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State Road 23's railroad crossing opens in Granger
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A driver's nightmare is over in Granger. State Road 23's railroad crossing is clear. And business and homeowners say they couldn't be happier. Many people say they're happy this part of the construction is over. But the thought of more construction on other parts of SR 23 down the road has some wondering why INDOT is using a better plan. It's a sight we haven't seen in weeks. The opening of the Granger's State Road 23 railway is good news for those who live by the detour routes. <http://www.fox28.com/Global/story.asp?S=12443215>

Better have Plan B
South Bend Tribune
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Get ready for the smell of asphalt in the air and prepare an alternative plan. With a week or two left before Indiana 17 is closed for construction on the new Pioneer Road intersection, Marshall County Commissioners are hoping school bus operators and emergency services units have plans in place for alternative routes — as well as the general public. Once the state road is shut down, it will stay closed for up to 30 days and then the project will move north, say project engineers at DLZ. As soon as utilities are finished relocating and the weather permits, Rieth-Riley Construction plans to begin road construction. Another closure on the horizon is the 13th Road Bridge construction. The \$2.4 million new bridge and realignment project goes to bid Wednesday and should be ready to start the beginning of July. June 2011 is the completion date. With a June 1 deadline for stimulus chip and seal projects, drivers can expect several road delays this month on Michigan Avenue south of Argos, Plymouth Goshen Trail leaving Plymouth and 9A from U.S. 31 to the truck stop — just to name a few. <http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100506/News04/100509627/-1/googleNews>

Vernal Pike to close for construction this summer
Bloomington Herald Times
Bethany Nolan
6/6/10

Nearly 20 years of work to revamp Vernal Pike will finally wrap up with this summer's plan to upgrade the road and realign its intersection with Woodyard Road. "This is the last phase," county highway engineer Bill Williams said earlier this week. "We've had two phases of Vernal and five phases of Curry Pike. There's been road work there since '91." He paused, adding with a chuckle, "This is it. We're finished, at least in my lifetime." The yearlong, \$4.1 million project will

include reconstructing the roadway from Curry Pike to Woodyard Road, and moving the intersection of Woodyard about a quarter-mile west of its existing intersection, matching it up with Enterprise Drive. The project will close Vernal Pike for about a year, from the middle of June through next summer. There will be a detour in place, sending motorists around the work using Woodyard Road, Curry Pike, Third Street and Ind. 37.
[For more information, please call TRIAD at 1-800-288-7423.](#)

Webster Road scheduled to close Monday, May 10
Fort Wayne Daily News
5/7/10

Webster Road will be closed beginning May 10 as part of the US 24-Fort to Port project. The road is closed from Woodburn Road to Slusher Road so crews may begin bridge construction over the new US 24. Webster Road is expected to open in the late fall. Indiana's Fort to Port corridor is expected to open to traffic in late 2012 upon the completion of Phase

1. http://www.fwdailynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7680:Webster-Road-scheduled-to-close-Monday,-May-10&catid=61:times-online2&Itemid=6

U.S. 231 land buys aimed toward construction soon
Journal & Courier
5/7/10

A state project to reroute U.S. 231 around the west side of West Lafayette is moving along - but not without some opposition from holdouts still negotiating with the state over prices for their land. To complete the new four-lane bypass, the state is in the process of buying all or part of 32 land parcels needed for the project, said Will Wingfield, spokesman for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

<http://www.jconline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100507/NEWS/PM/100507019>

Maplecrest work closes trail stretch
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
5/8/10

A section of the Rivergreenway near the Maplecrest Road extension project will close Monday for more than a year. The work on the Maplecrest Road extension required the city to close the path near the construction zone. The quarter-mile section will be closed between the path access near Carrington Fields and the access near Kreager Park. While people may still use the path on both sides of the closure, there will be no access through the construction zone. The city will post "Trail Closed" signs at the intersection of Pemberton and Niagara drives, at the Coliseum Boulevard trail spur and at the North River Road entrance. The Maplecrest Road project will extend the road 1 1/2 miles from Lake Avenue to Indiana 930 and Adams Center Road. It includes a new trail to run along the Maplecrest Road extension for the entire length. There will also be an S-curve ramp from the new Maplecrest Road Trail to connect with the Rivergreenway.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100508/LOCAL/305089916/1002/LOCAL>

