



# 2024 Legislative Preview

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# Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Representative Lori Goss-Reaves (R)
  - Replaced Rep. Ann Vermilion in May 2023
  - District 31, portions of Grant & Madison counties
  - Rep. Goss-Reaves is from Marion, IN
  - Professor of social work and director of field placement at Indiana Wesleyan University



# Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Senator Randy Maxwell (R)
  - Replaced Sen. Chip Perfect in September 2023
  - District 43, portions of Jennings, Jefferson, Scott, Switzerland, and Dearborn counties
  - Sen. Maxwell is from Guilford, IN
  - Businessman and former Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board member



# Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Representative Alex Zimmerman (R)
  - Replaced Rep. Randy Frye in July 2023
  - District 67, portions of Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, and Ripley counties
  - Rep. Zimmerman is from North Vernon, IN
  - Attorney with previous statehouse experience



# Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Senator Greg Goode (R)
  - Replaced Sen. Jon Ford in October 2023
  - District 38, portions of Vigo, Clay, and Sullivan counties
  - State Director for U.S. Senator Todd Young and former Government Relations Director at Indiana State University



# Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Senator Cyndi Carrasco (R)
  - Replaced Sen. Sandlin in October 2023
  - District 36, portions of Marion and Johnson counties
  - Sen. Carrasco lives in Indianapolis, IN
  - Attorney, former Indiana House Republicans attorney, and former Deputy General Counsel for Gov. Holcomb



# Upcoming Changes in Indiana Legislators

- Legislators not seeking reelection in 2024:
  - Sen. John Crane (R), District 24
  - Rep. Donna Schaibley (R), District 24
  - Rep. Jerry Torr, District 39

# Legislative Leadership

## Indiana House of Representatives

**70 Republicans**  
House Speaker,  
Todd Huston (R)  
Fishers



**30 Democrats**  
House Minority  
Leader,  
Phil GiaQuinta (D)  
Fort Wayne



## Indiana State Senate

**40 Republicans**  
President Pro  
Tempore,  
Rodrick Bray (R)  
Martinsville



**10 Democrats**  
Senate Minority  
Leader,  
Greg Taylor (D)  
Indianapolis





# 2024 Indiana General Assembly

- The 2024 Session is a short session
  - Non-budget year
- Anticipated session start date: January 8 or 9, 2024
- Anticipated session end date: March 14, 2024

# So what's been happening during the 2023 Interim....

- A number of interim study committees have been meeting to discuss issues that may be before the 2024 General Assembly.

# FIRSST Task Force

- The task force has only met once so far, but...
- INDOT
  - CNBC ranked IN in the top 5 for infrastructure again this past year
  - HEA 1002-2017 has allowed INDOT to resurface and improve roadways significantly
    - Resurfaced almost 3,000 miles of roadway
  - Main projects at current:
    - I-69 is projected to be completed by next construction year
    - Expansion of I-65 and I-70
    - Seeking grant for Ohio River Crossing
    - Attempting to improve traffic safety (lane control devices and ramp metering)

## ⇒ GOOD STEWARDS OF INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS

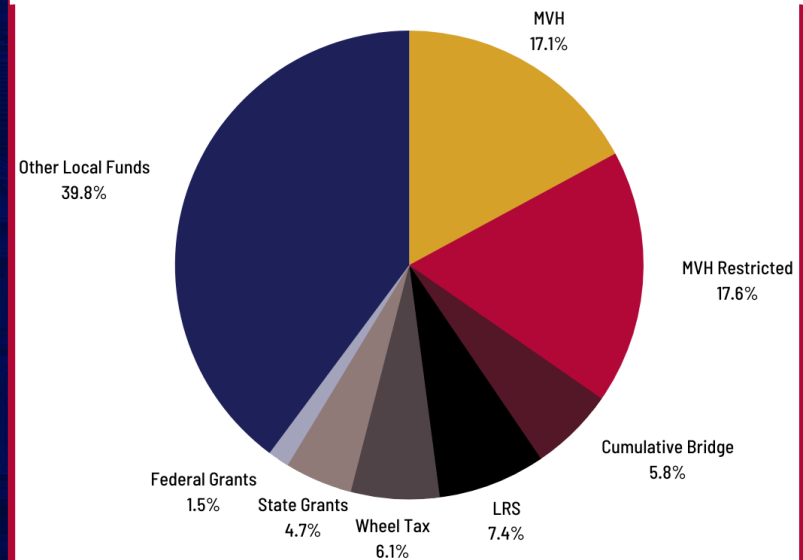
Local units are committed to funding the local infrastructure network.

**LOCAL LEVEL OF EFFORT  
FOR ALL INDIANA COUNTIES:**

**2.14**

- A local level of effort greater than 2 means the local government agency is contributing more dollars than they receive from state dedicated sources.
- Local county funding continues to grow, increasing by nearly \$75 million between 2021 and 2022.

