



Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning (SURTP) Assistance Program

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What Is the SURTP Assistance Program?

- The Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning (SURTP) Assistance Program
 - INDOT program seeking to enhance capabilities of Regional Planning Organizations by providing expanded resources
 - Enhanced capabilities of RPOs enable INDOT to acquire the data and information necessary to make well informed transportation infrastructure investment decisions
- The SURTP program includes:
 - Seven Rural/Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs)
 - Seven Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
 - Planning partners work to identify transportation challenges and opportunities

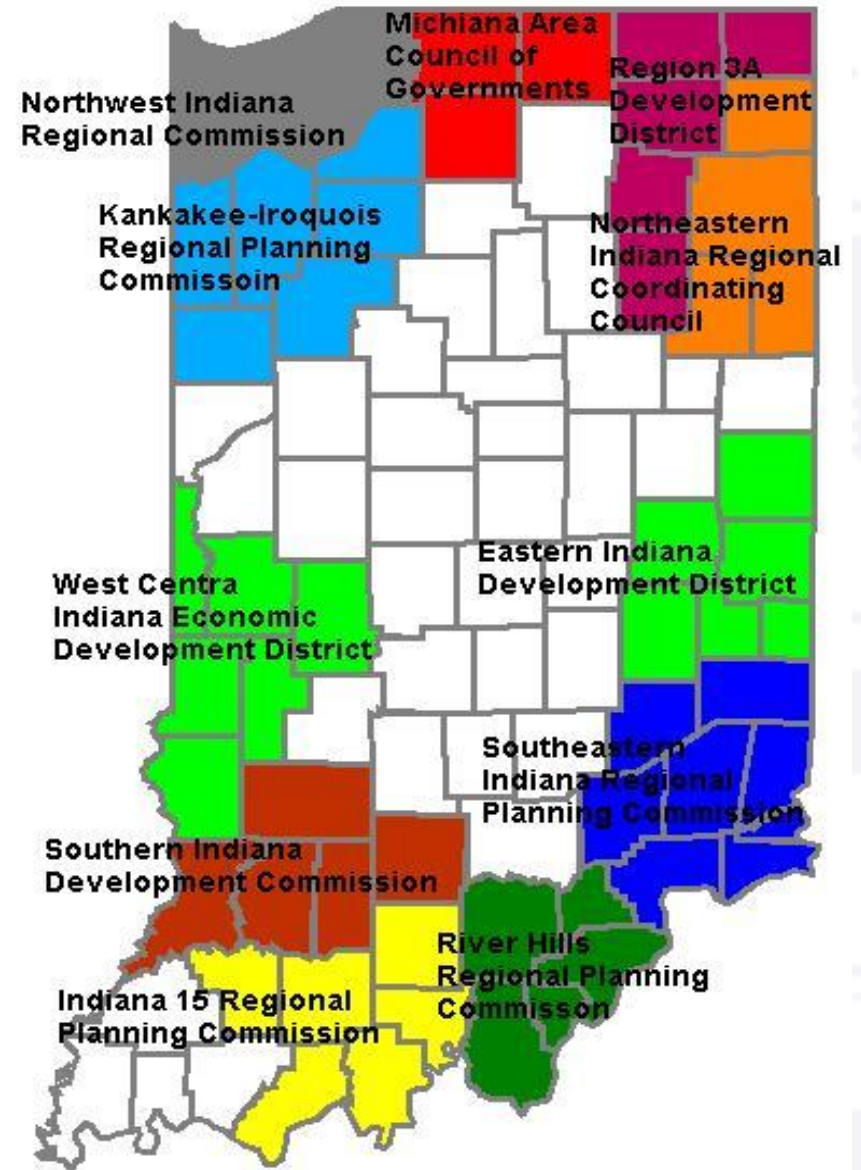


Assistance Programs

- Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century act (MAP-21) Directive to expand transportation capabilities in non-metropolitan areas
- State Planning & Research Funding provided to support transportation planning activities in non-metropolitan areas:
 - 20% Local Match – Outside a designated Metropolitan Planning Area

Regional Planning Organizations

- Regional Planning Organizations
- Indiana Association of Regional Councils (IARC)
- IC 36 7-7 Regional Planning Commissions
- 14 Active MPOs
- Seven MPOs contain RPOs
- Seven stand-alone RPOs



Process for Regional Transportation Planning

- Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs)
- Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning Programs
 - SPR Rural Planning Assistance Funding
- INDOT Rural Planning Activities
 - Assistance in Community Planning for major INDOT projects
 - Development of analytical planning tools
 - Improved management of the transportation system through access management
- Transportation Planning Process in Rural Areas
 - Consultation Process for non-metropolitan officials



