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Several road projects scheduled for Vanderburgh Co. in 2010

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VANDERBURGH CO., IN (WFIE) - More orange barrels will soon be popping up in Vanderburgh County. The county plans to tackle several projects this year, including a few in Evansville. While several projects are in the works on the county's northeast side, the Maryland Street bridge along with the First Avenue bridge are also scheduled for extensive repair work soon, and one business owner near the bridges is worried about the impact of construction. But county commission president Troy Tornatta said lanes should remain open on both the First Avenue and Maryland Street bridges. Each bridge project will cost the county around \$1 million, lasting anywhere from three to six months. Tornatta said the repair and reconstruction work should start within the next month.

<http://www.14wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=11847250>

City plans road extension between U.S. 52 and Concord Road

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When Duane Sellers of Lafayette rides his bicycle down Concord Road near Brady Lane, one thing becomes clear. "This area is handling more and more traffic," said Sellers, who lives on Brady Court. "We've lived here for 20 years in this house. ... It was pretty much out in the country at that time." In 2011, the city expects to begin an approximately \$6.5 million project to help alleviate some of the traffic congestion near that area, which is congested by motorists heading to the Tippecanoe Mall and down County Road 350 South, a main thoroughfare. The project will extend Maple Point Drive, which runs next to the mall, from U.S. 52 to Concord Road near Rea Magnet Wire Co., city engineer Jenny Miller said at a board of works meeting Tuesday. The new road will snake south around the former buildings of the Rostone Corp., at 2450 Sagamore Parkway. Those buildings have been vacant since 2005. Also included in the project is the widening and improving of Concord Road from its new intersection with Maple Point until Brady Lane, Miller said. The project includes a walking trail, sidewalk and a roundabout at Concord Road and its new intersection with Maple Point Drive.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100120/NEWS02/1200342>

The good: High-speed rail The questionable: Tax-cap race
The Bluffton News-Banner

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A push to bring high-speed passenger rail to the Midwest — including a stop in Fort Wayne — is still moving full-speed ahead, a bit of good news last week in the midst of several troublesome happenings. Some 800 people — including area, state and national politicians — met for a rally in Fort Wayne Saturday at the Baker Street Train Station to show their support for bringing passenger-train service back to Fort Wayne. Our neighbor to the north is one of the largest U.S. cities that does not have passenger rail service — a great misfortune for Hoosiers and the environment. Officials from the Northeast Indiana Rail Association organized the standing-room only rally as proponents updated the community on efforts to allow passengers to begin traveling across the Midwest at speeds up to 110 mph in 2017. <http://www.news-banner.com/index/news-app/story.15255>

Indiana-Kentucky group has yet to meet on funding for new bridges
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. - A panel of Indiana and Kentucky residents charged with deciding how to pay for the \$4.1 billion Ohio River bridges project has not met in the six months since its formation. Leaders on both sides of the river are worried that the group's lack of action could jeopardize other federally funded projects in the Louisville and southern Indiana region. The 14-member panel is nowhere close to producing a financing plan for the project to build the two bridges, and a Dec. 18 meeting was postponed with no makeup date set, The Courier-Journal reported. Local leaders say the bridges financing has a domino effect on local governments' use of federal funding for long- and short-term regional projects.
<http://www.therepublic.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=111&ArticleID=141759>

Bridge to be repaired in Tippecanoe Co.
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TIPPECANOE COUNTY, Ind. (WLF1) - A bridge in Tippecanoe County will soon get a new look. The Tippecanoe County Commissioners took bids under advisement to repair Bridge 151, also known as Hog Point Bridge. Highway Department Assistant Director Mike Spencer said the last time the bridge was worked on was in the 70s. He said other road improvements near the bridge will be made as well. "The bridge itself will get a new deck on it. I believe it will be wider. The deck that's on there is severely deteriorating. There will be a lot of road improvements along Pretty Prairie Road where it ties in with Grant Road. It's kind of an unsafe intersection right now, it will make it a lot safer for the public," said Spencer. The low bid for the project came from Jack Isom Construction at around \$2.3 million. <http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/Bridge-project-in-Tippecanoe-County>

Private Tollway Proposal Returns
WIBC
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A highway project shelved by the legislature three years ago is back in the fast lane. In 2007, Governor Daniels suggested a public-private partnership to build a new tollway in northwest Indiana. The Illiana Expressway proposal came just a year after the

controversial lease of the Indiana Toll Road. A combination of landowners unhappy about possible routes and anger over another privately-run highway sank the idea. Now a Senate committee has approved it unanimously, and Gary Senator Earline Rogers expects the proposal to encounter little opposition en route to Daniels' desk. Rogers and then-Indianapolis Sen. Glenn Howard were the only Democrats to vote for the Toll Road lease. The Illiana Expressway bill authorizes the state to charge tolls on the new road and to recruit a private partner to build it. <http://www.wibc.com/news/Story.aspx?ID=1186508>

Carmel extends contract for Keystone construction

The Indianapolis Star

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CARMEL -- Carmel officials will extend the city's Keystone Parkway construction project coordinator's contract through October for \$173,000. The money will come from funds already marked for Keystone. The city is paying for the \$112 million project with \$90 million in state funds, an \$11 million bond and interest. The city has contracted with Indianapolis-based American Structurepoint for millions of dollars for professional services such as technical expertise and negotiating for rights of way. City Engineer Mike McBride estimates the funding for the project coordinator would have run out by the end of the month without the additional money. Construction on Keystone began in 2008 and intersections with 106th, 116th, 126th and 136th streets are now open. Construction has not yet begun at the last two intersections in the project, Carmel Drive and 131st Street. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100120/LOCAL0101/1200383/1001/NEWS>

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