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INDOT says SR 23 & Eddy construction in 2012
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Thursday night about a proposed construction project at the intersection of State Road 23, Eddy Street, and Corby Boulevard. Residents can learn about the project involving this intersection and share their opinion. Basically, the state is looking to re-design this "five point" intersection that connect the three main roads. The goal is to improve safety and traffic flow by adding travel lanes and turn lanes. In order to do this, INDOT would have to buy about 10 1/2 acres surrounding that intersection, which includes residential and commercial buildings. The current proposal for this project would cost \$10.5 million and construction would begin in 2012 and take several phases to complete.

<http://www.fox28.com/Global/story.asp?S=12003859>

Also,

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100218/News01/100219363&template=247art>

Also, <http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100219/News01/2190308/-1/googleNews>

Illiana hearing tonight in Crown Point
Post-Tribune
Jon Seidel
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INDIANAPOLIS -- Rep. Scott Pelath opened the first of three Illiana Expressway hearings Wednesday by saying he hoped to make a recently emotional issue "boring" once more. Nearly two hours later, the hearing ended with transportation committee chairwoman Rep. Terri Austin, R-Anderson, storming off the floor of the House of Representatives, away from reporters, to track down a rule book. Minutes earlier the Democrat rebuffed a motion by Rep. Bill Davis, R-Portland, to pass the bill just as she was trying to put the committee in recess. Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, was one of two members who seconded Davis' motion. Passing the bill might have stopped a public hearing still set for 7 tonight at the auditorium at Crown Point High School, 1500 S. Main St. Davis said he tried to pass the bill because he heard overwhelming support from the people in the audience. As written, the bill would authorize a public/private partnership to build the Illiana Expressway. Pelath, a Democrat from Michigan City and the latest sponsor of the bill, said the highway is once again intended to connect Interstate 65 in Indiana with Interstate 57 in Illinois. Earlier this session, supporters said they wanted the highway to extend to Interstate 55 in Illinois. The road would be built with private dollars as a toll road, with Indiana retaining ownership of the land beneath the highway. Pelath said he would insist that common construction wage be used

by the developer. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/2054962,hearing-illiana0218.article>
Also, <http://www.wibc.com/news/Story.aspx?id=1198256>
Also, <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=40277>
Also, http://nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/article_1ec8a74c-187f-5971-8047-916baa370a05.html

"Thumbs Up" from public on final Five Points intersection plan
WSBT
Troy Keyhoe
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SOUTH BEND — It's been talked about for more than a decade, but now, final plans in place for a facelift to one of Indiana's most infamous and potentially dangerous intersections. Hundreds gathered Thursday to give their input on proposed changes to "five points" in South Bend. Many people initially opposed the changes when they were first unveiled in 1999, saying they robbed the Northeast neighborhood of its character and replaced it with concrete and asphalt. But, since then, improvement plans have been drastically changed several times. The latest plan, a \$10.5 million proposal, would widen the roadway to four lanes from Campeau Street to Twyckenham Road, separated by a landscaped median, with left turn lanes at side street openings. In addition, the road's new route would curve east of Eddy Street, eliminating the five points intersection. Campeau Street would be extended west to intersect with Notre Dame Avenue. Corby Boulevard would be connected to Howard Street via an "S" curve. <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/84753732.html>

Transportation Secretary Coming to Southern Indiana
Inside Indiana Business
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U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood will visit southern Indiana Monday to discuss two transportation projects. He'll make his first stop in Jeffersonville to talk about the Ohio River Bridges Project, then travel to Madison to address the recent TIGER grant announcement for the rehabilitation of the Madison-Milton Bridge. <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=40221>

INDOT To Replace State Road 9 Bridge Superstructure
Daily Reporter
2/18/10

GREENFIELD — The Indiana Department of Transportation is scheduling preliminary work to begin March 1 at the State Road 9 bridge spanning Interstate 70 on the north side of Greenfield. Shutt-Lookabill of Indianapolis was awarded the district bridge project based on its low bid of \$3,284,106. Scope of the work includes rebuilding the bridge's superstructure and widening the deck to accommodate another turn lane and wider shoulders. <http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/articles/2010/02/18/news/07.txt>

Federal grant denied for Carmel roundabout project
WXIN
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CARMEL, IN - Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard will have to look elsewhere for more money to finish the Keystone Parkway roundabout project. A federal committee decided not to give the city any more grant money. State and federal highway departments have already given

Carmel \$90 million for a project that continues to grow in price. The current estimate to turn six intersections from 96th to 146th street into roundabouts is \$112 million dollars.

