

MAYORS INSTITUTE



AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 and TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Monday, November 9

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **The Lengthening Impact of COVID-19 on State and Local Government Revenues**

The economic impact of the novel coronavirus pandemic is still unfolding and will be for years to come. However, there are reasonable and material predictions on the likely outcomes using available data. Without a significant federal infusion of adequate state and local replacement revenues, the forecasts are grim. Not only could the provision of government services be impacted, but Indiana’s ability to address K-12 education shortfalls could also have lasting impacts on our state’s economic recovery and long-term viability. This informative discussion will offer MI participants a chance to examine the data, as well as discuss their city’s specific challenges and predictions resulting from the COVID-19 crisis.

Speakers:

Dr. Michael J. Hicks, Ph.D., George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor; Director, Center for Business and

Economic Research, Miller College of Business, Ball State University

David R. Terrell, Executive Director, Indiana Communities Institute and RUPRI Center for State Policy Rural Policy Research Institute, Ball State University

10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Preparing for the 5G Small Cell Opportunity**

In the realm of the Internet of Things (IoT), connectivity required for data transmission and internet accessibility will place new demands on telecommunications infrastructure. This is precisely where small cell towers and 5G technology come into play. An extended network connection is needed and small cells will play a pivotal role in your community's ability to meet consumer demands. Recent preemptions by the Indiana General Assembly and the FCC have established an expedited permit process for small cell expansion and at the same time created an approval process that is sure to stretch your municipal staff thin. Panelist will discuss the hurdles and challenges associated with this new process and what you can expect as small cell deployment increases in your city.

Speaker:

Chris Greisl, Attorney, Fishers

11:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Smart Cities in a COVID-19 World**

Smart Cities is an idea that we can use technology to foster a more efficient, customer focused, healthy, and problem-solving community. COVID 19 impacted the entire world. We have experienced 1st hand what not having connectivity can do to negatively impact the pandemic. This workshop will explore how we might be better able to respond to this pandemic (and future pandemics) by harnessing technology? How can the internet of things, IoT, (sensors, data, and

communication infrastructure make a difference; and how can communities in Indiana afford this investment with the coming fiscal/revenue storm resulting from the pandemic.

Speakers:

Tom John, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Lindsay Miller, Of Counsel, Ice Miller LLP

Kip Tew, Smart Cities Coordinator, Ice Miller, LLP

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **Combining Municipal Departments**
Indiana cities are looking inward for innovative and creative ways to streamline services and find cost savings. Combining departments, such as streets and parks departments, or utilities and street departments, are examples of these measures. This roundtable discussion will review examples of combined departments and give attendees an opportunity to share their findings, ask questions, or raise new concepts for finding operational efficiencies.

Moderator:

Matt Greller, Chief Executive Officer, Aim

Speakers:

Denny Spinner, Mayor, Huntingburg

Emily Styron, Mayor, Zionsville

Dave Wood, Mayor, Mishawaka

10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Asset Management – Annual Road Plan**
Since 2018, the City of South Bend has enhanced the roadway database by associating all of the City’s road data to Geographical Information System (GIS) online portal. The database utilizes St. Joseph County’s centerline feature layer,

which separates each road segment from intersection to intersection and provides uniformity between County and City data. The connection of data to the online portal servers has allowed the City to share information, such as construction projects, to not only internal personnel, but also its citizens via the City's website and the online GIS website. This presentation will share the City's efforts to develop an annual road plan, along with the development of a dynamic dashboard. The City's roadway infrastructure is drastically changing as the City continues to grow in population and value. With the City's shift towards real-time data management and tracking for the roadway infrastructure, a proactive system can be developed to increase the lifespan of the City's roadways. A current PASER value of 6.6 identifies the overall rating is in "good" status; however, the roadways will quickly change from "good" to "poor" within the next three years.

Speakers:

Kara Boyles, City Engineer, South Bend

Scott Kreeger, Project Engineer, South Bend

11:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **The Infrastructure Component of Disaster Preparedness**

Most municipalities have some form of emergency and disaster response plan in place. Much of that planning and practice at the local level is programmatic, addressing how we save lives, how we operate during and after a disaster, and how we ensure continuity of government (COG). But when a disaster occurs in your community, are you prepared for the immediate, mid, and long-term actions needed to bring structures and infrastructure back to safe, usable, and habitable pre-disaster status? Are partnerships in place with those who designed, built, and are familiar with your existing public and private facilities? This discussion will look at

typical midwestern natural disasters with reference to real-life examples, how leadership responded to such unanticipated, dramatic events, and the importance of having partnerships in place in order to respond effectively.

Speakers:

Eric Ratts, AIA, Principal Architect, DLZ Indiana

Jonathon LaTurner, PE, Department Manager, DLZ Indiana

12:30 p.m.

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