



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**May 18, 2010**

**Public gives input on construction plan**  
WLF1  
Tiffanie Dismore  
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The public gives its input on construction plans to U.S. Highway 52 during a hearing Thursday night. The 38 million dollar project begins near Beech Street and stretches almost two and a half miles past State Road 25. Suggestions from the community will be taken into consideration before final plans are drawn. U.S. 52 has had the same pavement for over 40 years. More than 33,000 cars use U.S. 52 daily and 716 crashes have occurred, including 138 injuries in the past three years. The Indiana Department of Transportation said poor drainage and the age of the pavement has caused the road to deteriorate.

<http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/public-gives-input-on-construction-plan>

**Newburgh Road Construction Making Business Tough**  
Shatah Sasse  
5/14/10

The project will realign Plum, Jennings, and Main Streets so that entering and exiting from Main and Plum onto 662 and Jennings is much safer. "They're realigning the intersection and so people will be exiting at more of a right angle, before, there were like three or four points where people could enter on to the highway into the road and it was just real dangerous so there were a lot of visibility issues, so it's going to make that safer," Cynthia Burger said. Town Manager, Cynthia Burger says there will also be storm water improvements, and sidewalks along both sides of Jennings and 662. She says the intersection entrances and exits will also be wider. Burger says in the last week, there have been two major sinkholes on Plum Street and Main Street. She says once the project is finished, it will be an impressive improvement.

[http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=157735](http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=157735)

**Major roads restricted for construction**  
WANE  
5/14/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District and the City's Traffic Engineering Department announced that parts of Dupont Road and West Jefferson Boulevard will be restricted to one lane for road improvements. Construction begins Friday for Dupont Road. Construction begins Friday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. for Dupont Road starting from just east of Tonkel Road for about one quarter mile down to River Rapids Run. Wayne

Asphalt will begin milling operations Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the evening and begin paving on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Construction will proceed, alternating one lane at a time, for eastbound and westbound traffic. Construction is scheduled to be completed by May 28, 2010. <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/dupont-jefferson-road-construction>

Street paving projects will begin in mid-June  
Post-Tribune  
Charles Bartholomew  
5/14/10

Crews will start working on about two miles of streets on this year's list of road paving projects by mid-June. Street Commissioner John Schnadenberg will present his recommendation on the pair of bids for materials and services opened at the Town Council on May 24. Low bidder was Rieth Riley Construction, at \$57.10 per ton for asphalt, while Walsh & Kelly of Griffith put in for \$58 per ton. Rieth Riley also submitted lower numbers for other work. Town attorney Charles Lukmann said both bids appear to be in order. Schnadenberg said about \$325,000 will be spent on paving this year. At the council's Monday meeting, Town Engineer Mark O'Dell said bids on the new sidewalk sought by Tanglewood subdivision residents along 5th Street south of County Road 1100N will be opened at the May 24 council meeting. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/porter/2271368,chstreets0514.article>

Ironwood the latest bridge to undergo rehab in St. Joseph County  
WSBT  
Erin Blasko  
5/14/10

Work is set to begin on the Ironwood Drive bridge over the St. Joseph River in what is shaping up to be a busy construction season for bridges in the county. Already, two major spans — Twyckenham Drive and Mishawaka Avenue — are under some sort of repair, with both closed to traffic. In addition, the Sample Street overpass on South Bend's west side is scheduled for minor work in the coming months. According to Andy Hayes, project manager with the county engineering department, so much bridge work in a single construction season is slightly unusual for the county. <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/93803559.html>

HWY 66 crews playing the waiting game  
WFIE  
Nathan Ryder  
5/14/10

INDOT had hoped to reopen a stretch of HWY 66 near Yankeetown by Memorial Day, but it looks like that won't happen. A key component to the project was expected to arrive this week, but it has been delayed. JBI Construction, the contractor who won the INDOT bid back in mid March, was given 90 days from that award to complete repairs to HWY 66 and get it open to traffic. The contractor had originally hoped to get the road open even earlier by Memorial Day weekend, but a natural disaster further to our south isn't going to let that happen. Even beyond quitting time for most construction crews, JBI Construction could be seen working late into the day Friday. <http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12486284>