SURTP Program Activities

- Continued data collection
 - Traffic Count Program
- Perform Level of Service analysis on roads counted
- Provide planning support to local governments
 - Studies, plans, other activities
- Provide planning support to INDOT districts
 - Project tracking, other activities
- Assist INDOT's rural consultation efforts
- Provide planning support to INDOT Central Office
 - Collect HPMS & RR crossing data
 - Review ARIES data
- Develop agency planning capacity
 - Training
 - Equipment and Software purchasing

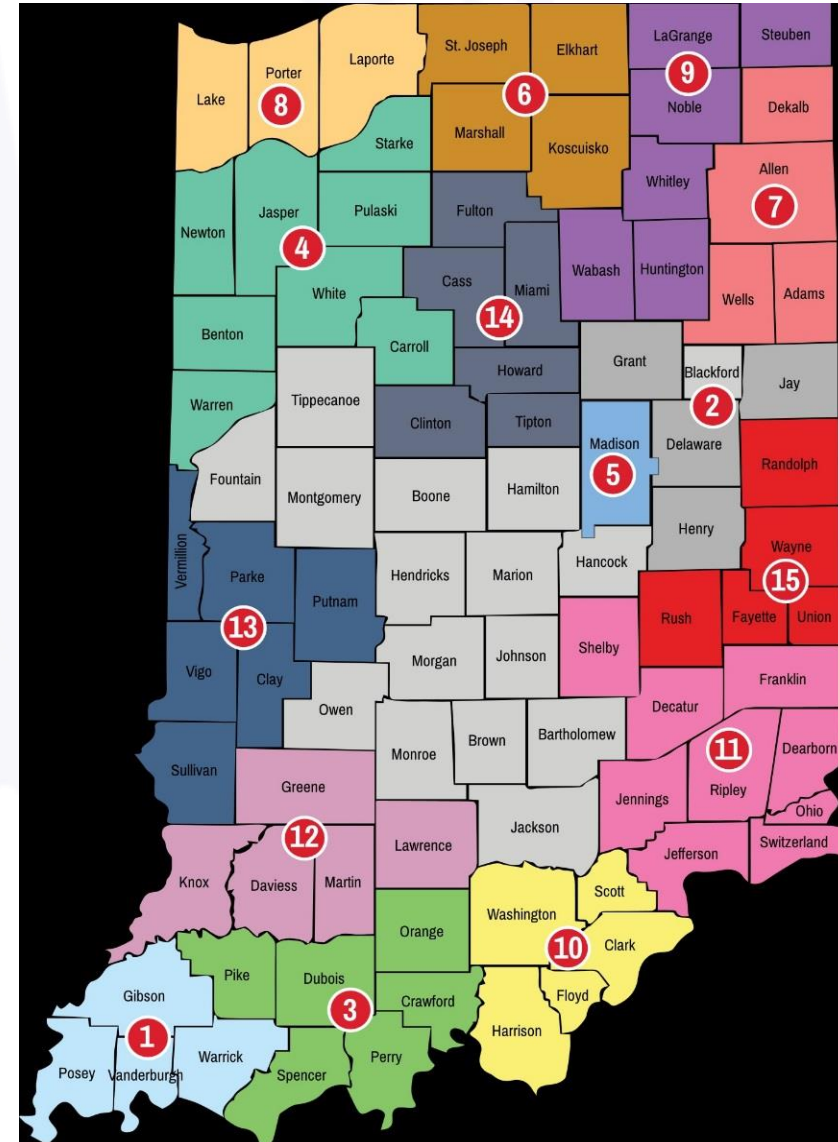
SURTP Program Ineligible Activities

- No grant writing
- No grant administration
- No lobbying of elected government officials
- No planning activity that is not related to transportation planning
- No vehicle purchases
- No networking events, such as attending the annual MPO conference
- No employee-in-charge training

