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**BIC Matters: Updated INDOT Charts, Tolling Study and Legislative News**

**Updated INDOT Construction Charts**
Recently INDOT provided BIC with a new forecast for its capital program. With that data we’ve updated our construction and development charts and you can view them [here](#). These charts include INDOT’s anticipated expenditure of the proceeds from the renegotiated lease on the Indiana Toll Road announced by Governor Eric Holcomb in September. The charts include improvements that will be made to I-69 Section 6, US 20, US 30 and US 31 associated with that announcement. Also, INDOT has advised that interstate expansion projects are included in both the Preservation and Major New Capital Improvements categories. Interstate expansion investment will average +/- $260 million per year during FY 2020-2023. Please see the footnotes on the charts for additional important information.

**INDOT Tolling Study**
As part of the highway funding package passed last year (HEA 1002-2017), INDOT was required to conduct a tolling implementation study. A couple of weeks ago when the study was released, Governor Eric Holcomb announced that he would not move forward with tolling Indiana’s interstates. He noted, however, that he did “not want to foreclose a successor from considering tolling as an option for infrastructure improvements. Traditional means of funding infrastructure will diminish sometime in the future.” He also said that the new revenue from HEA 1002-2017 and the renegotiated lease of the Indiana Toll Road would provide adequate funds for INDOT’s highway system in the foreseeable future. You can find the Governor’s statement, INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness’s statement and the entire study [here](#).

**Legislative News**
While there are many changes in leadership and committee chairs for the upcoming state legislative session, here we will focus on just two.

1) For the last eight years, the Indiana House Roads and Transportation Committee has been chaired by **Rep. Ed Soliday** of Valparaiso. Chair Soliday was the lead champion of our major road funding package, HEA 1002-2017. While Rep. Soliday will remain on the committee, he won’t chair it anymore. Rather, he will chair the House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications Committee, where we expect he will advance water infrastructure funding initiatives. Meanwhile, the new chair of Roads and Transportation Committee is **Rep. Holli Sullivan** from Evansville. Rep. Sullivan is an industrial engineer and her full biography can be found [here](#). She co-authored and was a key champion for HEA 1002-2017.

2) In another development, **Rep. Todd Huston** from Fishers will co-chair the House Ways and Means Committee. He will assist with this key committee as **Chair Tim Brown** of Crawfordsville continues recovering from a serious motorcycle accident. 2019 is a budget session so the Ways and Means Committee’s work is critically important. You can find Rep. Huston’s biography [here](#).

During the 2019 legislative session BIC’s primary goal is to protect the long-term, dedicated and stable funding achieved in HEA 1002-2017 for state and local highways, roads, streets and bridges.

We will keep you informed as the legislative session plays out and alert you at times when grassroots action is required.