

Driver 4: Infrastructure

A world-class business climate requires top-of-the-line infrastructure.

Telecommunications issues include achieving a higher level of broadband service in the state, improving fiber optics, adding Internet backbone hubs and other methods of facilitating state of the art communication.

Goal 1

Drive the growth of Indiana's advanced transportation, logistics, telecommunications and information systems infrastructure

Initiatives

1. Increase the viability, marketability and build-out of Indiana's intermodal rail system, river/inland ports and airports.
2. Enact legislation, community best practices and/or create a conducive regulatory environment to facilitate the rapid build-out and implementation of state of the art telecommunications infrastructure.
3. Participate in the development of solutions, utilizing sound cost/benefit analysis, that ensure local community capacity to upgrade sewer and water infrastructure.
4. Consistently advocate for Indiana's "fair share" return of federal dollars for funding of highway projects.
5. Support the completion of Indiana's federal interstate network, and the upgrading or modifications for existing major transportation arteries such as: I-69, US 31, Hoosier Heartland Corridor, Ohio River Bridges and the Fort to Port Highway, and the development of new networks to improve commerce, logistics and safety.
6. Actively encourage and participate in the development of high-speed passenger rail routes and stops in Indiana cities.
7. Create a program, including legislation and block grants, for brownfield and downtown revitalization.