts.

3. NEW: Any thought on using LOI submittals in lieu of interviews on RFP’s for time being? Or another solution for now?

   This will be assessed on a case by case basis. That is not to mean that INDOT would still have face to face interviews, but would either be using the LOI submittal only, or perhaps one of the several online based video chat capabilities that we all know are available and have all been getting more accustomed to using lately.