<http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-carmel-roundabout-money-021810,0,3314886.story>

Tearing it up; construction begins on Maplecrest Road extension

The News-Sentinel

Bob Caylor

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The first steps in the extension of Maplecrest Road to Adams Center Road have started. Contractors are demolishing buildings and felling trees at the south end of the extension's route, near Indiana 930. The project will create a clear north-south route through eastern Allen County, from Maplecrest's intersection with Interstate 469 in the north to Marion Center Road's intersection with I-469 in the south. The project will cost about \$28.8 million. It will extend Maplecrest Road 1.5 miles south over the Maumee River, linking with Adams Center Road just west of New Haven. The county is issuing bonds to help pay for construction; those bonds will be repaid using property taxes from new investment in the area, supplemented if necessary by a fund used to maintain large bridges. The extension is expected to be ready for traffic in September 2012. <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100219/NEWS/2190328>

Officials prepare for possibility of more road stimulus

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Tippecanoe County transportation officials outlined plans last week for spending roughly \$20 million in federal roads funding that's expected to come over the next four years. Project priorities for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 were set by the technical transportation committee of the county's Area Plan Commission. This year, federal funds are being used to purchase right of way for projects planned along the Cumberland Avenue extension and Yeager Road. In 2011-13, transportation officials hope to front-load federal roads dollars in Tippecanoe County to complete preliminary engineering and right of way on projects planned for South Ninth and South 18th streets in Lafayette, Soldiers Home Road in the county and North Street in Battle Ground.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100222/NEWS02/2220321/Officials-prepare-for-possibility-of-more-road-stimulus>

Also, <http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/Portion-of-Cumberland-ave-to-close>

Stimulus shovels heaps of money into NWI

The NWI Times

Keith Benman

2/21/10

The Obama administration's stimulus program pumped at least \$251 million into Northwest Indiana's schools, nonprofits, roads and trains in 2009, giving many a boost as other funding dried up. A Times' analysis of data from the federal government's Recovery.gov Web site shows area schools and education initiatives won the largest chunk of discretionary stimulus dollars, followed by transportation projects, local government and then nonprofits and private companies.

http://nwtimes.com/news/local/lake/article_8174a5e7-9522-59f9-ad94-e6d5c8b7d858.html

FEDS: KEEP ON WALKING: U.S. Department of Transportation denies Big Four Bridge grant

request
The News and Tribune
David Mann
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The U.S. Department of Transportation has denied a \$25 million request for federal funding for the Big Four Bridge project. Local leaders had asked for the money as a part of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program, also known as the TIGER grant, which allocated federal stimulus dollars to transportation projects. The Big Four Bridge was a railroad crossing between Jeffersonville and Louisville until it was abandoned in 1969 and its approaches were removed and sold for scrap iron. Leaders from Kentucky and Indiana are seeking to convert the structure into a pedestrian and bicycle crossing. A new bridge approach is being built in Louisville and one is being designed for Jeffersonville. The money requested through the TIGER grant would have covered the \$15 million price tag on the Jeffersonville approach.

http://www.newsandtribune.com/clarkcounty/local_story_050202114.html?keyword=topstory

Town studies what to do with unused road funds
Post-Tribune
Carrie Napoleon
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CEDAR LAKE -- Officials in this cash-strapped community are contemplating just how to get the most out of between \$250,000 and \$400,000 in unused funding from the West 133rd Street widening and resurfacing project. However, the way the funds were secured -- for transportation improvements in the town's west side tax increment financing district -- means that how it can be spent is tightly controlled. Ian Nicolini, town administrator, explained the funds can only be used in the TIF district itself and must be used for landscape, hardscape or lighting. Nicolini said the road improvements that would be possible using the TIF revenues were completed with the West 133rd Street project.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2061819,scape-cl-0222.article>

Purdue might privatize transportation services
The Indianapolis Star
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West Lafayette -- Purdue University officials are considering whether to hire private contractors to handle the school's vehicle maintenance, rental and charter bus services. The possible change comes as Purdue looks to close a potential \$67 million budget deficit and prepares for its transportation services building to be removed for a road-widening project.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20102230344>

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