



**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 179**

Citations Affected: IC 6-3.5; IC 8-23; IC 9-20; IC 32-19.5; IC 36-9-42.2-4.5.

Synopsis: Indiana department of transportation. Allows the Indiana department of transportation (department) to assume the responsibilities and duties of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to certain federal environmental laws. Provides that the department waives its civil immunity and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts for responsibilities and duties assumed under certain federal environmental laws. Amends language regarding a local unit's eligibility for: (1) a grant from the local road and bridge matching grant fund (fund); and (2) a distribution from the fund based on the local unit's share of total lane mileage. Provides limitations for an overweight truck permit that is issued for a single trip. Provides for the use of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System as a means to describe real property. Provides that the department may give preference in awarding grants from the fund to local units that have adopted an enhanced asset management plan. Provides that a county may impose a vehicle excise tax or wheel tax on a vehicle that is registered in the county and not registered in a municipality in the county where a vehicle excise tax or wheel tax went into effect after December 31, 2026. Amends certain requirements for township capital improvement plans. **(This conference committee report does the following: (1) Removes provisions that were determined to be not germane to the bill. (2) Amends the language regarding the match required by a consolidated city to receive a certain distribution from the local road and bridge matching grant fund.)**

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2026.



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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 179 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 6-3.5-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
- 3 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) An adopting entity of any county may,
- 5 subject to the limitation imposed by subsection (e), adopt an ordinance
- 6 to impose a county vehicle excise tax in accordance with this chapter
- 7 on each vehicle that is subject to the vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5
- 8 and that is:
- 9 (1) registered in the county; **and**
- 10 (2) **not registered in an adopting municipality of the county**
- 11 **where a municipal vehicle excise tax went into effect after**
- 12 **December 31, 2026, in the adopting municipality.**
- 13 (b) If a county does not use a transportation asset management plan
- 14 approved by the Indiana department of transportation, the adopting
- 15 entity of the county may impose the surtax either:
- 16 (1) at a rate of not less than two percent (2%) nor more than ten
- 17 percent (10%); or
- 18 (2) at a specific amount of at least seven dollars and fifty cents
- 19 (\$7.50) and not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 20 However, the surtax on a vehicle may not be less than seven dollars and
- 21 fifty cents (\$7.50). The adopting entity shall state the surtax rate or

1 amount in the ordinance which imposes the tax.

2 (c) Except as provided in subsection (i), if a county uses a
3 transportation asset management plan approved by the Indiana
4 department of transportation, the adopting entity of the county may
5 impose the surtax either:

- 6 (1) at a rate of at least two percent (2%) and not more than twenty
7 percent (20%); or
- 8 (2) at a specific amount of at least seven dollars and fifty cents
9 (\$7.50) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50).

10 However, the surtax on a vehicle may not be less than seven dollars and
11 fifty cents (\$7.50). The adopting entity shall state the surtax rate or
12 amount in the ordinance that imposes the tax.

13 (d) Subject to the limits and requirements of this section and except
14 as provided in IC 6-6-5-0.5(2), the adopting entity may do any of the
15 following:

- 16 (1) Impose the county vehicle excise tax at the same rate or
17 amount on each vehicle that is subject to the tax.
- 18 (2) Impose the county vehicle excise tax on vehicles subject to the
19 tax at one (1) or more different rates based on the class of vehicle
20 listed in IC 6-6-5-2(a).

21 (e) The adopting entity may not adopt an ordinance to impose the
22 surtax unless it concurrently adopts an ordinance under IC 6-3.5-5 to
23 impose the wheel tax.

24 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or
25 IC 6-3.5-5, ordinances adopted by a county council before June 1,
26 2013, to impose or change the county vehicle excise tax and the annual
27 wheel tax in the county remain in effect until the ordinances are
28 amended or repealed under this chapter or IC 6-3.5-5.

29 (g) Except as provided under section 7.5 of this chapter (before its
30 expiration on December 31, 2023) and subject to subsection (h), a
31 county vehicle excise tax imposed by this chapter for a vehicle is due
32 and shall be paid each year at the time the vehicle is registered.

33 (h) If the county vehicle excise tax imposed by this chapter was not
34 paid for one (1) or more preceding years, the bureau may collect only
35 the county vehicle excise tax imposed by this chapter for the:

- 36 (1) registration year immediately preceding the current
37 registration year;
- 38 (2) current registration year; and
- 39 (3) registration year immediately following the current
40 registration year.

41 (i) Beginning July 1, 2025, if a county containing a consolidated city
42 uses a transportation asset management plan approved by the Indiana
43 department of transportation, the adopting entity of the county may
44 impose the surtax either:

- 45 (1) at a rate of at least two percent (2%) and not more than twenty
46 percent (20%); or
- 47 (2) at a specific amount of at least seven dollars and fifty cents
48 (\$7.50) and not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

49 However, the surtax on a vehicle may not be less than seven dollars and
50 fifty cents (\$7.50). The adopting entity shall state the surtax rate or

1 amount in the ordinance that imposes the tax.

