



COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT

September 6, 2002 - A Newsletter for the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors

A Message From The President

by Scott Tilden; President of IACHES

I hope all of you are progressing with your summer construction and maintenance programs. It's amazing what all we've accomplished this past summer as we head into fall and try to get everything wrapped up before winter hits us.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the Executive Board, District Directors, Cheryl Mescik, Regular Members and Associated Members for a successful 2002 Summer Conference held in early June. The Conference was well attended with numbers greater than the past few years along with a great golf outing.

Our Association has undergone some major changes this year with District Directors. I would like to wish Brian Burdette, our Southwest District Director and Supervisor of Warrick County; best of luck, as he will be leaving to join Toyota Motor Manufacturing. Brian has been very focused and dedicated to our organization. Norman Wendholt, P.E. from Dubois County will take Brian's position as Southwest District Director.

In June Jim Olson, P.E. was installed as the Southeast District Director.

Coming up in October, the Board will install Wanda Hartman as the East Central District Director. These appointments fill vacancies on the Board and also follow our constitution and by-laws requiring three highway superintendents and three engineers. I am excited about working with these new individuals for the remainder of the year.

Our Association will hold a Regular Member Business Meeting in conjunction with the A.I.C. Conference. The meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on September 24 at the

Radisson Hotel "J. Ginger" restaurant area at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana. I hope to see all of you there.

The Board is also working on planning programs for the Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference on December 3 and 4, 2002. As always, this conference promises to be interesting and informative. Best Wishes for a safe and productive road maintenance season.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Tilden
Fulton Co. Highway Superintendent

IACHES Updates

submitted by Steve Sherwood; IACHES Vice President

The 2002 IACHES Summer Conference was again a great success. Congratulations to Scott Tilden for putting together this fine event. We would also like to thank all the people and vendors involved in this annual conference. Your continued support makes it possible to have this event. The effort and work by everyone involved in this event is sincerely appreciated. The 2003 IACHES Summer Conference will continue to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The dates are June 4 and 5, 2003. The format will be similar to this year's conference. Please feel free to forward your ideas on topics that you would like to see addressed on upcoming conference agendas.

The 2002 AIC and IACC Conferences are drawing near. IACHES will hold a regular business meeting at the AIC Conference on September 24. The IACC Conference will have sessions and a regular business meeting for all IACHES members during December 3 and 4 dates. Please remember that IACHES will be electing a new Secretary/Treasurer during the IACC Conference. This year the candidate must be an engineer. Please give some consideration to running for this office and notify any member of the IACHES Board to be considered for this position. Your time and talent is a necessary component that makes IACHES work and be the best that it can be. Please plan on attending as many future events as possible.

As Scott Tilden mentioned previously, IACHES welcomes Jim Olson, P.E. (Jefferson County Engineer) recently elected to the vacant Southeast District Director position and Norman Wendholt, P.E. (Dubois County Engineer) as the recently elected Southwest District Director. Norman replaces Brian Burdette, Warrick County Highway Superintendent, who recently resigned his position with IACHES due to taking a new job with Toyota. We wish Brian much success in his new endeavors. IACHES and I will miss his friendship and talents that he has provided for our association.

The new 2003 Directory is nearing completion. We anticipate that it will be ready for distribution after January 2003. Advertisement space is available for \$100 per half page or \$150 per whole page. Also, LTAP will continue to take photographs at upcoming conferences to complete the directory. Please help us keep IACHES updated with any new information or changes concerning your office mailing address, office phone/fax numbers, and especially your office (or personal) e-mail address. We are making an effort to keep our information as

current as possible and we sincerely appreciate your assistance. Please forward this information to Cheryl at iaches@skyenet.net or fax 219-562-3906.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Sherwood, P.E., L.S.
IACHES Vice-President

Upcoming Meeting Dates

AIC Annual Conference - September 23 - 26, 2002

IACC North District Meeting - October 10, 2002

IACC South District Meeting - October 17, 2002

IACHES Board of Directors - October 25, 2002

10:00am; Hamilton County Highway Department

IACC Annual Conference - December 3 - 5, 2002

Sheraton Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing;

Indianapolis, Indiana

IACHES Summer Conference - June 4 - 5, 2003

Embassy Suites Hotel (north); Indianapolis, Indiana

If there are other events or meeting dates that should be included in this section, please contact Odetta Cadwell.

