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Construction will cause Cumberland closing
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Starting Monday, Cumberland Avenue in West Lafayette will be closed to all traffic between U.S. 52 and the Salem Courthouse Apartments. David Buck, West Lafayette city engineer, said the closure's impact will be limited and mitigated by other streets. To get around the construction, traffic will be detoured onto Yeager Road. Buck said the complete closure of Cumberland is scheduled to last until June 15, when the road will be partially opened to traffic. By this mid-June date, Buck said the pavement, curbs, signs and the Kent Avenue intersection roundabout will be finished. The roundabout will be the city's first. Other work will continue until October.

http://www.purdueexponent.com/index.php/module/Section/section_id/3?module=article&story_id=20135

County rejects bids to reconstruct Ironwood bridge
WSBT
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SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County commissioners today voted to reject two bids for reconstruction of the Ironwood Drive bridge over the St. Joseph River. The bids, submitted earlier this month by Anlaan Corp. and Northern Indiana Construction Co., both came in well over the engineer's estimate of \$1.5 million. Anlaan bid \$2,040,762, and Northern Indiana Construction Co. \$2,105,453.50. According to Indiana code, counties may reject bids that exceed 15 percent of the original estimate when fewer than four total bids are received. <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/85074047.html>

Capital Avenue development amendment passes Indiana State Senate
WSBT
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The future of development along the Capital Avenue corridor in St. Joe County is now in the hands of the state Legislature. A bill passed the state Senate that calls for a road going west off of Capital, right in the area where the Toll Road intersection is. Mishawaka mayor Jeff Rea is in favor of the road's development. It would open up a 275+ acre parcel of land. But Mishawaka state representative Craig Fry has filed a dissent motion against the bill in the House, which now sends it to a conference committee. Fry is concerned about Capital Avenue turning into another Grape Road or Main Street.

<http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/85127407.html>

Also, <http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100223/News01/100229797/1130>

Indiana, Kentucky to split \$111M for bridge
The Madison Courier
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Indiana and Kentucky will split the \$111 million still needed to replace the Madison-Milton bridge, the Indiana Department of Transportation chief of staff said Monday during a visit by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. LaHood was driven across the bridge and said afterward that he was "scared to death." The commitments by Indiana and Kentucky mean that "if all goes according to plan," chief of staff Bob Zier said, work will begin this summer.

<http://madisoncourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=178&SubSectionID=287&ArticleID=55476>

Express Lane To Ease Construction Congestion
Eastbound I-465 Change To Be Made Monday
The Indy Channel
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INDIANAPOLIS -- Drivers looking to skirt construction congestion on Indianapolis' north side will soon have a new option. An eastbound express lane will be put in place by Monday on Interstate 465 west of Meridian Street in an effort to maintain three lanes of traffic in both directions during a major project to widen the highway. "The left lane of I-465 eastbound will be diverted into this express lane, where they will not be allowed to get off at Keystone (Avenue) or Allisonville (Road), nor will trucks be allowed," said Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman Will Wingfield. The eastbound express lane is expected to be in place for about three months, while the entire \$434 million project should be finished in about a year, adding one lane in each direction. Wingfield said the express lane model was successfully used during construction on the Borman Expressway in northwest Indiana.

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/22662093/detail.html>

Also, http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-new-express-022510_0_1724426.story?track=rss

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100225/LOCAL1802/2250472/1001/NEWS>

Lowell seeks funding help from INDOT
Work at Burr/Indiana 2 must end by April 19
Post-Tribune
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LOWELL -- Officials are waiting for word from the Indiana Department of Transportation to see if it will pick up the majority of the tab on a more than \$18,000 cost overrun on the Indiana 2 and Burr Street reconstruction. Work on the final aspects of the project -- which includes some resurfacing and landscape replacement -- is expected to begin within the next 30 days. The project must be completed by April 19, according to Greg Shook, director of public works. The project, which was coordinated by INDOT and financed by matching funds from the state, was originally scheduled to be finished in the fall. Officials were forced to approve a 45-day extension for the work in November due to long delays in relocating utility lines early in the process. While there is no additional cost for the construction, the town's contract with DLZ Engineering expired Dec. 31. DLZ is asking for another \$18,223 to remain on the project until it is complete. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2066173,loburr0224.article>