2 **(j) To be eligible for a distribution under IC 8-23-30-2(k), a**
3 **county must adopt a county vehicle excise tax and a county wheel**
4 **tax, as provided in IC 6-3.5-5-2, not later than:**

5 **(1) for the distribution made in 2026, May 1, 2026; and**

6 **(2) for a distribution made in a subsequent year, September**
7 **1 of the prior calendar year.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 6-3.5-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2019,
9 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) After January 1 but before September
11 1 of any year, the adopting entity may, subject to the limitations
12 imposed by subsection (b), adopt an ordinance to rescind the surtax. If
13 the adopting entity adopts such an ordinance, the surtax does not apply
14 to a vehicle registered after December 31 of the year the ordinance is
15 adopted.

16 (b) The adopting entity may not adopt an ordinance to rescind the
17 surtax unless it concurrently adopts an ordinance under IC 6-3.5-5 to
18 rescind the wheel tax. In addition, the adopting entity may not adopt an
19 ordinance to rescind the surtax if:

20 (1) any portion of a loan obtained by the county under IC 8-14-8
21 is unpaid; or

22 (2) any bonds issued by the county under IC 8-14-9 are
23 outstanding.

24 **(c) An adopting entity must provide the bureau of motor**
25 **vehicles with an ordinance adopted under this section not later**
26 **than:**

27 **(1) for an ordinance adopted before May 1, 2026, not later**
28 **than May 1, 2026; and**

29 **(2) for an ordinance adopted after April 30, 2026, not later**
30 **than September 1 of the year the ordinance is adopted.**

31 SECTION 3. IC 6-3.5-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2019,
32 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) If an adopting entity adopts an ordinance to
34 impose, rescind, or change the rate or amount of the surtax, the
35 adopting entity shall send a copy of the ordinance, and, if applicable,
36 a copy of the letter from the Indiana department of transportation
37 approving the adopting entity's transportation asset management plan,
38 to the bureau of motor vehicles on or before September 1, to be
39 effective January 1 of the following calendar year.

40 (b) An adopting entity shall submit all copies under subsection (a)
41 in a manner prescribed by the bureau of motor vehicles.

42 **(c) To be eligible for a distribution under IC 8-23-30-2(k), an**
43 **adopting entity must provide the bureau of motor vehicles with a**
44 **copy of the adopting entity's approved transportation asset**
45 **management plan not later than:**

46 **(1) for the distribution made in 2026, May 1, 2026; and**

47 **(2) for a distribution made in a subsequent year, September**
48 **1 of the prior calendar year.**

49 SECTION 4. IC 6-3.5-4-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2016,
50 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
51 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) In the case of a county that does not

1 contain a consolidated city of the first class, the county treasurer shall
2 deposit the surtax revenues in a fund to be known as the " _____
3 County Surtax Fund".

4 (b) Before the twentieth day of each month, the county auditor shall
5 allocate the money deposited in the county surtax fund during that
6 month among the county and the cities and the towns in the county **that**
7 **are not adopting municipalities (as defined in IC 6-3.5-10-1) in**
8 **which a municipal vehicle excise tax went into effect after**
9 **December 31, 2026.** The county auditor shall allocate the money to
10 counties, cities, and towns under IC 8-14-2-4(c)(1) through
11 IC 8-14-2-4(c)(3), **except that for purposes of making the**
12 **allocations:**

- 13 **(1) the population of a city or town that is an adopting**
- 14 **municipality in which a municipal vehicle excise tax went into**
- 15 **effect after December 31, 2026, is considered to be zero (0);**
- 16 **(2) the street mileage of a city or town that is an adopting**
- 17 **municipality in which a municipal vehicle excise tax went into**
- 18 **effect after December 31, 2026, is considered to be zero (0)**
- 19 **miles; and**
- 20 **(3) the allocation to a city or town that is an adopting**
- 21 **municipality in which a municipal vehicle excise tax went into**
- 22 **effect after December 31, 2026, is zero dollars (\$0).**

23 (c) Before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the county treasurer
24 shall distribute to the county and the cities and towns in the county the
25 money deposited in the county surtax fund during that month. The
26 county treasurer shall base the distribution on allocations made by the
27 county auditor for that month under subsection (b).

28 (d) A county, city, or town may only use the surtax revenues it
29 receives under this section:

- 30 (1) to construct, reconstruct, repair, or maintain streets and roads
- 31 under its jurisdiction; or
- 32 (2) for the county's, city's, or town's contribution to obtain a grant
- 33 from the local road and bridge matching grant fund under
- 34 IC 8-23-30.

35 SECTION 5. IC 6-3.5-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
36 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The adopting entity of any county may,
38 subject to the limitation imposed by subsection (b), adopt an ordinance
39 to impose a county wheel tax in accordance with this chapter on each
40 vehicle that:

- 41 (1) is included in one (1) of the classes of vehicles listed in
- 42 section 3 of this chapter;
- 43 (2) is not exempt from the wheel tax under section 4 of this
- 44 chapter; ~~and~~
- 45 (3) is registered in the county; **and**
- 46 **(4) is not registered in an adopting municipality of the county**
- 47 **where a municipal wheel tax went into effect after December**
- 48 **31, 2026, in the adopting municipality.**

49 (b) The adopting entity of a county may not adopt an ordinance to
50 impose the wheel tax unless it concurrently adopts an ordinance under
51 IC 6-3.5-4 to impose the county vehicle excise tax.

