



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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**Street reconstruction incorporates sustainable designs**  
Purdue Exponent  
Jonathan Oskvarek  
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Construction on Cumberland Avenue started with the order of the West Lafayette Board of Works on Monday. With heavy work beginning in March, the project should be completed by October. "Cumberland Avenue is one of the main east-west thoroughfares in West Lafayette," Mayor John Dennis said. Due to the magnitude of the project, Dennis said it will be completed in three phases. The first step of construction on this vital roadway involves relocating utilities and detouring traffic, City Engineer David Buck said. As soon as the traffic is rerouted, the existing pavement will be removed. Adding storm water infrastructure and sub-grading will then follow. In March, the city will close Cumberland Avenue from U.S. Route 52 to the Salem Courthouse Apartments, closing the intersection of Cumberland and Kent Avenues until the end of June. Traffic will be detoured onto Win Hentschel Drive and Yeager Road. In July, the city will close the east end of Cumberland, which runs from the Salem Courthouse Apartments to Yeager. All construction is scheduled to be completed by October, which, according to Buck, sets a hard pace.

[http://www.purdueexponent.com/index.php/module/Section/section\\_id/4?module=article&story\\_id=19578](http://www.purdueexponent.com/index.php/module/Section/section_id/4?module=article&story_id=19578)

**Frugal spending key for city's future, Costas says**  
Post-Tribune  
Teresa Auch Schultz  
1/27/10

VALPARAISO -- Mayor Jon Costas stressed during his State of the City address Tuesday the need for the city to keep moving forward while being careful with its money. The mayor detailed plans for the rest of the year, including work on a new roundabout, construction of the new Central Park Plaza downtown and the start of the city's \$15 million storm water improvement project. Costas talked about the need not to fall back to how the city used to operate, which he described as never investing in city infrastructure so that it fell into disrepair. As part of that frugality, the city has managed to save \$2.7 million in its rainy day fund and another \$1.8 million in other funds, Costas said. The city is continuing to look toward making investments, though, and Costas talked about how the city has raised \$540,000 so far for the Central Park Plaza, with another possible \$400,000 coming this year. Construction is supposed to start on a pay-as-you-go approach. Work will also start on a roundabout at Silhavy and Vale Park roads. Costas said detractors of roundabouts have a case of "aroundaphobia" and said the roundabout at Lincolnway and LaPorte Avenue has helped increase the flow of traffic. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/porter/2012554,valpo-state-0127.article>

Public meeting to discuss 3rd phase of U.S. 27 project will take place Feb. 10

Palladium-Item  
Pam Tharp  
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The next phase of work on U.S. 27 in Richmond will likely require the relocation of up to five residences and businesses. A public hearing on the preliminary plans for the project will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Richmond City Council chambers in the city building. The reconstruction of the federal highway likely won't begin for 18 months to two years, so the city's other state highway projects should be completed by then, said Harry Maginity, spokesman for the Indiana Department of Transportation. U.S. 27 phase 3 starts at Sim Hodgkin Parkway and extends south about two miles to South O Street near the Richmond corporation limits. The project includes the replacement of the Whitewater River bridge and the correction of two substandard horizontal curves, Maginity said. <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100127/UPDATES/100127021>

No high speed rail grants for FW  
WANE  
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At least for now, It looks like Fort Wayne will miss out on federal money for high speed rail service. The White House released the \$8 billion grant list late Wednesday night. However, \$71,364,980 will be awarded to the Small Corridors, Projects, and Planning Indiana Project. According to Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Service, the money will be awarded to fund the Indiana Gateway Corridor construction which includes eight independent projects along a very congested segment between Porter, IN and the Indiana/Illinois state line. The projects include crossovers and related signal system improvements, minor rail additions and siding improvements. <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/No-high-speed-rail-grants-for-Indiana>

Council supports rebuilding Cline extension  
Post-Tribune  
Karen Caffarini  
1/28/10

MERRILLVILLE -- The Town Council added its support for rebuilding the Cline Avenue extension and discussed tightening rules for parking on streets during the winter. The council during its regular meeting Tuesday passed a resolution in support of rebuilding the bridge, which the Indiana Department of Transportation has said is unsafe and needs to be demolished. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2015347,mv-cline-o0128.article>

\$23M stimulus will help city repair streets, bridges  
The Indianapolis Star  
Francesca Jarosz  
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Some of the bumpy, pothole-pocked roadways that frustrate city drivers will get a face-lift thanks to a \$23 million federal stimulus grant. The upgrades to 132 miles of thoroughfares and 13 bridges were detailed Tuesday in a joint announcement by Mayor Greg Ballard and U.S. Rep. Andre Carson, D-Indianapolis. Streets such as Emerson Avenue on the Eastside, Thompson Road on the Southeastside and Mooresville Road on the Southwestside will be milled, leveled and covered with asphalt. They are beyond the point of preventive maintenance and were picked based on the frequency of repairs and calls to the Mayor's Action Center. The bridges were chosen based on their readiness to be completed. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20101270385>

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