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INDIANA CONGRESSMAN TREY HOLLINGSWORTH TALKS ABOUT HOW CONGRESS CAN IMPROVE INDIANA'S ROADS AND BRIDGES DURING TOUR OF LOCAL HIGHWAY PROJECT

Congressman from Indiana's 9th Congressional District and Construction Officials Exchange Views on Long-Term Solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and Funding Equality for Indiana

Seymour, Ind. - Congressman Hollingsworth toured a construction project by E&B Paving along with representatives from the Indiana Constructors, Inc. and the Associated General Contractors of America.

“Getting an infrastructure bill passed in Washington is one of the most effective ways to improve aging roads, bridges and other public infrastructure in states like Indiana,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association’s chief executive officer. “Fortunately, the Congressman appreciates the many economic benefits that investing in infrastructure will bring to businesses and residents in his district.”

While touring the jobsite, Rep. Hollingsworth and construction officials talked about the local benefits of federal infrastructure investments and the need for Congress to act on the President’s call for a new infrastructure bill. They also talked about how Washington can help put more local people into high-paying construction careers by boosting funding for career and technical education programs.

Deteriorated and congested roads in Indiana cost drivers across the state \$2.2 billion a year, according to TRIP, a national transportation research group. They also discussed the industry’s impact on the economic health of the ninth district where construction jobs make up 6.1 percent of the workforce as well as its effects on the state and country.

The tour took place on a state funded highway project awarded by the Indiana Department of Transportation to E&B Paving in a \$143 million contract to rebuild I-65 as a six-lane roadway between U.S. Highway 50 and State Road 58.

Spencer Coe, Area Manager for E&B Paving said, “I am proud to show the Congressman the important work our firm does in Indiana. More importantly, I am encouraged the Congressman understands that Hoosiers and the country cannot be left behind when it comes to infrastructure advancement.”

“Since he was elected, Rep. Hollingsworth has been supportive of our policy positions whether it be workzone safety initiatives or shoring up the federal infrastructure trust fund,” added Richard Hedgcock, President of Indiana Constructors, Inc. “His willingness to visit with us today and take some time to meet with many of his constituents who are working on this project, is indicative of the importance he puts on the role that federal investment plays in securing Hoosier jobs.”

“In the Crossroads of America, transportation and infrastructure have always been central to Indiana’s economy,” said Rep. Trey Hollingsworth. “I appreciated hearing AGC’s perspective on the importance of infrastructure reform, and I look forward to taking their perspective back to Washington as we work on this issue with President Trump.”

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