1 (c) The adopting entity may impose the wheel tax at a different rate
 2 for each of the classes of vehicles listed in section 3 of this chapter. In
 3 addition, the adopting entity may establish different rates within the
 4 classes of buses, semitrailers, trailers, tractors, and trucks based on
 5 weight classifications of those vehicles that are established by the
 6 bureau of motor vehicles for use throughout Indiana. Except as
 7 otherwise provided in subsection (f), the wheel tax rate for a particular
 8 class or weight classification of vehicles:

9 (1) may not be less than five dollars (\$5) and may not exceed
 10 forty dollars (\$40), if the county does not use a transportation
 11 asset management plan approved by the Indiana department of
 12 transportation; or

13 (2) may not be less than five dollars (\$5) and may not exceed
 14 eighty dollars (\$80), if the county uses a transportation asset
 15 management plan approved by the Indiana department of
 16 transportation.

17 The adopting entity shall state the initial wheel tax rates in the
 18 ordinance that imposes the tax.

19 (d) Subject to subsection (e), a wheel tax imposed by this chapter
 20 for a vehicle is due and shall be paid each year at the time the vehicle
 21 is registered.

22 (e) If the county wheel tax imposed by this chapter was not paid for
 23 one (1) or more preceding years, the bureau may collect only the
 24 county wheel tax imposed by this chapter for the:

25 (1) registration year immediately preceding the current
 26 registration year;

27 (2) current registration year; and

28 (3) registration year immediately following the current
 29 registration year.

30 (f) Beginning July 1, 2025, if a county containing a consolidated city
 31 uses a transportation asset management plan approved by the Indiana
 32 department of transportation, the wheel tax rate for a particular class or
 33 weight classification of vehicles may not be less than five dollars (\$5)
 34 and may not exceed two hundred forty dollars (\$240).

35 SECTION 6. IC 6-3.5-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2017,
 36 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. If an adopting entity adopts an ordinance
 38 imposing the wheel tax after December 31 but before September 1 of
 39 the following year, a ~~vehicle described in section 2(a) of this chapter~~
 40 ~~is subject to the wheel tax if it is registered in the county applies~~ after
 41 December 31 of the year in which the ordinance is adopted. If an
 42 adopting entity adopts an ordinance imposing the wheel tax after
 43 August 31 but before the following January 1, a ~~vehicle described in~~
 44 ~~section 2(a) of this chapter is subject to the wheel tax if it is registered~~
 45 ~~in the county applies~~ after December 31 of the year following the year
 46 in which the ordinance is adopted. However, in the first year the tax is
 47 effective, the tax does not apply to the registration of a motor vehicle
 48 for the registration year that commenced in the calendar year preceding
 49 the year the tax is first effective.

50 SECTION 7. IC 6-3.5-5-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2016,

1 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. (a) In the case of a county that does not
3 contain a consolidated city, the county treasurer shall deposit the wheel
4 tax revenues in a fund to be known as the "County Wheel Tax Fund".

5 (b) Before the twentieth day of each month, the county auditor shall
6 allocate the money deposited in the county wheel tax fund during that
7 month among the county and the cities and the towns in the county **that**
8 **are not adopting municipalities (as defined in IC 6-3.5-11-1) in**
9 **which a municipal wheel tax went into effect after December 31,**
10 **2026.** The county auditor shall allocate the money to counties, cities,
11 and towns under IC 8-14-2-4(c)(1) through IC 8-14-2-4(c)(3), **except**
12 **that for purposes of making the allocations:**

13 (1) **the population of a city or town that is an adopting**
14 **municipality in which a municipal wheel tax went into effect**
15 **after December 31, 2026, is considered to be zero (0);**

16 (2) **the street mileage of a city or town that is an adopting**
17 **municipality in which a municipal wheel tax went into effect**
18 **after December 31, 2026, is considered to be zero (0) miles;**
19 **and**

20 (3) **the allocation to a city or town that is an adopting**
21 **municipality in which a municipal wheel tax went into effect**
22 **after December 31, 2026, is zero dollars (\$0).**

23 (c) Before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the county treasurer
24 shall distribute to the county and the cities and towns in the county the
25 money deposited in the county wheel tax fund during that month. The
26 county treasurer shall base the distribution on allocations made by the
27 county auditor for that month under subsection (b).

28 (d) A county, city, or town may only use the wheel tax revenues it
29 receives under this section:

30 (1) to construct, reconstruct, repair, or maintain streets and roads
31 under its jurisdiction;

32 (2) as a contribution to an authority established under IC 36-7-23;
33 or

34 (3) for the county's, city's, or town's contribution to obtain a grant
35 from the local road and bridge matching grant fund under
36 IC 8-23-30.

37 SECTION 8. IC 8-23-2-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
38 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
39 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.1. (a) The department may assume the**
40 **responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation**
41 **with respect to the United States Department of Transportation's**
42 **duties under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**
43 **(42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other federal environmental laws. The**
44 **department may:**

45 (1) **assume responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 326 and 23 U.S.C.**
46 **327; and**

47 (2) **enter into one (1) or more agreements, including**
48 **memoranda of understanding, with the United States**
49 **Department of Transportation related to:**

50 (A) **designating categorical exclusions from federally**
51 **required environmental assessments or impact statements**

1 for highway projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 326; and
 2 (B) the federal surface transportation project delivery
 3 program for the delivery of transportation projects,
 4 including highway, railroad, public transportation, and
 5 multimodal projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 327.

