2012 Awards & Achievements

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Project of the Week
The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials features a Project of the Week in each edition of the AASHTO Journal to highlight excellent state transportation department projects that are completed on time, under budget, and/or using innovative management.

- Award Year: 2012, February 24
- Recipient: INDOT's Sherman Minton Bridge
- Project Description: The Sherman Minton Bridge, which carries Interstate 64 over the Ohio River between southern Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky, reopened to traffic Feb. 17 after emergency repairs were completed two months sooner than originally estimated and 12 days ahead of the most recent scheduled target date.

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Performance Excellence Award
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- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT's DamageWise Program
- Project Description: Each year, approximately 4,000 drivers damage infrastructure located along Indiana highways. This infrastructure includes guardrail, cable barriers, crash attenuators, lighting structures, signs, bridges, culverts, fences, traffic signals, pavement, and roadway drainage. INDOT deployed a state-wide crash damage tagging, management and invoicing system that associates crash-damaged infrastructure to a police crash report and seeks reimbursement. As a result of the INDOT DamageWise program, reimbursement for repairing infrastructure damaged by motor vehicles has more than doubled to more than $4 million per year

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Performance Excellence Award – Gold Award
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- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT's Propane Vehicle Program
- Project Description: INDOT is proceeding with an alternative fuels program in which 583 INDOT small and full-size pickup trucks and vans have already been converted to run on both propane and conventional gasoline. Launched in June 2011, the program reflects INDOT's emphasis on innovative, creative, and fiscally responsible solutions, in this case converting a significant portion of its fleet to run on cleaner and less expensive alternative fuels. To support the new propane-powered vehicles, INDOT installed 115 propane fueling sites at its facilities across the state as part of the largest statewide alternative fuel network.
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Public Agency Achievement Award
The ITE Public Agency Council Award (PAC) seeks to recognize government agencies that achieve excellence in management and achieving its mission as it concerns transportation. This award is not directed at the technical work of the agency, which may be recognized by awards from the various ITE technical councils, but rather at how the agency conducts its business. It is important to the mission of the PAC that these management practices and strategies be transferable to other public agencies.
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: New Management Philosophy & Strategy

Governor’s Public Service Achievement Award
Celebrated the first full week in May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is a time set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. Throughout the nation and the world, public servants use this occasion to educate others about the work they do and why they have chosen public service careers, as well as the many ways government services make life better for all of us.
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT’s Hoosier Helper Sponsorships & DamageWise
- Project Description: Hoosier Helpers is a Good Samaritan program offered by INDOT to assist stranded motorists on Indiana interstates. This program is sponsored by State Farm Insurance. The purpose of the program is to help keep Indiana interstates safe, provide traffic control and medical assistance at crash sites, and offer limited road side assistance if needed. Each weekday, 28 Hoosier Helper vehicles patrol metropolitan area interstates in Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana and Southern Indiana near Louisville.

Indiana Partnership for Transportation
Quality Achievement Award Over $2 million Urban Project Category
The Indiana Partnership for Transportation Quality, a partnership of fourteen Indiana agencies, industry associations and academia, is dedicated to continuous quality improvement in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of Indiana’s highways. This Quality Awards program was created to recognize Indiana projects, both large and small, which exemplify outstanding quality teamwork, innovation, safety and customer focus.
- Award Year: 2012, February 23
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: SR 32/38 Roundabout Project – Intersection improvement at State Road 32 and State Road 38

American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA), Indiana Chapter
2012 Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: Centerville Rest Park, I-70 West Bound; Keystone Avenue and I-465 Interchange; U.S. 31 Kokomo Corridor, Howard County; U.S. 24 Fort to Port Phase 1; I-465 Reconstruction; I-70 to Sam Jones Expressway; Dupont Road (S.R. 1) in Fort Wayne; S.R. 62/S.R. 261 Reconstruction; S.R. 37/Harding Street Reconstruction at I-465

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
National Recognition Award
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: Accelerate 465 - Accelerate 465 is an INDOT project to reconstruct an 11-mile corridor of Interstate 465 on the west side of Indianapolis between State Road 67/Kentucky Avenue to just south of the 56th Street interchange. The project also involves rebuilding or upgrading seven major interchanges. Accelerate 465 is a response to increased traffic demands and safety requirements on this segment of I-465.

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Engineering Excellence Awards
The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois Engineering Excellence Awards Competition recognizes projects of engineering achievement by Illinois consulting engineering firms. Entries are judged on the basis of engineering excellence, the degree to which the client’s needs are met, and the benefits to the public welfare and private practice of engineering.
- Award Year: 2012 – Grand Project Award – National Recognition Award
Recipient: INDOT
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American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Engineering Excellence Awards – Honor Award
The Engineering Excellence Awards honor the year’s most outstanding engineering accomplishments. Projects from throughout world are rated on the basis of uniqueness and innovative applications; future value to the engineering profession; perception by the public; social, economic, and sustainable development considerations; complexity; and successful fulfillment of client/owner’s needs, including schedule and budget. The panel selects 24 top award winners—16 Honor Awards and 8 Grand Awards.

- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: Indiana Toll Road Broadway Street Viaduct; I-69 Tier 2 Section 4 Environmental and Engineering Assessment Study

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Merit Award
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT
- Project Description: State Road 912 Bridge over Indiana Harbor Canal Ramp B

Council of State Governments
Beckie Campbell Lifetime Achievement Award
Given for outstanding individuals who've had exceptional impact on the well-being of others over a lifetime of service.

- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: James English
- Project Description: Given for outstanding individuals who've had exceptional impact on the well-being of others over a lifetime of service

Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCDA)
Presidential Award for Innovation
This award recognizes innovative activities, policies or programs that have been implemented at the state level, which have demonstrated success in solving community needs

- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) & INDOT
- Project Description: Stellar Communities - The Stellar Communities program is a multi-agency partnership designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana’s smaller communities. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and Indiana Department of Transportation, along with the State Revolving Fund, are participating in this innovative program.

Popular Science Magazine
25th Annual Best of What’s New Award
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT’s Milton-Madison Bridge Project
- Project Description: The Milton-Madison Bridge Project is a unique effort to replace the deteriorating US 421 Ohio River bridge between Milton, Kentucky and Madison, Indiana.

Construction Management Association of America
- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT’s Sherman Minton Bridge Project
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CG/LA
Strategic Project of the Year for North America
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public and private sector firms with services based on over two decades of working in various infrastructure sectors in the developed and developing world.

- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT's Ohio River Bridges - East End Bridge
- Project Description: The Ohio River Bridges Project addresses the long-term transportation needs of the Louisville-Southern Indiana region. Its purpose is to enhance safety, reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation connections throughout our growing metropolitan area.

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**Job Opportunity Creation Project of the Year**

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- Award Year: 2012
- Recipient: INDOT's Illiana Corridor
- Project Description: Previous studies have indicated possible benefits for an east-west transportation corridor extending from I-55 in Illinois to I-65 in Indiana. These include providing an alternate route for motorists traveling the I-90/94 corridor, relieving traffic on the I-80 Borman/Kingery Expressway and U.S. 30, serving as a bypass for trucks around the congested metropolitan highways, providing access to one of the largest "inland port" intermodal freight areas in the U.S. and the proposed South Suburban Airport, supporting economic development in this area, and the potential for substantial job creation. Will County, IL was one of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S. between 2000 and 2010, adding 175,000 residents and increasing demand for additional transportation options.