Carmel work to close portion of Keystone
The Indianapolis Star
Chris Sikich
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Commuters should prepare for some major headaches when a heavily traveled section of Keystone Parkway closes early today. The city will close the thoroughfare between 126th and

136th streets for about 45 days until work concludes on a roundabout-style interchange at Main Street. Although it might disrupt traffic, Mayor Jim Brainard said, the closure will speed up the project and save the city \$530,000 in labor and other costs.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105100320>

Also, <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/23504057/detail.html>

Medora covered bridge to get \$1M revamp

The Indianapolis Star

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The country's longest covered bridge will get a \$1 million makeover in the coming months. The Medora Covered Bridge in Jackson County is scheduled to get a new roof and new approaches to make the bridge more accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists. The bridge was built in 1875 at a cost of about \$18,000. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is nearly 432 feet long. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010100508009>

Noblesville intersection closed for roundabout construction

The Indianapolis Star

Melanie Hayes

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An eastside intersection closed this week as part of a larger road project. The intersection at Olio Road and Tegler Drive closed on Monday for 60 days so the city and county could rebuild it into a roundabout, said John Beery, the Noblesville city engineer. The new interchange is expected to be open to traffic at the beginning of July.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105070397>

Brown's Station Way project progressing, officials say

Work could last up to two months in Clarksville

Evening News and Tribune

David Mann

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Other than a few slow rush hours, traffic has been moving as good as can be expected on Brown's Station Way, Clarksville officials say. That's as work is under way to repair and resurface the road and lane and ramp closures have taken place. Clarksville Town Council President Greg Isgrigg said the construction work is expected to last another 30 to 60 days, depending on weather. <http://newsandtribune.com/homepage/x1700423553/Brown-s-Station-Way-project-progressing-officials-say>

Chester Boulevard lanes move again Saturday

Palladium-Item

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The Indiana Department of Transportation is planning to route traffic on the south end of the U.S. 27/Chester Boulevard construction project to 10-foot single lanes -- one northbound, one southbound -- along the east side of the roadway. The switchover from west-side lanes between Sim Hodgin Parkway and Industries Road is scheduled for Saturday morning. A third lane dedicated for emergency use will be separated from southbound traffic by orange construction barrels. With the traffic shift, Milestone crews will begin work on the west side of Chester Boulevard, removing curb and widening the roadbed. The \$12.2 million Major Moves project rebuilds 2.5 miles of Chester Boulevard with a continuous center left turn lane. Scope of

construction includes new storm sewers, curbs, gutters and an ADA-compliant sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20100510/UPDATES/100510013/Chester+Boulevard+lanes+move+again+Saturday>

\$3M Margaret Avenue project set for Oct. 5 bid letting
The Tribune-Star
Howard Greninger
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While delayed for right-of-way acquisitions, a more than \$3 million project to convert Margaret Avenue into four lanes from Third Street to Seventh Street is on schedule for an Oct. 5 bid letting. Once bid, officials will then have enough funds to design the next stage of the Margaret Avenue project from Seventh Street to 14th Street, said Ron Hinsenkamp, chief transportation planner at West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD). Hinsenkamp was guest speaker Monday for the annual meeting of the Taxpayers Association of Vigo County at Idle Creek Banquet Center. <http://tribstar.com/news/x1700423385/-3M-Margaret-Avenue-project-set-for-Oct-5-bid-letting>

Interest sinks road projects
Evansville Courier & Press
Dan Shaw
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Indiana officials have postponed a proposed widening of parts of U.S. 41 on the North Side and just north of Evansville, in part because interest revenue from a lease of the state's toll road hasn't poured into public coffers as quickly as expected. According to documents first included in the state's Major Moves plan, construction crews were to add two lanes to the section of U.S. 41 from Diamond Avenue to St. George Road this year, and from St. George Road to Hillsdale Road in 2012. That work, estimated to cost about \$85.1 million, is now scheduled to start in 2018 and 2019. http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/may/10/interest-sinks-road-projects/?partner=yahoo_feeds

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