Cline Avenue project to kick into gear  
The NWI Times

Keith Benman  
5/15/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation is preparing to kick off its three-year plan for rerouting and rebuilding Cline Avenue by awarding the first in a series of bids next week. On May 12, INDOT opened two bids for resurfacing the ramp from Michigan Avenue to eastbound Cline Avenue, a project that will also entail repaving work on Michigan itself. Walsh & Kelly Inc., of Griffith, was the apparent low bidder on the repaving project at \$937,922, according to information posted on INDOT's Web site. Rieth Riley Construction, of Goshen, Ind., bid \$1,012,216. As part of the project, a temporary ramp will be built from Michigan Avenue to Cline Avenue just north of the existing ramp. That will allow work to proceed on the resurfacing. [http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article\\_e7d28229-3316-55bd-a5a4-131b08fc5bbb.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_e7d28229-3316-55bd-a5a4-131b08fc5bbb.html)

Motorists beware of Nebo repaving  
The Star Press  
5/16/10

Motorists traveling Nebo Road will be slowed next week as E & B Paving resurfaces the road from Ind. 332 to White River. Flaggers will direct single-lane traffic around patching, milling and asphalt paving operations. The Indiana Department of Transportation awarded a \$252,113 stimulus contract to E&B for the project. In all, INDOT is seeking bids for or awarded \$658 million in construction contracts under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These monies are providing 100 percent federal funding for 1,082 transportation projects in all 92 Indiana 92 counties. <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100516/NEWS01/5160340>

Broadway improvements won't begin until spring '11  
The NWI Times  
Kathleen Quilligan  
5/16/10

Intersection improvements on Broadway will begin next spring, INDOT officials said this week. Angie Fegasas, Indiana Department of Transportation communications director, said the letting date for the project, which will improve intersections along Broadway between 93rd Avenue and U.S. 231, was moved from mid-May to October. In an e-mail, Fegasas said the date was changed to allow INDOT time to gather all the needed right of way. She also said the date change was to prevent any uncertainty of the cost of materials in the project's bids. Mayor David Uran said in his conversations with INDOT he learned there were still some issues with the right of way, and while that was disappointing, he understood the process of acquiring property can take longer than expected. He said the process still is moving forward. INDOT has said construction would occur between this summer and next summer, meaning the construction start date of April is within that range. Even if the project had been bid this month, construction still wouldn't start until April, Fegasas said. However, state Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh, D-Crown Point, said she was disappointed with the next spring's start date because she had understood the project would begin this summer. The intersection improvements are scheduled to help improve congestion along the busy road and will include the addition of turn lanes, traffic signals and resurfacing along Broadway, also known as Ind. 53. The intersection slated to receive the most improvements is at 109th Avenue, a needed adjustment with the construction of a new interchange off Interstate 65 along the road. The 109th Avenue interchange is scheduled to open in September, INDOT officials have said. <http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/857d9830-33b6-53b2-8846-f9519dd3c4b0.html>

**Damaged houses may be razed soon**  
**Martinsville homes, damaged in '08 flood, are along I-69 route**  
**The Indianapolis Star**  
**Diana Penner**  
**5/17/10**

Demolition could begin by about June 1 on nearly two dozen flood-damaged homes in Martinsville, on the same route as the proposed I-69 extension. The Indiana Department of Transportation has received four bids to raze 23 single-family homes between Southview Drive and Ind. 37. The homes, along the west side of Southview, are among 45 sites in Martinsville -- plus an additional 12 homes or properties elsewhere in Morgan County -- that were significantly damaged by flooding in June 2008 in areas that have already been identified by INDOT as being in the I-69 "footprint." The plan is to eventually extend I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105170328>

**Work, new funding should help flooding**  
**WFIE**  
**Gretchen Ross**  
**5/17/10**

The treasurer of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association, Steve Moore, says he can't wait for the city to get started on re-configuring Sweetser Avenue that runs through his neighborhood. City officials say now more state dollars are coming in to improve the street while improving the sewer system. The re-construction is all part of the storm water sewer project that started earlier this spring at Culver and Sweetser Avenues. The city received money from the state to narrow Sweetser from Governor to Evans to provide green space and a lane for pedestrians. While that portion of the project ramps up, officials say signs of progress can now be seen as crews work to fix the flooding problem in that area.