Legislative Updates

submitted by Les Locke; Hamilton County Engineer

Things are picking up for the 2003 legislative session. AIC has held one legislative committee meeting with a second to be held later. We are working with them on issues involving our highways, but there is not much to report at this time. At its meeting last week, the IACHES Executive Board passed a motion to seek road user funding increases in an amount equal to that which we lost when we no longer received the \$100,000,000 special distribution. We are proposing an additional \$.07 increase in the gas user fee or some other combination of legislation to accomplish this goal. I will pass along more information as it becomes available.

NACE News

submitted by Les Locke; Hamilton County Engineer

This past summer I have had the opportunity to twice visit the spacious and luxurious headquarters of the National

Association of County Highway Engineers (NACE) in Washington D.C.. The office is conveniently located in the National Association of Counties Building at 440 First Street, N.W.. The office is only minutes from the Capital Building and Congressional Offices. I am amazed at the activity and the work that the three NACE staff members accomplish in an office area that many might consider equivalent to two closets and a small conference room. The decor of these offices is very similar to early 1980's Indiana State Office Building decor. (I am sure those of you who had the opportunity to visit or work in the SOB at that time can appreciate how nice that is.) Tony Giancola, Executive Director and Bonnie West, Assistant Executive Director each have an office (about 10'x 10') filled with projects, paperwork, records and tasks in various states of completion and storage. I am sure that they (like I in my office) know exactly where every piece of paper is and would ensure you that every pile has critical importance to the completion of their daily work. Kevin Carmody, Business Manager, proudly utilizes the more spacious combination entryway, mail room, storage closet, publications fulfillment area and general storage area of the complex.

All joking aside, I think the office is very reflective of the members of NACE. It is frugal, functional (for most purposes) and conservative. When additional resources are needed, they have an excellent working relationship with NACO for computer needs, printing needs, meeting space needs and other sorts of help and cooperation. Just like NACE members (engineers and road superintendents) who strive everyday to squeeze the most out of the tax funds we receive to provide the best roads for the public, NACE also squeezes the most out of the dues they receive by helping us exert influence on national issues such as reflectivity standards, highway bill reauthorization, Storm Water Phase II, wetlands permitting, and many others. They also provide excellent support to its members with its action guides and training publications which help us do our job better.

I would recommend that if you ever get to the Washington area, to call (202) 393-5041 and stop by the NACE office to see the great job they are doing. I think you will be impressed of how many issues they are involved in and how much they accomplish with so little funding. If you stop by at the beginning of your trip, Tony is an excellent source of tourist, history and map information for your D.C. visit. He is always willing to help you and make recommendations on things to see, places to go.

In other NACE news, here are some items which may be of interest out of the almost Bi-weekly NACE update sent out by Tony Giancola:

Latest Federal Data Reveals Record Number of Deaths in Roadway Work Zones:

1,079 people were killed in roadway work zones in 2001, according to data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In comparison, calendar year 2000 had 1,026 work zone fatalities. It is reported that the majority of

those killed in work zones are motorists, not the workers themselves. This is usually caused by excessive speed, fatigue and in-vehicle distractions. The breakdown of the figure 1,079 is as follows:

- 641 - Drivers
- 281 - Passengers in Vehicles
- 139 - Pedestrians
- 13 - Pedalcyclists
- 5 - Other/Unknown non-motorists

Want to learn more about current environmental streamlining efforts across the country?

Visit the "What's New" section of the Federal Highway Administration's environmental streamlining web site at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/strmlng/whatsnew.htm> The section is updated continuously with information on state and Federal initiatives, best practices, research, and other useful information. Recent updates include:

FHWA Western Resource Center and California Division Host 2002 Environmental Conference (Posted August 1, 2002)

Successes in Streamlining Newsletter (Posted July 30, 2002)

If you would like to receive this email notice separately or to send to someone, contact Sara McKinstry at mckinstry@volpe.dot.gov or (617) 494-3581.

Excerpt from FHWA's "Technology Talks"

Iowa: Low-Cost Strategy for Delineating Utility Poles: In Iowa, crash-prone utility poles located near the roadway are being wrapped with a 150 mm (6-inch) band of white reflective tape. Although the preferred methods of mitigating high-crash locations involving utility poles are either to remove or relocate the poles, research from a Pennsylvania study has shown a 25% reduction in night-time utility pole hits after the poles were delineated. The first sites in Iowa to receive the delineation treatment are in Muscatine, Iowa, which has the first, second and 15th ranked high-crash locations involving utility poles for the state. The crash data information used to identify candidate sites was obtained from a study conducted by the Center for Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), Iowa State University.

EPA's Proposed Construction and Development Effluent Limitation Guideline Regulation Issued.