6 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the department waives
 7 its immunity from civil liability, including immunity from suit in
 8 federal court, and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts
 9 over its civil liability with regard to the compliance, discharge, or
 10 enforcement of the responsibilities assumed by the department
 11 under subsection (a).

12 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to those actions that are
 13 authorized under subsection (a) and does not create liability for the
 14 department that exceeds the liability created under 23 U.S.C. 326
 15 and 23 U.S.C. 327.

16 (d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
 17 implement this section. The department may adopt the relevant
 18 federal environmental standards as the standards for a program
 19 described in subsection (a)(2).

20 SECTION 9. IC 8-23-23-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 21 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The commissioner shall ensure that the
 23 department makes information available to county boards of
 24 commissioners and county highway departments about funding from
 25 federal and private sources that might be available to the counties for
 26 projects involving the reconstruction or replacement of low water
 27 crossings (as defined in ~~IC 8-23-30-1(d)~~, IC 8-23-30-1(e)), including
 28 the following:

- 29 (1) The federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (23
 30 U.S.C. 133).
- 31 (2) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

32 SECTION 10. IC 8-23-30-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 33 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "eligible project"
 35 means either of the following:

- 36 (1) A project:
 - 37 (A) that is undertaken by a local unit;
 - 38 (B) that repairs or increases the capacity of local roads and
 39 bridges; and
 - 40 (C) that is part of the local unit's transportation asset
 41 management plan.
- 42 (2) A project that:
 - 43 (A) is undertaken by a local unit; and
 - 44 (B) reduces the risk to human life from low water crossings.

45 (b) As used in this chapter, "enhanced asset management plan"
 46 refers to a data driven asset management plan adopted by a local
 47 unit that:

- 48 (1) is designed to maximize the lifecycle performance and cost
 49 effective management of the entire network of transportation
 50 assets for which the local unit is responsible;
- 51 (2) inventories all streets or road segments within the local

- 1 **unit's transportation network, including sufficient detail to**
- 2 **support network-level and segment-level analysis;**
- 3 **(3) includes objective, repeatable condition assessments for**
- 4 **each street or road segment using the Pavement Surface**
- 5 **Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system or another pavement**
- 6 **condition rating methodology approved by the department;**
- 7 **(4) incorporates measures of roadway deterioration,**
- 8 **roughness, surface distress, or other physical characteristics**
- 9 **approved by the department relevant to pavement**
- 10 **performance and remaining service life;**
- 11 **(5) concatenates geospatial data with the asset condition or**
- 12 **rating data of each street or segment;**
- 13 **(6) is used by the local unit to prioritize maintenance,**
- 14 **preservation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction activities in**
- 15 **a manner intended to extend asset service life and minimize**
- 16 **long term lifecycle costs across the entire transportation**
- 17 **network;**
- 18 **(7) is updated at intervals established by the department to**
- 19 **ensure the ongoing accuracy and usefulness of the data for**
- 20 **lifecycle management purposes, but not less than once every**
- 21 **year; and**
- 22 **(8) makes the concatenated geospatial data and asset**
- 23 **condition or rating data available for access and display on**
- 24 **both the local unit's website, and the website maintained by**
- 25 **the local technical assistance program.**

26 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the local road and
 27 bridge matching grant fund established by section 2 of this chapter.

28 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** As used in this chapter, "local unit" means a county or
 29 municipality.

30 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** As used in this chapter, "low water crossing" means a public
 31 road waterway crossing:

- 32 (1) other than a bridge where construction improvements have
- 33 been made in the stream, river, or lake bed to provide a firm
- 34 surface for vehicles to travel across the water course; and
- 35 (2) that is designed and constructed to be passable to traffic most
- 36 of the year during periods of ordinary stream flow but is
- 37 impassable to traffic during periods of high water.

38 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** As used in this chapter, "transportation asset management
 39 plan" includes planning for drainage systems and rights-of-way that
 40 affect transportation assets.

41 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** As used in this chapter, "wheel tax" means the tax imposed
 42 in an ordinance adopted under:

- 43 (1) IC 6-3.5-5, in the case of a county; and
- 44 (2) IC 6-3.5-11, in the case of a municipality.

45 SECTION 11. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 46 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 47 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local road and bridge matching
 48 grant fund is established to provide matching grants to local units for
 49 eligible projects.

50 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

51 (c) The fund consists of the following:

