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# CLIMATES SOLUTIONS

## At the Intersection of Land Use and Transportation Planning

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### Speakers

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#### Welcome

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**Mayor Tony Roswarski**  
City of Lafayette  
Mayor since 2004  
President of MPO Policy  
Board

Mayor Roswarski began his commitment to the City of Lafayette and community service in 1983 when he joined the Lafayette Police Department. He served over 20 years and retired at the rank of Captain. During his time on the Department, he received the Bronze Merit Award for a hostage rescue situation. He was co-nominee for Officer of the Year and was Investigator of the Year. In 1999, Mayor Roswarski was elected to the Lafayette City Council and in 2003, he was elected to the Office of Mayor for the first time. He is currently in his fifth term, serving his 17<sup>th</sup> year. Mayor Roswarski serves on many local boards and is the recipient of state and local honors for community service work. He is married to Tonya, and has four children, Brooke, Michael, Alanna and Sarah, and seven grandchildren.



**Tracy Brown**  
President, Board of  
County Commissioners  
Commissioner since 2015  
MPO Policy Board  
Member  
Area Plan Commission  
Member

Commissioner Brown began his career in law enforcement in 1982 eventually serving as Tippecanoe County Sheriff from 2007-2014. In 2014 he was elected to the Board of County Commissioners and continues in that role today. Tracy has received numerous local and state honors and community service awards. He strongly advocates for the ADA in Tippecanoe County and was instrumental in establishing a county wide ADA Team. In 2018, he was awarded Indiana ADA County Coordinator of the Year. He is currently pursuing his ADA Coordinators Training Certification through the University of Missouri. Most importantly, Tracy is committed to his family, his wife Elizabeth, twin daughters, Tiffany & Amber, sons Jared and Nathan and two grandchildren.

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**Mayor John Dennis**  
City of West Lafayette  
Mayor since 2008  
Vice President of MPO  
Policy Board

Mayor Dennis was born in Japan and moved to West Lafayette with his family as a young child, where he was raised and educated. He graduated from Indiana State University and worked for a period of time in California, where he met his wife Mary. The couple then relocated to Ireland, where they resided for two years, and their daughter Michelle was born. Mayor Dennis, upon his return to West Lafayette, joined the Lafayette Police Department, staying with LPD for 23 years, retiring as Deputy Chief of Police.

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### Indiana Climate Change Impacts

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**Dr. Jeffery S. Dukes**  
Belcher Chair for  
Environmental  
Sustainability  
Director, Purdue  
Climate Change  
Research Center

As the director of the [Purdue Climate Change Research Center \(PCCRC\)](#), director of the [Boston Area Climate Experiment](#) and the leader of the [INTERFACE Research Coordination Network](#), Jeff, a professor of forestry and natural resources, is part of a national network of leading climate change scholars and scientists. The PCCRC brings together researchers across 27 departments at Purdue to address the complex and interdisciplinary challenge of climate change. Most recently, his work highlights the importance of a variety of ecological processes for Earth's future climate.

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### Integrating Natural-Hazard Resilience into Transportation Planning FHWA Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty Panel Presentation

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**Heather Holsinger**  
Environmental  
Specialist  
FHWA Office Natural  
Environment,  
Sustainable  
Transportation and  
Resilience Team

Heather's work at FHWA involves policy development and analysis in the areas of transportation system resilience, sustainability, and alternative fuel vehicles. Prior to joining FHWA, Heather served as a Senior Policy Fellow and Program Manager for Adaptation at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, a Senior Analyst with the Natural Resources and Environment team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), and as an economic and environmental management consultant. She holds Masters degrees from Duke University in resource economics (MEM) and public policy (MPP) and a BA from the University of Virginia with majors in Economics and Environmental Science.

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**Rebecca Lupes**  
Environmental  
Protection Specialist  
FHWA Office Natural  
Environment,  
Sustainable  
Transportation and  
Resilience Team

Becky works on integrating consideration of natural-hazard resilience into agency programs. She helps oversee a pilot program in which transportation agencies assess and address the natural-hazard resilience of their transportation infrastructure, and she led development of FHWA's Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Framework.



**Corbin Davis**  
Community Planner  
FHWA Office of  
Planning, Planning  
Oversight and  
Stewardship Team

Corbin is a national leader in policy development and implementation for transportation performance management and transportation planning for State DOTs and MPOs. Corbin has over 10 years of experience with FHWA and is a member of the Planning Oversight and Stewardship Team. He previously worked in the FHWA Tennessee Division in Nashville, TN and the FHWA Georgia Division in Atlanta, GA. Corbin received a Master's degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor's degree in geographic science from James Madison University.



**Jim Thorne**  
Transportation  
Specialist  
FHWA Office of  
Planning,  
Transportation  
Planning Capacity  
Building Team

Jim is involved in efforts to develop and deliver training, technical assistance and technology deployment as well as support research projects across a range of transportation planning topics. Prior to joining FHWA, Jim worked with two Metropolitan Planning Organizations as a planner, modeler, and transportation planning director. He also worked with the American Public Works Association as Director of Research.

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## FHWA – Indiana Division Update

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**Mayela Sosa**  
Indiana Division  
Administrator

Mayela is responsible for directing the delivery of the annual federal-aid program in Indiana and advancing national goals, strategic initiatives and transportation innovations. Prior to coming to Indiana, Mayela held various positions in FHWA's Arizona, California and Texas Division Offices. Mayela holds a Bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies & Economics from The University of Texas and a Master's degree from The University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs. She is also a military veteran, having served four years on active duty in the U.S. Army and ten years of reserve duty in the U.S. Army Reserve.

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## Transportation Reauthorization Bill Progress and NARC Update

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**Erich Zimmermann**  
National Association of  
Regional Councils  
Deputy Director/Director of  
Transportation Programs

Erich manages the National Association of Regional Council's transportation portfolio, advocating in Congress and the Administration for the issues important to members. In addition to transportation policy, he also has extensive experience in issues related to the federal budget and appropriations. Erich is a member of the Transportation Research Board's Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes Committee (ADA20) and serves as a Board Member on the Consortium for Scenario Planning. Prior to NARC, Erich spent nearly a decade at a nonpartisan budget watchdog organization. He has a B.A. in Political Communication from The George Washington University and a M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana.

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