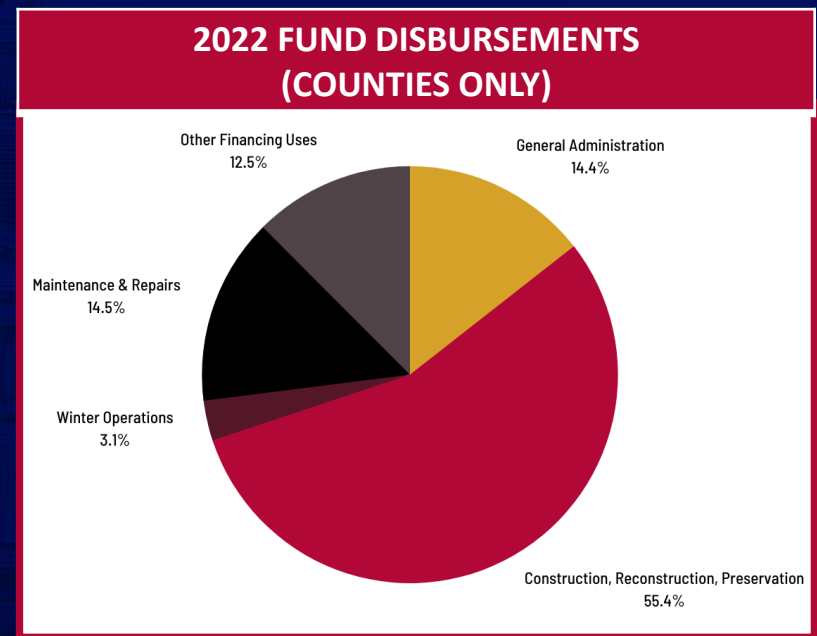
### 2022 FUND RECEIPTS (COUNTIES ONLY)



## ⇒ GOOD STEWARDS OF INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS

Local units are responsible users of infrastructure dollars.

- A significant majority of ALL funding goes towards construction, reconstruction, and preservation.
- Counties remain focused on limiting overhead and maximizing investment impact.



# FIRSST Task Force

- INDOT cont.
  - Many programs and grants are underway
    - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
      - Received 1 billion federal dollars allocated between the state and local agencies
      - Increased funding is important because inflation has impacted INDOT projects
    - IJA Discretionary Grants
      - Federal gov't encouraging partnership with local gov't
    - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program
      - Charging station every 50 miles, selection of sites will be decided in December

# FIRSST Task Force

- Build Indiana Council
  - IN infrastructure challenges:
    - Future funding and funding system issues
    - Workforce shortage
      - Working with high school students to increase interest
    - Worksite safety
      - Legislation to reduce speed limits in construction zones
    - Inflation (project design v. bid costs)
    - Supply chain and material costs
  - Future policy considerations:
    - Fuel agnostic programs
    - Generational trend considerations:
      - Remote work, car ownership, transit, population shifts, etc.

# FIRSST Task Force

- Legislative Service Agency
  - Main sources of infrastructure funding:
    - Taxes (gas, special fuel, gas use, motor carrier, etc.)
  - Major infrastructure funds:
    - State highway fund
    - Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund
    - Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA)
    - Major Moves 2020 Trust Fund
  - INDOT receives 62% of state funds
  - Since 2013, legislation has impacted infrastructure funding



# Land Use Task Force

- Decreasing population in Indiana
  - Speculated causes:
    - Decreasing birth rate
      - 2022 Indiana birth count was the fourth lowest since 1946
    - Increasing mortality rate
    - COVID pushed people away from urban areas (urban population decrease)
    - Housing shortage
    - Need more high quality of life places
      - natural/public/private amenities, school performance, etc.
      - College graduates now prefer to move to specific cities rather than for specific jobs

# Land Use Task Force

- Helping to grow residential housing
  - HEA 1005 Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program
    - Provides low interest loans to political subdivisions for public infrastructure to support residential housing
  - Residential TIF
    - Established in 2019 to increase amount of raw dirt available for affordable housing
  - HEA 1454
    - Requires redevelopment commissioners to report information about residential housing availability and affordability for each financing district
  - Public-private partnerships in housing development communities

# Land Use Task Force

- GRW Engineers: What Indiana Community Planning Lacks
  - Tools
    - Outdated and unreliable local comprehensive plans, zoning/subdivision ordinances, and a lack of variety and creativity in residential housing
  - Talent and Training
    - Lack of staff
    - No higher education requirements for planners
  - Time
    - Local planning is time consuming
    - Plans are not being cross checked with updated statutes
  - Teamwork
    - No statewide cohesive county planning method
    - Lack of community

# Land Use Task Force

- American Structurepoint Inc.: Local Infrastructure and Economic Development
  - Correlation between local infrastructure quality (soft and hard infrastructure) and economic development
  - To improve quality of life means to improve economic development opportunities
  - Must be done on local level
    - Quality of life changes can be cultural changes
    - Each community presents unique circumstances
    - Indiana quality of life/economic development case studies all present different opportunities and issues according to the city or county

# 2024 Legislative Preview (Key Issues)

- Cost of healthcare:
  - Hospital and pharmacy economics
  - How market concentration affects the insurance, hospital, and pharmaceutical industries
  - Prior authorization and reimbursement rates
- Mental Health:
  - Resources for first responders
  - Psilocybin and Psychotherapy
  - PTSD
- Public Health and Human Services:
  - Childcare shortage
  - Birthing deserts

# Questions?



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