- 1 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- 2 (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (d).
- 3 (3) Money deposited in or transferred to the fund from any other
- 4 source.
- 5 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not
- 6 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 7 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
- 8 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 9 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
- 10 to the state general fund.
- 11 (f) Not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall report to the
- 12 state comptroller the amount of matching grants awarded by the
- 13 department from the fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
- 14 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, that the department will not distribute
- 15 before July 1, 2025.
- 16 (g) The state comptroller shall determine the balance of the money
- 17 in the fund on June 15, 2025, and on June 15 of each year thereafter.
- 18 After determining the balance of money in the fund under this
- 19 subsection, the money in the fund must be allocated in accordance with
- 20 subsection (h), transferred in accordance with subsections (i) and (j),
- 21 and distributed in accordance with subsection (k).
- 22 (h) After determining the balance of the money in the fund under
- 23 subsection (g), the money in the fund must first be allocated as follows:
- 24 (1) On June 30, 2025, the department must allocate the total of
- 25 the amount determined under subsection (f) plus one hundred
- 26 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make
- 27 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
- 28 and ending June 30, 2026, to all local units. The department may
- 29 not award more than ~~one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)~~
- 30 **one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)** of
- 31 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
- 32 and ending June 30, 2026. **The department may not award a**
- 33 **local unit more than one (1) matching grant in the state fiscal**
- 34 **year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**
- 35 (2) On June 30, 2026, and June 30 of each year thereafter, the
- 36 department must allocate the first one hundred million dollars
- 37 (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make matching grants in
- 38 the next state fiscal year to all local units.
- 39 (i) After the department allocates the money in the fund under
- 40 subsection (h), the state comptroller shall make the following five (5)
- 41 transfers:
- 42 (1) On June 30, 2026, a transfer of:
- 43 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax
- 44 credits certified for 2025 by the department of state revenue
- 45 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
- 46 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
- 47 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for
- 48 deposit in the state highway road construction and
- 49 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
- 50 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade

- 1 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.
- 2 (2) On June 30, 2027, a transfer of:
- 3 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax
- 4 credits certified for 2026 by the department of state revenue
- 5 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
- 6 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
- 7 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for
- 8 deposit in the state highway road construction and
- 9 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
- 10 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
- 11 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.
- 12 (3) On June 30, 2028, a transfer of:
- 13 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax
- 14 credits certified for 2027 by the department of state revenue
- 15 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
- 16 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
- 17 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for
- 18 deposit in the state highway road construction and
- 19 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
- 20 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
- 21 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.
- 22 (4) On June 30, 2029, a transfer of twenty million dollars
- 23 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
- 24 road construction and improvement fund established under
- 25 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
- 26 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.
- 27 (5) On June 30, 2030, a transfer of twenty million dollars
- 28 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
- 29 road construction and improvement fund established under
- 30 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
- 31 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.
- 32 (j) Beginning on June 30, 2027, and on June 30 of each year
- 33 thereafter, after the department allocates the money under subsection
- 34 (h) and the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (i),
- 35 when applicable, the state comptroller shall transfer fifty million
- 36 dollars (\$50,000,000) of money in the fund to the consolidated city in
- 37 Marion County for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation
- 38 of the consolidated city's local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)).
- 39 **The following apply to a transfer under this subsection:**
- 40 (1) The consolidated city in Marion County shall not use these
- 41 revenues for:
- 42 (1) (A) reducing the capacity of existing roads and streets;
- 43 (2) (B) greenways;
- 44 (3) (C) bike lanes;
- 45 (4) (D) bike trails; and
- 46 (5) (E) sidewalks.
- 47 (2) ~~One hundred percent (100%) of the~~ **The** money distributed to
- 48 the consolidated city under this subsection shall be matched with
- 49 an appropriation by the consolidated city **as follows:**
- 50 (A) **For the transfer made on June 30, 2027, the**

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consolidated city must provide a match of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), all of which must be new revenue and may not include any other distributions made to the consolidated city under this title.

(B) For the transfer made on June 30, 2028, the consolidated city must provide a match of seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000), of which twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) must be new revenue and may not include any other distributions made to the consolidated city under this title or previously used to make a match under this subdivision.

(C) For the transfer made on June 30, 2029, the consolidated city must provide a match of eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000), of which ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) must be new revenue and may not include any other distributions made to the consolidated city under this title or previously used to make a match under this subdivision.

(D) For the distribution made on June 30, 2030, the consolidated city must provide a match of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000), of which ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) must be new revenue and may not include any other distributions made to the consolidated city under this title or previously used to make a match under this subdivision.

(E) For the transfer made on June 30, 2031, and for the transfers made on June 30 each year thereafter, the consolidated city must provide a match of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), of which ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) must be new revenue and may not include any other distributions made to the consolidated city under this title or previously used to make a match under this subdivision.

(3) The appropriation required to be made by the consolidated city under this subsection must be new revenue and may not include revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6.

(4) The transfer under this subsection continues until the consolidated city is unable to provide the match required under subdivision (2). The consolidated city shall notify the state comptroller not later than December 31 of the calendar year prior to a transfer if the consolidated city is able to provide the match required under subdivision (2). The state comptroller may not make a transfer on June 30 of the year the consolidated city cannot provide the match required under subdivision (2) or on June 30 of any subsequent years.

(5) If the transfer under this subsection ends, the consolidated city must use any remaining funds that were used to provide a match under subdivision (2) only for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation of the city's local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)) and may not use the funds for any

1 **of the purposes provided in subdivision (1) or for any other**
 2 **purpose.**

3 (k) ~~Beginning~~ On June 30, ~~2027~~, **2026**, **after the state comptroller**
 4 **makes a transfer under subsection (i)**, and on June 30 of each year
 5 thereafter, after the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection
 6 (j), the state comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the money in
 7 the fund, as follows:

8 (1) To be eligible to receive a distribution under this subsection,
 9 a local unit must have:

10 (A) adopted a wheel tax **and vehicle excise tax**; and

11 (B) provided the local technical assistance program at Purdue
 12 University with an updated transportation asset management
 13 plan within the last twelve (12) months.