State RPOs and Counties Covered

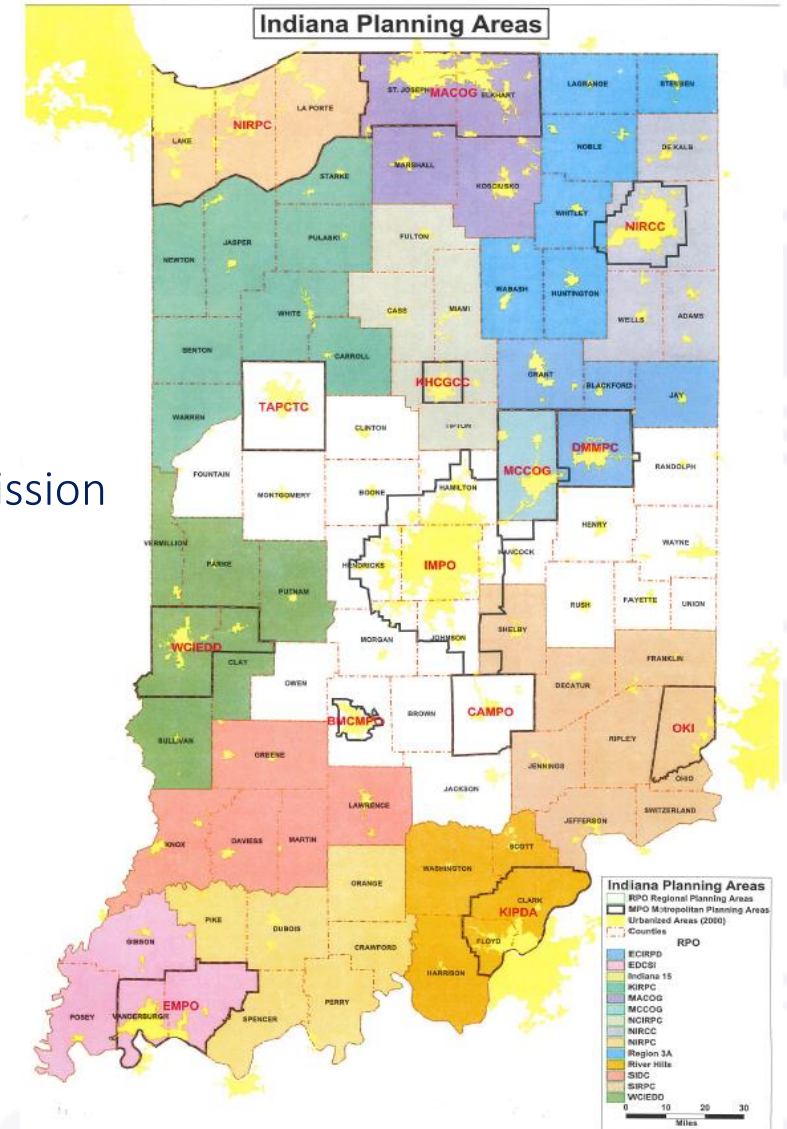
- Indiana Association of Regional Councils

- Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (8)
- Michiana Area Council of Governments (6)
- Region III- A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission (9)
- Kankakee – Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (4)
- North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council (14)
- Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (7)
- Madison County Council of Governments (5)
- East Central Indiana Regional Planning District (2)
- West Central Indiana Economic Development District (13)
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (15)
- Southern Indiana Development Commission (12)
- Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (11)
- Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana (1)
- Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission (3)
- River Hills Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission (10)