EPA has proposed a regulation, which could have a major impact on our projects. Issued in the Federal Register on June 24, 2002 it sets standards for storm water discharges from construction sites through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued by EPA and the states. This rule is the latest regulatory undertaking by EPA over the past decade to control the quality of construction site storm water discharges. Earlier rulemaking on construction site discharges included the Construction General Permit, the Storm Water Phase I regulations and the Storm Water Phase II regulations. When promulgated in final form, the rule will consist of a set of legally binding requirements on the

construction industry. NACE members should, therefore, take the opportunity offered by the public comment period to provide views as clearly and strongly as possible.

Unfortunately the proposed rule is very lengthy (175 pages double-spaced), convoluted, and difficult to understand. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) has prepared a special report outlining specific points (and of course their views). This is a helpful document, however, and should be reviewed. It should be loaded onto the ARTBA website next week. To view click on Water Quality Subcommittee web site, at

<http://www.artba.org/public/docs/enviro/wqsubcmt.htm> For more information contact Jonathan Deason at (202) 289-4434, ext. 127 or email: jdeason@artba.org Five public meeting were scheduled on the proposed rule, 2 of which have already been held. The remaining meetings will be held on Tuesday July 30, 2002 (9 am to 12 noon) at the Holiday Inn Chicago-Elmhurst, 624 N. York Rd., Elmhurst, IL; another in Atlanta, GA on September 5, 2002 (location to be announced) and a final briefing in Washington DC (date and location to be announced). The comment period ends on October 22, 2002.

Comments should be referred to Docket No. W-02-06 and may be submitted to:

Comment Clerk, Water Docket (4101)
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Comments may also be sent via email to ow-docket@epa.gov. Electronic comments must be identified by Docket Number W-02-06 and must be submitted as a Wordperfect, MS Word or ASCII Text file.

Next Newsletter

The next IACHES newsletter will be mailed prior to the IACC Annual Conference. Any information you wish published in that edition will need to be submitted to Odetta by November 1, 2002. You may contact Odetta at:

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We especially encourage articles from Committee Chairs, our Officers, and our District Directors. We also welcome job change information or news on what you are doing, tips you might have, challenges you've overcome, or assistance needed.

For Sale

Fountain County has the following pieces of equipment for sale:

1972 JD 570A Motor Grader - S#D001847T
1974 JD 570A Motor Grader - S#D002915

Contact Walter Wilson, Superintendent – 765-294-2971.

www.IACHES.org

At the August Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized the creation of an IACHES web site. The site will be completed later this year and will be utilized to better inform our membership of IACHES business and activities.

The site will include, among other things, contact information for the Executive and District Board members, a membership directory, and an associate membership directory. Various forms and applications will be posted on the site as well and may be printed, filled in, and mailed to the appropriate person.

If you have e-mail, a web site, or other contact information that is not currently listed in the membership directory, please provide that information to Cheryl Mencsik at iaches@skynet.net or call her at 260-562-3906.

Respectfully submitted,

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Southeast Director Introduction

by Jim Olson; Jefferson County Engineer

Hello!! I am writing to introduce myself to the members of IACHES that I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, and to thank the Board of Directors for selecting me to serve as the new Southeast District Director. I am excited, pleased, and honored to be appointed as one of the Regional Directors of IACHES. I feel that we (members of county highway departments) can individually have a positive impact on the lives of our fellow citizens through our contributions at county highway departments. And, this contribution can be increased through our IACHES Association, by helping each other, and by learning from each other.

I am the County Highway Engineer of Jefferson County. Many folks will be more likely to recognize Jefferson County's location by the mention of our county seat, Madison. Madison and Jefferson County are located on the Ohio River about midway between Cincinnati and Louisville. Or, better said, between Lawrenceburg and Jeffersonville. Jefferson County is rural, with a total population of 33,000.

My career path prior to my appointment four years ago as a County Highway Engineer is probably not typical (if there is a typical path). In college I had my first experience in voluntary organizations as the 're-invigorator' and self-appointed

President of the University of Michigan Skydiving Club. After graduating with a BSCE degree, I took my first step in the field of civil engineering by serving two-years in Sierra Leone, West Africa, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in a village water supply program. That was a wonderful, frustrating, eye-opening and educational experience, mixed together. I then fulfilled various roles in the heavy/highway construction and building construction management industry during the next 19 years. This work in the for-profit side of the construction business has been very helpful in some aspects of learning and working in a not-for-profit environment.

My first 4 years with the County Highway Department have

been very learning-intensive. One of my IACHES goals is to help some of those that will follow have an easier time of getting themselves up to speed. And to help others, as well as myself, by learning from other IACHES members and sharing and preserving that knowledge.

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