14 (2) The distribution to a local unit eligible to receive a distribution
 15 under subdivision (1) must be proportional to the local unit's
 16 share of the total lane mileage for all local units eligible to receive
 17 a distribution under subdivision (1). The department shall provide
 18 to the state comptroller the total lane mileage for purposes of
 19 making the distribution under this subsection.

20 A local unit may use a distribution made under this subsection only for
 21 eligible projects. **A local unit that is eligible for a distribution under**
 22 **this subsection may receive a matching grant under this chapter,**
 23 **subject to the limits provided in section 3.5 of this chapter.**

24 (l) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose
 25 of the fund.

26 (m) Money in the fund may not be transferred, assigned, or
 27 otherwise removed from the fund by the state board of finance, the
 28 budget agency, or any other agency until after budget committee
 29 review, except for either or both of the following purposes:

30 (1) The department may distribute funds to a local unit that has
 31 been approved for a grant under this chapter without budget
 32 committee review.

33 (2) To transfer money in the fund under subsections (i) and (j) and
 34 to make a distribution under subsection (k) without budget
 35 committee review.

36 SECTION 12. IC 8-23-30-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 37 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. In each state fiscal year beginning after
 39 June 30, ~~2027~~, **2026**, a local unit that receives a distribution under
 40 section 2(k) of this chapter may ~~not apply~~ **be eligible** for a grant ~~from~~
 41 **the local road and bridge matching grant fund described in** ~~under~~
 42 section 2(h) of this chapter. **The grant distribution amount may not**
 43 **exceed the maximum amount in an amount that is greater than the**
 44 **maximum grant amount** set under section 8 of this chapter minus the
 45 amount the local unit received from a distribution under section 2(k) of
 46 this chapter. **A distribution made under section 2(k) of this chapter**
 47 **may limit the total amount a local unit is eligible to receive from**
 48 **the local road and bridge grant matching grant under section 2(h)**
 49 **of this chapter only for the calendar year in which the funds are**
 50 **received.**

1 SECTION 13. IC 8-23-30-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 2 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) In the evaluation of applications for grants
 4 from the fund for projects described in section 1(a) of this chapter, the
 5 department shall give preference to projects that are anticipated by the
 6 department to have the greatest regional economic significance for the
 7 region in which the local unit is located.

8 **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the department may give**
 9 **preference to projects submitted by local units that have submitted**
 10 **enhanced asset management plans to the department and the local**
 11 **technical assistance program at Purdue University.**

12 SECTION 14. IC 8-23-30-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 13 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. If the department approves a grant to a local
 15 unit under this chapter, the required local matching amount by the local
 16 unit is equal to the following applicable percentage of the total cost of
 17 the eligible project:

18 (1) For a county applicant, the following:

19 (A) Fifty percent (50%), if the county has a population greater
 20 than or equal to fifty-five thousand (55,000).

21 (B) Twenty percent (20%), if the county has a population of
 22 less than fifty-five thousand (55,000).

23 (2) For a city or town applicant, the following:

24 (A) Fifty percent (50%), if the city or town has a population
 25 greater than or equal to ~~ten thousand (10,000):~~ **twelve**
 26 **thousand five hundred (12,500).**

27 (B) Twenty percent (20%), if the city or town has a population
 28 of less than ~~ten thousand (10,000):~~ **twelve thousand five**
 29 **hundred (12,500).**

30 SECTION 15. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 31 SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
 33 subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause to be
 34 operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles having
 35 weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following limitations:

36 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of any vehicle or
 37 combination of vehicles may not exceed an overall gross weight
 38 on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles produced by
 39 application of the following formula:

$$40 \quad W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

41 where W equals the overall gross weight on any group of two (2)
 42 or more consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred (500)
 43 pounds, L equals the distance in feet between the extreme of any
 44 group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the
 45 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two
 46 (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of
 47 thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the overall
 48 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
 49 tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more. The overall gross
 50 weight limit, calculated under this subdivision, may not exceed
 51 eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

- 1 (2) The weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any
2 tandem axle group may not exceed the following:
3 (A) Thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds total weight.
4 (B) Twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on an individual axle in
5 a tandem group.
6 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
7 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
8 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim or an axle weight
9 in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds.
10 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject to
11 the following:
12 (1) It is lawful to operate within the scope of a permit, under
13 weight limitations established by the Indiana department of
14 transportation and in effect on July 1, 1956, as provided in
15 IC 9-20-6.
16 (2) It is lawful to operate or cause to be operated a vehicle or
17 combination of vehicles on a heavy duty highway or an extra
18 heavy duty highway designated by the Indiana department of
19 transportation if operated within the imposed limitations.
20 (3) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or
21 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local
22 authorities under IC 9-20-1-3 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local
23 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a
24 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,
25 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight limitations
26 established under IC 9-20-5.
27 (4) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules of
28 weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana department
29 of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject to
30 subsection (a) when operated on a toll road facility.
31 (5) For purposes of a heavy duty vehicle that is equipped with an
32 auxiliary power unit, the weight limitations provided in
33 subsection (a) are increased by four hundred (400) pounds.
34 (6) For purposes of a vehicle that uses natural gas as a motor fuel
35 **or is powered primarily by means of electric battery power,**
36 the weight limitations provided in subsection (a) are increased by
37 two thousand (2,000) pounds.
38 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a) or
39 this subsection applies to vehicles operated upon a highway. The
40 weight limits in effect on January 4, 1975, for any highway that is not
41 designated as a heavy duty highway under IC 9-20-5 are the following:
42 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or
43 combination of vehicles may not exceed seventy-three thousand
44 two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds.
45 (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from a
46 tandem axle group may not exceed sixteen thousand (16,000)
47 pounds for each axle of a tandem assembly.
48 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
49 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
50 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle weight

