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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Leesburg bridge work starts Monday
Project to close part of Leesburg through mid-May
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FORT WAYNE, Ind.(WANE) - The Allen County Highway Department announced Wednesday that the Leesburg Road Bridge over the Seegar Ditch will be closed beginning Monday, January 18, as work begins to replace the 45-year-old structure. Leesburg Road will be closed between O'Day Road and Flaugh Road during the construction, which is expected to be completed in mid-May. The project consists of removing the existing bridge originally constructed in 1965 and replacing it with a new three-span bridge 60 and a-half feet long and 32 feet wide. New pavement approaches will also be constructed. RL McCoy, Inc. will perform the construction work after submitting the low bid of \$396,940. The engineer's estimate was \$426,339. <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/leesburg-bridge-work-starts-monday>

U.S. 31 bypass around Kokomo is running 2 years early
The Truth Newspaper
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INDIANAPOLIS -- The Kokomo portion of the ongoing U.S. 31 upgrade should be completed two years ahead of schedule -- at the end of 2013, according to Gov. Mitch Daniels. Daniels told the U.S. 31 Coalition at its annual legislative day Tuesday that the Kokomo portion of the project -- a bypass on a new corridor around the eastern side of the city -- has been accelerated. Two miles of new highway construction are under way and two bridges carrying county road traffic over the highway are already opened to traffic, the governor's office said in a written release. Meanwhile, the new Plymouth-South Bend portion of U.S. 31 should be open at the end of 2014. Ten miles of new roadway are under construction, with work on 10 additional miles to come. <http://www.etruth.com/Know/News/Story.aspx?id=502916>

State surveying fixes for Dupont jams
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
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The state is examining the best way to relieve current and projected congestion at the Interstate 69-Dupont Road interchange -- including the construction of another interchange north on the freeway. The Indiana Department of Transportation has hired DLZ Indiana to survey land north of the Dupont Road interchange to examine possible

ways to improve traffic flow, said Toni Mayo, INDOT spokeswoman.
<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100113/LOCAL/301139981>

Mayor Shares His Vision for Old Owensboro Executive Property

WTVW

Josh Breslow

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Months after Owensboro's Executive Inn came crumbling to the ground, Mayor Ron Payne has announced a plan for the spot where the rubble now sits. "I intend to ask our city commission to create a new park on this property," said Payne. A park is just one of the mayor's suggestions. He unveiled his proposal during his State of the City address in front of the Chamber of Commerce at its Rooster Booster breakfast. Payne wants to put a 1.3-million-dollar investment on the site of the former hotel. It would also include a road to connect First Street to Veterans Boulevard, going through the old Executive Inn property, with a roundabout in the center. <http://tristatehomepage.com/content/fulltext/?cid=123831>

New Transportation Improvement Plan includes 70 projects

WFIE

Nathan Ryder

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TRI-STATE (WFIE) - The Metropolitan Planning Organization released their new three year transportation plan. New roads and new bike paths are on the list. The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization keeps a close eye on population growth and economic expansion happening in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Henderson counties. The group projects what will need to be done to keep commuters flowing smoothly throughout the Tri-County region. It was an opportunity for tax payers to see how their tax dollars will be spent on transportation projects in both Evansville and Henderson metropolitan areas Wednesday night. The Transportation Improvement Plan, or TIP for short, includes about 70 different transportation projects, all to be completed in the next three years and all with one goal in mind: keeping traffic moving smoothly.

<http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=11819721>

Keystone Parkway to reopen today at 116th Street overpass

The Indianapolis Star

Chris Sikich

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CARMEL -- Keystone Parkway will open today underneath the 116th Street overpass, according to Carmel officials. Keystone Parkway traffic using the ramp and Frontage Road at 116th will be moved to the permanent Keystone Parkway travel lanes under the newly constructed 116th Street overpass. Exits to and from 116th will remain open.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100114/LOCAL0101/1140485/1150/LOCAL0101>

I-69 project moves forward

WTHI

Mike Grant

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DAVISS COUNTY, Ind. (WTHI) - The state begins laying out the path for the highway between Washington and Crane. Actual work is scheduled to begin this spring, with the

first contract to be awarded next month. Indiana officials say the purchasing of land for the road is going well. "There's always speculation out there that you can get it done in the way you say you can get it done," said Ron Arnold from the Daviess County Development Corporation. "Apparently things are a lot better than a lot of people would anticipate." The project is also getting a boost in terms of money. Recent highway project bids in Indiana have consistently come in under engineer's estimates.

<http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/I69-project-moves-forward>

Bauer: Improve state bridges to make jobs

The Indianapolis Star

Bill Rutthart

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There's no sense in saving money for future generations when it's needed now to create jobs. That's the message House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer delivered Thursday when he proposed spending state savings to build new bridges, and thus create jobs, across the state. Bauer, D-South Bend, said the state should spend more than \$500 million it has set aside in the Next Generation Trust Fund, in order to put more Hoosiers to work as soon as possible. The legislature created the fund in 2006 as an addition to Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels' Major Moves initiative, which funded 10 years of statewide road projects by leasing the Indiana Toll Road to a private operator for \$3.8 billion.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20101150382>

Ind. 39 north of I-70 to close Monday in Hendricks County

The Indianapolis Star

Josh Duke

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BELLEVILLE -- Ind. 39 will close north of I-70 Monday in Hendricks County to replace a bridge and will remain closed until April 15. The work is part of a bigger \$12.2 million construction project that has affected about seven miles of Ind. 39 from Monrovia, north over I-70 and continuing north to U.S. 40 and Belleville since July. The highway sections in Morgan and Hendricks counties will be closed at various times through September 2011 to resurface Ind. 39 with asphalt, add curbs and gutters in Monrovia and Bellville and replace several pipe structures and work on bridges north and south of I-70.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20101140477>

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