Areas with Planning Resources

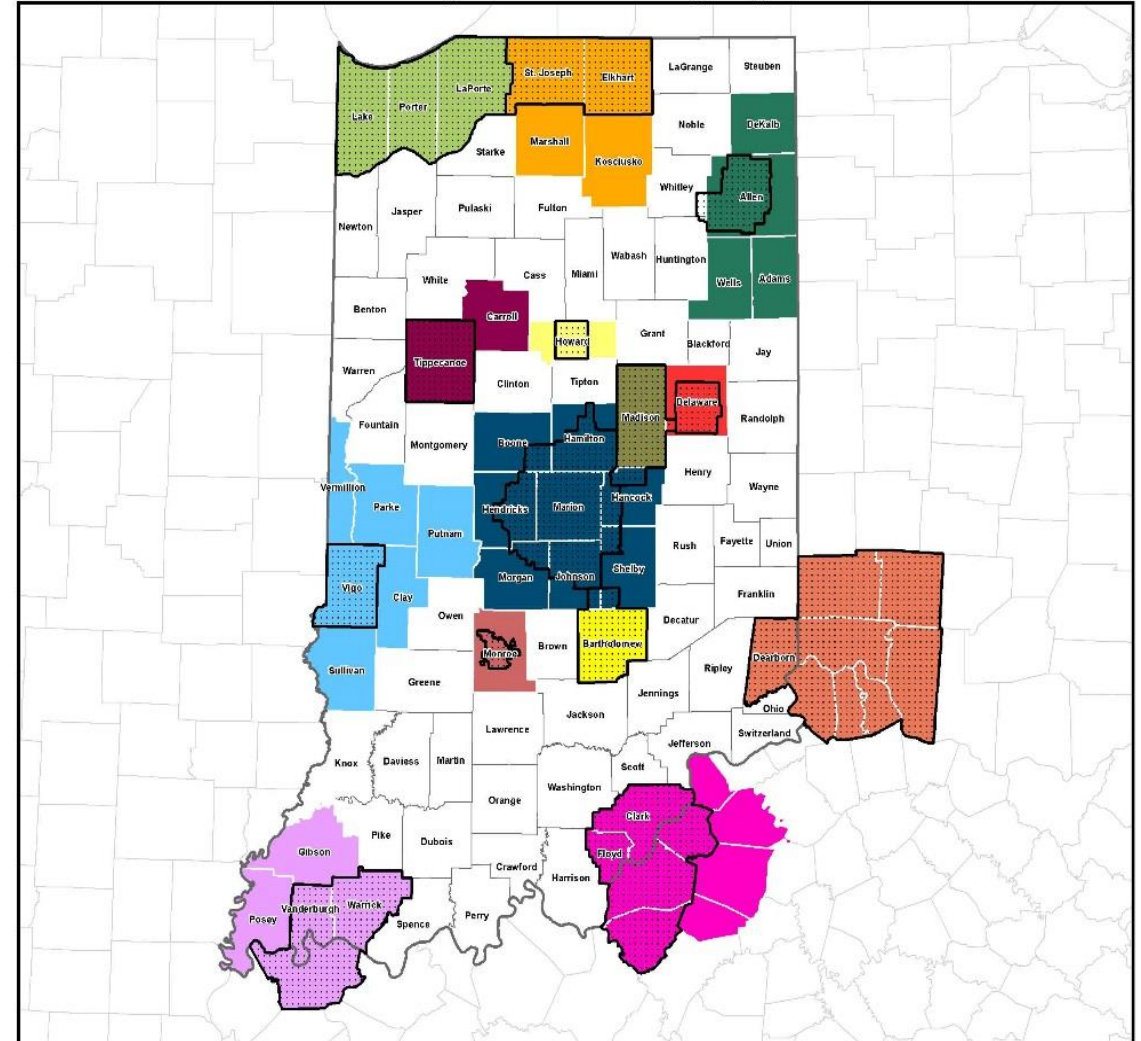
- Rural Planning Program Participants
- RPOs
 - Region 3a Development District
 - Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
 - Eastern Indiana Development District
 - Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
 - Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission
 - Southern Indiana Development Commission
 - River Hills Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission
- MPOs
 - Evansville Urban Transportation Planning
 - Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- MPO/RPO
 - Michiana Area Council of Governments
 - Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council
 - Madison County Council of Government
 - West Central Indiana Economic Development District
 - The Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County



Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
 - Anderson
 - Bloomington
 - Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI)
 - Columbus
 - Evansville
 - Fort Wayne
 - Indianapolis
 - Kokomo
 - Lafayette
 - Louisville
 - Muncie
 - Northwest Indiana
 - Terre Haute
 - South Bend / Elkhart

Indiana Metropolitan Planning Organizations



Transportation Planning Process For RPOs

- Transportation planning process are developed with input of District Development Offices, MPOs & RPOs
 - Six INDOT districts
 - 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Annual Program Development Process (APDP) for consultation and cooperation with local officials in non-metropolitan areas
 - INDOT APDP Process State Projects: www.in.gov/indot/files/INDOT_APDP_2015.pdf
 - District Area/MPO/LPA Early Consultation Meeting Process for proposed projects
 - Notification of local elected officials, stakeholder groups, Regional Planning Organizations and other interested parties
 - INDOT district meetings for long-range plan and INSTIP public review & comment
 - Spring meetings held in each district “Open House” format
 - Rural Planning Program – MPO/RPO participants (non-MPO)

INDOT's Involvement

- **Consultation Meeting Process**

- When it comes to transportation planning, where you live matters
- Project involving local streets or county roads are the responsibility of local city or county government
- INDOT administers funding to local municipalities for transportation improvement projects

- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations**

- MPOs are federally required transportation planning bodies that represent the local, state and federal government agencies. In urbanized areas of 50,000 or more, transportation planning is done in cooperation with the MPO. Visit www.indianampo.com for more information.

