

Commissioner Browning Highlights INDOT's Philosophical Shift

During the opening session at Purdue Road School on March 11, Commissioner Karl Browning welcomed attendees and outlined changes coming to INDOT.



Commissioner Browning's opening address at Purdue Road School highlights changes for INDOT.

“INDOT is going to go through a bit of a shift in direction. Over the past 7-8 years, there's been a massive amount of work. We were hell-bent for leather to make sure that we could deliver the size, the quantity, and the dollars that had been provided in order to make Major Moves successful,” said Browning.

Browning discussed that INDOT will shift from funding capacity-building projects to preservation projects. Also, he explained the agency's new practical design process and the importance of utilizing it for future funding needs.

He said: “For projects starting in January 2015, INDOT – working with our consultants and partners – will reduce in our planning systems the cost of INDOT projects by 10 percent. We will take that 10 percent savings and reinvest it through each one of our six districts in additional projects that improve safety, improve bridge quality, or improve pavement quality. This process will involve practical design, which kicked off a couple of weeks ago.

“I think this is going to be – I know it is – going to be a big shift inside of INDOT. And for those of you who do business with INDOT, I think you're going to find that it's going to be a big shift for you.”

A full video of Commissioner Browning's opening session address is available [here](#).