Progress stagnant on INDOT projects
The Brazil Times
Jason Moon
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During the past few months, not much has changed regarding anticipated construction start dates for the proposed United States 40 project through Brazil, according to Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) officials. On Tuesday, INDOT Department Crawfordsville District Deputy Commissioner Alan Plunkett met with members of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the project. Initial planning for the project began in 1996. According to Plunkett, while the project has not been canceled, it has been "moved out." Due to financial constraints, having to run on an annual budget and the proposed \$30 million project, Plunkett said it has been pushed back to 2013. He said the design for the project is close to being finalized and at least one more public meeting will take place, but no time or date has been set. According to Plunkett, the current design has not changed much since the last public hearing for the project, which took place in April 2008. Construction on the project will take place between State Road 340 and County Road 100 E (Knightsville Road). <http://www.thebraziltimes.com/story/1613548.html>

South Bend sought as stop on high speed rail line
WSJV
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Indiana House members have accepted an amendment authored by State Representative Ryan Dvorak (D-South Bend) that would put South Bend back into consideration for inclusion on a Chicago-to-Cleveland High Speed Rail line. Dvorak's amendment would require the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to complete a study of a hybrid rail line that would include both South Bend and Fort Wayne on the route. The study would come in advance of the state's application for federal funding for the project. The amendment is now included in Senate Bill 382, which is eligible for third and final consideration in the House on Thursday. The state of Indiana applied for federal funding for the Chicago-to-Cleveland line last year, but designated a route that would bypass St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties in order to dip down to Fort Wayne. Last year's application was denied, but more money to continue developing the national High Speed Rail network is expected to become available next year. <http://www.fox28.com/Global/story.asp?S=12039616>

CONTINUING THE PATH: Next phase of New Albany Greenway unveiled
The News and Tribune
Daniel Suddeath
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The design for the next New Albany segment of the Ohio River Greenway is about 50 percent complete, but the fundamental source for getting it started this summer is still up in the air. As with most projects, money is an issue. Early estimates put construction costs near \$6 million for the next phase of the Greenway that will include roadway improvements from the flood levee east of East Sixth Street to 18th Street, and a 1.5 mile multi-purpose trail connecting Scribner Place to Silver Creek. Federal funding including stimulus money would pay for half of the construction price tag, with the city left to match that investment. http://www.news-tribune.net/cnhi/newstribune/homepage/local_story_054231952.html?keyword=leadpicturestory

Get ready for construction
County has many 2010 projects planned
The Indianapolis Star
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Hamilton County has several major road projects on tap for 2010, but it's uncertain when some might start because the county is waiting to see if it can get more stimulus money to help offset the costs. Stimulus money also will enable the county to fund about \$4 million in paving projects, said Brad Davis, Hamilton County highway director. Most of the prominent projects, except for the Ohio Road bridge over I-69, the Commerce Drive extension and the Shelborne Road roundabout, are 80 percent federally

funded, Davis said. The county has decided to invest heavily in 96th Street this year because it's a major east-west thoroughfare on the south side, Commissioner Steve Holt said. The county also has two big projects on Olio Road, a main north-south thoroughfare on the county's east side.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100225/LOCAL01/2250394/1150/local0101>

Ardmore bid saves city millions

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Benjamin Lanka

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Ardmore Avenue drivers will get a much-improved road this year – and for far less money than the city expected. The Fort Wayne Board of Public Works opened bids Wednesday for the construction project estimated to cost \$5.2 million. The four local companies all submitted bids nearly \$2 million less than the estimate, with Primco Inc. having the apparent low bid of \$3.2 million.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100225/LOCAL/302259982/-1/LOCAL11>

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