- 1 greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.
- 2 (d) For purposes of this section, "auxiliary power unit" means an
3 integrated system that:
- 4 (1) provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming, or electricity
5 to components on a heavy duty vehicle; and
- 6 (2) is certified by the administrator of the United States
7 Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 89 as meeting
8 applicable emission standards.
- 9 (e) For purposes of this section, "heavy duty vehicle" means a
10 vehicle that:
- 11 (1) has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than eight thousand
12 five hundred (8,500) pounds; and
- 13 (2) is powered by a diesel engine.
- 14 SECTION 16. IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),
15 SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana department of
17 transportation or local authority that:
- 18 (1) has jurisdiction over a highway or street; and
- 19 (2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the highway
20 or street;
- 21 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,
22 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other
23 objects not conforming to this article, including a vehicle transporting
24 an ocean going container, if the department or authority finds that other
25 traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or bridge will not
26 be seriously damaged.
- 27 (b) The permit granted under subsection (a) must authorize the
28 operation of a tractor-semitrailer and load that:
- 29 (1) exceeds the maximum length limitation under this chapter;
30 and
- 31 (2) is subject to regulation under this chapter;
- 32 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after
33 sunset.
- 34 (c) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:
- 35 (1) A single trip. **A permit issued under this subdivision is valid**
36 **for five (5) days from the date it is issued. However, if a**
37 **tractor-semitrailer and load require a law enforcement escort,**
38 **a permit issued under this subdivision is valid for ten (10)**
39 **days from the date it is issued.**
- 40 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.
- 41 (3) A ninety (90) day period.
- 42 (4) A one (1) year period.
- 43 (d) This subsection applies to the transportation of ocean going
44 containers that:
- 45 (1) have been sealed at the place of origin and have not been
46 opened except by an agent of the federal government that may
47 inspect the contents; and
- 48 (2) are being transported to or from a distribution facility.
- 49 The total gross weight, with load of a vehicle or combination of
50 vehicles transporting an ocean going container may not exceed

1 ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. A permit issued under this
 2 section must be issued on an annual basis. A permit issued under this
 3 subsection may not impose a limit on the number of movements
 4 generated by the applicant or operator of a vehicle granted a permit
 5 under this subsection.

6 SECTION 17. IC 9-20-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2025,
 7 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "drive away or tow
 9 away" means the delivery service performed by a transport operator by
 10 which motor vehicles in transit are delivered by driving singly or in
 11 combination by the towbar, saddlemount, or fullmount methods or any
 12 lawful combination of those methods, including coupling equipment or
 13 where a truck or tractor draws or tows a semitrailer or trailer in transit.

14 (b) A combination of two (2) vehicles coupled together, including
 15 load, may not exceed a total length of sixty (60) feet, except for the
 16 following:

17 (1) A combination of two (2) vehicles coupled together that are
 18 especially constructed to transport other vehicles or boats. This
 19 exception includes any combination of a truck, tractor,
 20 semitrailer, and trailer if the combination is used exclusively or
 21 primarily in connection with motorsports.

22 (2) A combination of two (2) vehicles coupled together being
 23 transported in a drive away or tow away service.

24 (3) A pole trailer owned by or operated for a public utility (as
 25 defined in IC 8-1-2-1), while the pole trailer is being used in
 26 connection with the utility services of the public utility.

27 (4) Trailers used in transporting oil field equipment or pipe for the
 28 transmission of oil or gas.

29 (5) Construction vehicles with a towbar connection used in
 30 connection with a trailer used to haul heavy equipment **or**
 31 **construction materials.**

32 SECTION 18. IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 33 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 34 1, 2026]:

35 **ARTICLE 19.5. DESCRIBING REAL PROPERTY; INDIANA**
 36 **PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM**

37 **Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions**

38 **Sec. 1. Nothing in this article prohibits a person from using:**

39 (1) **the most recent or a prior version of the SPCS established**
 40 **by the NGS; or**

41 (2) **the Indiana Coordinate System of 1983, as provided in**
 42 **IC 32-19;**

43 **to state the geographic positions or locations of points above, on, or**
 44 **below the surface of the earth within Indiana.**

45 **Sec. 2. As used in this article, "INPCS" means the Indiana Plane**
 46 **Coordinate System, as described in IC 32-19.5-2-1.**

47 **Sec. 3. As used in this article, "LDP" means low distortion map**
 48 **projections and refers to a zone yielding minimized differences**
 49 **between ground-measured horizontal distances and the**
 50 **corresponding grid coordinate distances.**

51 **Sec. 4. As used in this article, "NGS" means the National**

1 Geodetic Survey or its successors.

2 Sec. 5. As used in this article, "NSRS" means the National
3 Spatial Reference System or its successors.

4 Sec. 6. As used in this article, "SPCS" means the State Plane
5 Coordinate System or its successors.

6 Sec. 7. As used in this article, "zone" means the area constituted
7 in Indiana to be portrayed by a specified conformal map projection
8 and its defining parameters.