- **Rural or Regional Planning Organizations**

- RPOs serve the transportation needs for small urban and rural areas. RPOs support INDOT planning staff with public outreach, technical assistance and data collection

- **Non-MPO Areas**

- These include small towns and cities not included in an MPO area. In non-metropolitan areas, INDOT district offices conduct transportation planning and help develop lists of projects to be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



Consultation Meetings Process

- **What are Early Consultation Meetings?**

- INDOT engineering and asset management business units participate in meetings to discuss proposed projects submitted in response to the Call for Projects
 - Proposed projects are considered, evaluated and screened

- **Why are these meetings held?**

- The goal of these meetings is to produce a listing of existing and proposed new state projects district-wide
 - Including MPO and RPO areas

- **Who leads this Process?**

- INDOT District Offices lead this process
 - Establish stakeholder contact
 - Arrange meeting logistics
 - Act as hosts for each meeting

- **How can I get Involved?**

- Contact the INDOT District Technical Services Team



Call for Projects

- **What is a Call for Projects?**

- Beginning of a process by which project proposals for new projects can be submitted for review, consideration and prioritization

- **What is the purpose?**

- The purpose of the Call is to give the opportunity for submittal of projects from cities, towns, MPOs, & RPOs

**INDOT Central and District Offices
submit project proposals as part of
ongoing transportation planning
activities**

- **When does the Call for Projects occur?**

- Each summer, INDOT District Offices open a 6-month Call for Projects (state projects) for proposed new projects on state facilities
 - Interstates
 - U.S. Highways
 - State Roads

- **Who should I contact for more information?**

- INDOT district offices have Technical Services Teams focusing on project selection processes

Community Crossings Program

INDOT works proactively to assist Local Public Agencies (LPA) in addressing capital needs.

- Applications
- Program information
- Instructions
- <http://www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm>

Application documents must be attached via email to:
INDOTLPAMPO@INDOT.IN.gov

INDOT> Doing Business with INDOT> Local Public Agency Program:
www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm



INDOT District Open Houses

- **What**

A meeting/open house held in each district to solicit public input on a variety of items including:

- Transportation needs both short and long term,
- The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- The effectiveness of the Annual Program Development Process (APDP)
- Other topics related to project selection

- **Why**

- INDOT values receiving input from transportation stakeholders, these meetings help us achieve this goal

- **How Often**

- The intent is to make these an annual event

- **Get Involved**

- Visit agency website to learn of related processes and to subscribe via GovDelivery to receive INDOT news, updates and topic related information



INDOT DISTRICTS

- Technical Services:
 - Travel demand modeling, benefit/cost analysis, economic benefit analysis, air quality conformity coordination, traffic forecasting, Bridge, Pavement, Roadway, Traffic Safety Programs and pre-National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) activities.
- Capital Asset Program Management:
 - Communications Director
 - Local Assistance Representative
- Engineering:
 - Traffic
 - Permits
 - Program Development



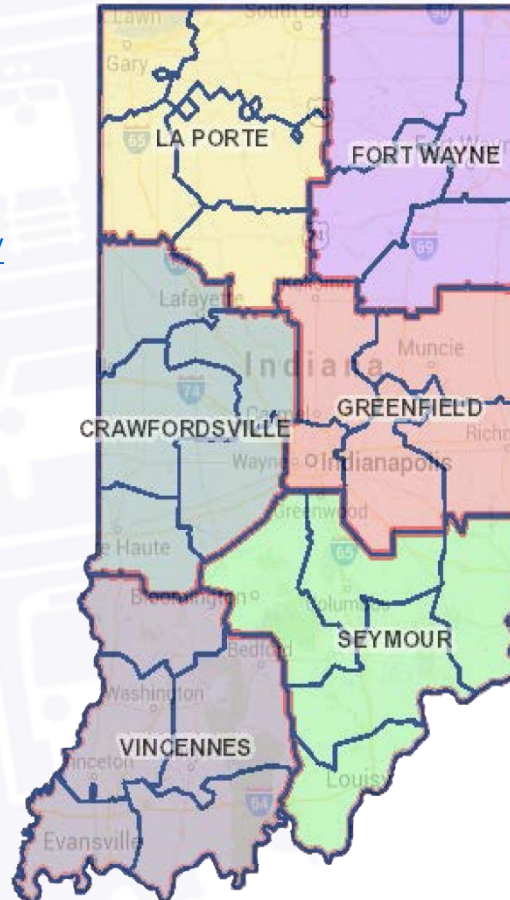
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When it comes to transportation planning, where you live is important. INDOT District Offices work with communities to identify needs, opportunities and solutions to transportation challenges

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