

**COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The following Council members were present: John Price, Anita Knowles, Josh McCarty, Charlie Canary, Steve Hollenbeck, Ron West and Beth Boyce. The following Board of Commissioners members were present: Tom Kite, R.J. McConnell and Mitch Ripley.

**Indiana Commerce Connector- Public Presentation on the Proposed Beltway**

Gary Abell, spokesperson for the Indiana Department of Transportation, appeared to give a public presentation to the two boards on the Indiana Commerce Connector (ICC). The following items were discussed.

Where will the ICC be located?

-The ICC would be located around the Northeast, East and South sides of Indianapolis and would be a 75-90 mile outer loop. The highway would run from I-69 near Pendleton past Greenfield, Shelbyville, Franklin, Martinsville and would end west of the Indianapolis International Airport. The highway would intersect with I-70, I-74, I-65, I-69 and other major State highways.

Why the interest in ICC?

-Roads are an economic part of Indiana and family transportation is key for Indiana.

How much would it cost to build ICC?

-Estimates from INDOT suggested it could cost between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion. But since the Highway would only be built through a public-private partnership (P3), the winning bidder would pay for the cost of building, maintaining and managing the highway. A comprehensive study is in the works to determine the project's exact cost, the location of the road and an estimate of the highway's value. The study will take approximately two years to complete.

When would construction start on ICC and when would it be completed?

-If the P3 tolling authority is transferred from I-69 to the ICC, the highway location and environmental studies are completed on schedule, and a bid is received to design, build and manage the highway-construction could start within six years. Individual segments of the highway could be open as construction concludes. The entire project is expected to be open to traffic approximately 10 years later.

Will the ICC reduce traffic flow on state highways?

-INDOT believes construction of the ICC would attract through traffic from I-465 and other thoroughfares around Indianapolis, reducing congestion. The traffic reduction could save the State millions of dollars by reducing the need for additional lanes and upgrades on I-465 and other central Indiana highways.

Public comments & questions were allowed at the end of the presentation by INDOT.

There were no decisions made by either boards.

An Indiana Commerce Connector project map is attached to the minutes as exhibit "A". Also attached to the minutes is exhibit "B" an fact sheet on the ICC.

**Special Joint Meeting- Commissioners and Council- February 12, 2007**

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