9 Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System;
10 Zones

11 Sec. 1. The most recent system of plane coordinates established
12 by the NGS, based on the NSRS, and known as the SPCS, for
13 defining and stating the geographic positions or locations of points
14 on the surface of earth within Indiana shall be known as the
15 "Indiana Plane Coordinate System".

16 Sec. 2. (a) For purposes of the use of the INPCS, Indiana is
17 divided into a statewide zone layer and a multizone layer.

18 (b) The statewide zone layer:

19 (1) consists of a single zone, which is constituted by the total
20 area included in Indiana;

21 (2) should generally be used for applications such as:

22 (A) a statewide digital orthoimagery;

23 (B) a statewide geographic information system; and

24 (C) emergency management and preparedness mapping;
25 and

26 (3) should generally not be used for applications such as:

27 (A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in
28 865 IAC 1-12;

29 (B) describing real property; and

30 (C) the design and construction of large facilities or
31 massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants,
32 bridges, and dams.

33 (c) The multizone layer:

34 (1) consists of multiple LDP zones that are constituted by the
35 areas included in individual counties or specified groups of
36 counties; and

37 (2) should generally be used for applications such as:

38 (A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in
39 865 IAC 1-12;

40 (B) describing real property;

41 (C) the design and construction of large facilities or
42 massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants,
43 bridges, and dams; and

44 (D) city or county geographic information systems.

45 Sec. 3. The use of the term "Indiana Plane Coordinate System"
46 or "INPCS" on any map, report of survey, or other document must
47 be limited to coordinates based on the INPCS as described in this
48 article.

49 Chapter 3. Coordinates; Geodetic Control; Recording
50 Requirements

51 Sec. 1. (a) The plane coordinates of a point to be used in

1 expressing the geographic position or location of the point in the
 2 appropriate zone of the INPCS must consist of two (2) distances,
 3 expressed in feet and decimals of a foot or meters and decimals of
 4 a meter. When a value is expressed in feet, it must be expressed in
 5 international feet (1 foot = 0.3048 meters).

6 (b) The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the
 7 distance east of the Y axis is the "east or x-coordinate". The
 8 distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance north of
 9 the X axis is the "north or y-coordinate".

10 (c) The Y axis of any zone must be parallel with the central
 11 median of that zone. The X axis of any zone must be at right angles
 12 to the central median of that zone.

13 **Sec. 2. To locate the position of the coordinate systems on the**
 14 **surface of the earth within Indiana, the position of the INPCS must**
 15 **be established by geodetic control points or positioning systems,**
 16 **such as the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)**
 17 **that are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
 18 **Administration CORS Network, or similar points and systems**
 19 **whose positions have been established from those points and**
 20 **systems.**

21 **Sec. 3. Coordinates based on the Indiana coordinate system of**
 22 **1927 (as described in IC 32-19), the Indiana coordinate system of**
 23 **1983 (as described in IC 32-19), the INPCS, or any other**
 24 **coordinate system published by an agency of the federal**
 25 **government or the state, including the Indiana Geospatial**
 26 **Coordinate System, purporting to define the position of a point on**
 27 **a land boundary map may not be presented to be recorded in any**
 28 **public land records or deed records unless the recording document**
 29 **contains the following:**

- 30 (1) The method used to relate the coordinates to the NSRS.
- 31 (2) The name and zone of the coordinate system, including the
- 32 following metadata:
 - 33 (A) Reference frame or datum.
 - 34 (B) Datum realization.
 - 35 (C) Epoch.
 - 36 (D) Units.

37 **Sec. 4. The official geodetic datums to which geodetic**
 38 **coordinates are referenced within Indiana must be as defined for**
 39 **the NSRS.**

40 **Chapter 4. Descriptions of Land Using the Indiana Plane** 41 **Coordinate System**

42 **Sec. 1. As established for use in any of the zones within the**
 43 **multizone layer, the INPCS:**

- 44 (1) must be named; and
- 45 (2) in any land description in which it is used, must be
- 46 designated by the official name promulgated by the National
- 47 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's NGS.

48 **Sec. 2. When a tract of land to be defined by a single description**
 49 **extends from one (1) zone into other adjacent zones, the positions**
 50 **of all points on the boundaries of the tract being defined must be**
 51 **referred to by the zone that is specifically named in the description.**

1 **Sec. 3. (a) Descriptions of tracts of land by reference to the**
 2 **United States public land surveys, other original pertinent surveys,**
 3 **or subdivisions are recognized as the basic and prevailing method**
 4 **for describing such tracts.**

5 **(b) If coordinates of the INPCS are used to describe a tract of**
 6 **land that, in the same document, is also described by reference to**
 7 **any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land**
 8 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:**

9 **(1) the description by coordinates must be construed as**
 10 **supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line,**
 11 **or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of**
 12 **record; and**

13 **(2) in the event of any conflict, the description by reference to**
 14 **the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States land**
 15 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions**
 16 **prevails over the description by coordinates.**

17 SECTION 19. IC 36-9-42.2-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 18 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter, "transportation asset
 20 management plan" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 8-23-30-1(e)~~.
 21 **IC 8-23-30-1(f).**

22 SECTION 20. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

(Reference is to ESB 179 as reprinted February 24, 2026.)

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