



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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Dixon under construction — again  
Kokomo Perspective  
Pat Munsey  
5/13/10

Most communities look forward to spring. The songbirds return. The temperatures get warmer. People start thinking about gardens and camping and a number of other outdoor activities. The northwest corner of Kokomo, however, knows spring has arrived for other reasons. Large equipment starts digging up earth. Detours and barricades pop up with their orange strips and flashing lights. And traffic comes to a halt. Dixon Road went under construction yet again this week as the latest stretch of the major north-south artery is widened to four lanes. This time, the road between Sycamore and Jefferson streets will be restricted to travel and eventually closed. It is the third major closure for this retail district since 2004 and the continuation of a project that has lasted almost an entire decade.  
[http://www.kokomoperspective.com/news/article\\_aedc0c0e-5df8-11df-9375-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.kokomoperspective.com/news/article_aedc0c0e-5df8-11df-9375-001cc4c03286.html)

U.S. 27 traffic along Chester Boulevard will be rerouted  
Palladium-Item  
5/11/10

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. A third lane dedicated for emergency use will be separated from southbound traffic by orange construction barrels. When an emergency run occurs, INDOT requests that motorists stop in place and remain stopped until emergency vehicles clear the area. 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/20100511/NEWS01/5110321>

Work on New Albany's Daisy Lane could begin next month  
Evening News and Tribune  
Chris Morris  
5/11/10

Work on the last two phases of the Daisy Lane project will soon be under way, said John Rosenbarger, director of public facilities and projects. Rosenbarger said following the New

Albany Redevelopment Commission meeting Tuesday the bids for both phases are due by June 8 and he hopes bids are awarded June 15. While there is hope most of the work will be completed this year, Rosenbarger admits it is getting late in the construction season. Phase three, the next phase in the road reconstruction plan, includes the area from Green Valley Road to Schell Lane. The work will include building sidewalks on both sides of the road, replacing the bridge over Falling Run Creek, and widening of Daisy Lane.  
<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x1414095053/Work-on-New-Albanys-Daisy-Lane-could-begin-next-month>

State delays bypass project bid opening 1 week  
Bloomington Herald Times  
Michael Malik  
5/12/10

State highway officials did not open bids as planned today for a project that would widen the Ind. 45/46 Bypass. Indiana Department of Transportation officials now plan to open bids for the bypass project May 19. Will Wingfield, an INDOT spokesman, said the bid opening was delayed because state highway officials revised the state's specifications for the project. Plans call for making the bypass a four-lane road with turning lanes from East Third Street to North Walnut Street. Also, it would add side paths and improve pedestrian crossings throughout the project area. The state revised the quantity of drain pipe it needed for the project, Wingfield said. Therefore, the state pushed the bid opening to next week so contractors who bid on the project can adjust their bids using the new information. [For more information, please call TRIAD at 1-800-288-7423.](#)

NIRPC voices keep up push for Cline bridge  
Post-Tribune  
Chelsea Schneider Kirk  
5/12/10

Concerns on the state's plan not to rebuild the Cline Avenue bridge surfaced at a Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission committee meeting on Tuesday. The Transportation Policy Committee voted to support a plan drafted by regional stakeholders, which called for the reconstruction of the bridge along its existing footprint, at its last meeting in April. Tuesday's committee meeting was the first time the group had come together after the Indiana Department of Transportation announced Cline's future on April 15. Instead of rebuilding the bridge, INDOT will rehabilitate Riley and Dickey roads to handle traffic permanently. The plan includes building ramps onto Cline at Dickey.  
<http://www.post-trib.com/news/2260854,nirpc0512.article>

109th Avenue at I-65 to close June 1  
The NWI Times  
Kathleen Quilligan  
5/12/10

East 109th Avenue at Interstate 65 will be closed June 1 until further notice, according to a statement from the city's engineering department. The closure is due to work on the new interchange at 109th Avenue. It was anticipated by project planners. Angie Fegaras, the Indiana Department of Transportation's communication director, said last month the interchange is expected to be completed and open to traffic in September. Construction began last summer, a year later than anticipated, because all the right of way hadn't been acquired. The project has been in the works since 2002. It was fast-tracked with help from \$10 million in federal grants. Crown Point also helped accelerate the project by paying

some of its expenses, which the state reimbursed. The Federal Highway Administration will pay 80 percent of the project with INDOT covering the rest.

<http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/c54ae9d3-72c5-58ca-b20f-6d10172d15c8.html>

**Mayor: Deal will bring improvements boom**

The Indianapolis Star

5/12/10

Standing in front of a half-burned abandoned house, Mayor Greg Ballard talked Tuesday about the need to fix ailing infrastructure and offered the sale of water and sewer utilities as the way to get money to do it. He touted the deal, which would put the utilities under the control of the nonprofit Citizens Energy Group, a "once-in-a-generation opportunity to fix decades-old problems." About \$450 million from the deal -- money that would come from sewer rates -- would be used for roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and other long-term projects. Ballard has pledged the money will not go toward operating costs.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105120370>

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