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# Position Statement

## INDOT System Analysis

Indianapolis, Indiana June 5, 2018 The Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis (HUNI) appreciates INDOT's response to the public's concern for a need for alternate solutions for the Northsplit. However, this system analysis does not go far enough to be able to appropriately select the best solution for transportation infrastructure within its vibrant urban context.

At the INDOT Consulting Party meeting on Friday, January 26, 2018, HUNI urged INDOT to join with the City of Indianapolis and Metropolitan Planning Organization to work together on a policy directive to shape future investments in the interstate system through downtown. We have consistently advocated for the development of technically and economically feasible alternatives that more holistically address community development and quality of life opportunities. Those include economic development, environmental and social justice considerations, and historic preservation (the route slices through several National Register and local IHPC districts) in addition to traffic management (in conjunction with mass transit, bike trails, and other modes of transportation). Our intention has not been adversary to the existing process, but rather to facilitate a creative solution that meets INDOT's objectives, accelerates a bold vision for a world-class City, and maintains Indianapolis as the primary economic generator for the State of Indiana.

HUNI recognizes the safety and aging infrastructure issues and is requesting that INDOT move forward immediately by **stabilizing, not expanding**, existing structures and pavements. **Reduce weaving** impacts through speed control measures. Extend the life of the infrastructure for 3-5 years. In tandem with these steps, HUNI encourages INDOT to **create a partnership** between the Rethink 65/70 Coalition, City, State, and MPO for development of a comprehensive plan that includes community considerations of economic development and quality of life, in addition to moving traffic. **Maintain the partnership** to implement the plan in logical phases.

Proceeding now with a permanent solution to the Northsplit clearly puts the cart before the horse and can perpetuate the mistakes of the past.