

## **Commissioner's Message: Purdue Road School – A March Tradition**

Every March, transportation officials gather at Purdue University in West Lafayette for Purdue Road School, a statewide transportation conference that brings together engineers, public officials, construction companies and industry partners in an annual exchange of ideas.



*Commissioner Michael B. Cline  
Opening Session*

Our involvement includes providing updated information on projects, sharing our latest innovations and initiatives, and interacting with local municipalities, elected officials, academia and private sector consultants and contractors. This conference is a key outreach opportunity for INDOT and for many of our partners.

INDOT employees play a critical role in the planning of this conference by leading sessions and providing solid technical content on a wide variety of topics.



*Aviation Planner Marty Blake  
Session 110 – Planes, Planes, and More Planes  
Airport Operations during Super Bowl XLVI*

This year, INDOT employees that served on the Track Leader Committee were Audra Blasdel, Ryan Gallagher, Latosha Higgins, Mike Holowaty, Mark Miller, Jim Stark, Matt Thomas, Todd Shields, Jay Wasson and John Wright. Thank you all for your efforts in shaping this great transportation conference.

*Vincennes District LPA Representative Jaclyn Foote  
Session 117 – General Project Information – Local Projects*





More than 100 of our employees also presented or moderated at approximately half of the 124 conference sessions. And, 225 engineers received Professional Development Hour credits attending sessions that aid them in continuing education for their professional licenses.

During Governor Daniels' presentation at the Wednesday luncheon, he applauded the positive transformation at INDOT as he reviewed many key projects that are under budget and on – or ahead of – schedule. He praised our work at optimizing dollars and selecting projects that will benefit generations for years to come. Near the end of his speech, he complimented INDOT for these tangible public assets that we have built – and commented that Indiana is a better state because of our work.



*Greenfield District Real Estate/Right-of-Way  
Program Director Ron Raney  
Session 122 – Right-of-Way/Land Acquisition and Environmental*

Purdue Road School keeps us connected – with our peers and others interested in improving Indiana's state and local infrastructure. We are an active sponsor and participant of Purdue Road School, and will continue to be involved for many years to come.

Best Regards,

*Michael B. Cline*