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Town of Avon, Town of Plainfield and Hendricks County Commissioners Win State Local Government Cooperation Award

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced that the towns of Avon and Plainfield along with the Hendricks County Commissioners have been named a **2013 IACT Local Government Cooperation Award** winner for The Ronald Reagan Parkway. Avon, Plainfield and the Hendricks County Commissioners will receive their award during the Annual Awards Luncheon, Oct. 7, at the 2013 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis.

The Ronald Reagan Parkway provides a north-south corridor for the eastern portion of Hendricks County. Hendricks County Commissioners have overseen this project that began more than 20 years ago. The towns of Avon and Plainfield along with the county banded together to resolve funding and scheduling concerns that threatened the vital transportation project. Through their work with each other, their local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), INDOT and FHWA, the local entities were able to find resolutions to the potential roadblocks. On Dec. 4, 2012, the parkway opened, now connecting I-70 to I-74, with plans for further expansion northward.

"More than ever, collaboration among units of government is vital to the success of Hoosier cities and towns. The Avon, Plainfield, and Hendricks County partnership is an outstanding example of good public policy, allowing local governments the ability to work together and help themselves," said Matt Greller, IACT executive director and CEO.



In its 37th year, the IACT Annual Awards program, presented by Umbaugh, recognizes communities and individuals in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement. A ninemember panel of qualified judges selected this year's winners from a competitive field of nominees from around the state.

Media are welcome to attend the awards luncheon. Please notify Jennifer Simmons (isimmons@cititesandtowns.org) at your earliest convenience to secure a media credential.

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

Conference Facts:

2013 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition October 6-8, 2013 JW Marriott, Indianapolis

Attendance: 800 (pending final registration count) Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org