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

Six issues have come up since the weekly conference call on 3.24.20 and ACEC Indiana pursued these with INDOT and have the responses summarized below.

1. **Public Meeting requirement for some early phase work, like environmental approval**: INDOT is aware of the impossibility to hold physical meetings and are in discussions with FHWA about the possibility of a virtual meeting. We will report more as we are informed.

2. **Planning stage of projects that need Traffic Counts or Noise Impact Analysis**: With low volume of traffic, INDOT is aware that that data will not be accurate and is pursuing opportunity with FHWA to use extrapolated historical data and update when it is realistically possible.

3. **Construction Inspection Certification**: INDOT is aware that without physical classes being held some certifications are unable to be obtained. INDOT will allow inspection by individuals on items/contracts for which they have passed the certified technician testing in that area. Thus allowing an individual to not have to pass all 6 test sections. INDOT has previously discussed the testing being available online, but do not have an immediate path for this at this time.

4. **Expanded Lane Closures**: Lane closures and opportunity for expanded construction zones. INDOT is pursuing this.

5. **Environmental Permitting and Waterway Permitting**: If necessary, INDOT is prepared to offer assistance to DNR to keep projects moving.

6. ACEC has informed INDOT that firms are obtaining County Records and talking with locals to try to keep access to documents needed for Right of Way, Survey, and Land Acquisition.