

'Driving' Indiana Forward

In nearly every issue of *BizVoice*®, we focus on one of the four drivers of the *Indiana Vision 2025* economic development plan. This time around is no exception with an in-depth section on Superior Infrastructure. But the other key areas of the plan are also represented.



Here's the breakdown:

- **Superior Infrastructure:** Four stories and three contributed columns span the range from expanding uses of solar and new developments in battery storage to recycling and advancements in water resource legislation. Infrastructure analysis occurs at the state and federal levels. Transportation funding leads off the roundtable discussion of the Indiana General Assembly session and the three members of Indiana's congressional delegation serving on infrastructure committees weigh in on President Trump's plans.

Air connectivity is one of the important ingredients in business attraction and development. A two-page graphic compares Indianapolis to other airports in the Midwest and breaks down the numbers – airlines, flights, destinations – for Evansville, Fort Wayne and South Bend facilities.

- **Dynamic and Creative Culture:** Our yearlong tech series is highlighted by visits to four co-working spaces. Find out about emerging business development efforts in Columbus, Huntingburg, Marion and Zionsville.
- **Outstanding Talent:** The *Indiana Vision 2025* Report Card and 10th annual employer workforce survey paint a telling picture. We're experiencing improvements in performance in certain areas, but also seeing troubling trends continue in the mismatch between job openings and employee skills.
- **Attractive Business Climate:** The Report Card acknowledges the strong Indiana scores in its legal, regulatory and tax climates. Health care remains a major concern, with smoking and obesity rates still too high and leading to a variety of costs from our workplaces to our communities.

Indiana Vision 2025 goals also helped guide the process for scoring lawmakers on voting records for the 2017 *Legislative Vote Analysis*.

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