<http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12496301>

**Mayor Unveils 2010 Capital Improvement Plan**  
**Inside Indiana Business**  
**5/17/10**

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard has outlined the city's 2010 Capital Improvement Plan, which calls for nearly \$200 million dollars in storm and sewer systems improvements and \$88 million in road, bridge and sidewalk repairs. Ballard says the work will preserve or create nearly 3,000 jobs. <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=41711>

**Road plans for West 38th Street to be unveiled at public hearing Tuesday**  
**The Indianapolis Star**  
**Tania Lopez**  
**5/17/10**

The city's Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing Tuesday to field questions from the public on plans to widen and resurface West 38th Street. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Westview Healthplex, 3660 Guion Road. The project, which will span 38th Street from I-465 to I-65, includes the widening and resurfacing of pavement, the pavement, curb and sidewalk additions, and traffic signals and bridge decks over Guion Road. In addition, tracks on the CSX railroad line will be replaced. Plans also include sodded medians, islands and landscaping.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100517/LOCAL1804/5170396/1195/LOCAL18/Road-plans-for-West-38th-Street-to-be-unveiled-at-public-hearing-Tuesday>  
Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105180354>

**South West Third Street will likely reopen this afternoon**  
**Palladium-Item**  
**5/17/10**

The Indiana Department of Transportation expects to reopen South West Third Street on the south side of National Road West this afternoon. The street closing is necessary to install a storm sewer trunkline and reopening will depend on the weather, said Harry Maginity, INDOT spokesman. Milestone, the state's contractor, expects to have excavation and pipe installation work finished by late afternoon today. Paving is expected to begin early this week and INDOT will restrict traffic as needed at South West 15th and 16th streets. The temporary closings will assist in asphalt application on National Road West from the Clear Creek bridge to South West 17th Street, Maginity said. The \$9.1 million U.S. 40 Major Moves project is designed with four 12-foot travel lanes, a center left turn lane and a pedestrian island near Earlham College. In addition to new storm sewers and the bridge at Clear Creek, there will be new ADA-compliant sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20100517/NEWS01/5170312/1008/South-West-Third-Street-will-likely-reopen-this-afternoon>

**Grave removal closes US 27 in Berne**  
**WANE**  
**5/17/10**

US 27 is closed between State Road 218 (Main Street) and Water Street in Berne starting Monday so graves can be removed for an intersection improvement project. According to the Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District, the removal of the remains is necessary for the improvement project at State Road 218 and US 27, which involves widening lanes and building a new right-of-way. The remains were initially discovered last fall when INDOT crews were preparing for the project. INDOT said professional archaeologists were contracted to excavate the grave shafts. Research shows the burial plots have been moved in shifts over the years. It is currently unknown how many graves have been identified. <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/grave-removal-road-closure>

**\$1.2 million SR 14 project to be complete mid-August**  
**Fort Wayne Daily News**  
**5/14/10**

State Route 14 and County Line Road will be restricted to 10-foot lanes in both directions because of an intersection improvement project, the Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District said in a news release. The improvement at the Allen/Whitley County line will include the addition of turn lanes and changing the flashing signal to a fully actuated signal. E & B Paving was awarded the project because of the low bid of \$1.2 million. [http://www.fwdailynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7771:\\$1.2-million-SR-14-project-to-be-complete-mid-August&catid=51:latest&Itemid=6](http://www.fwdailynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7771:$1.2-million-SR-14-project-to-be-complete-mid-August&catid=51:latest&Itemid=6)

**Contractors vie for WL projects**  
**Journal & Courier**  
**5/18/10**

West Lafayette officials opened several bids and a quote Monday from contractors vying to complete three city projects. For one project -- the replacement of sidewalks along both sides of Robinson Street, from Dehart Street to Stadium Avenue -- the apparent low bidder submitted a number just over half of what city Engineer Dave Buck estimated the project would cost. The board also opened two bids for the city's annual street resurfacing project. The project will cover Bexley, Chelsea and Ravinia roads in the Hills and Dales neighborhood, plus areas near the New Chauncey neighborhood, such as Littleton, Wood and portions of Salisbury and Quincey streets. Construction crews will mill, patch and resurface those roads, Buck said. The city also received a quote of \$67,979.39 from Pavement Solutions, Inc. for a project to repair cracks in streets in the University Farm neighborhood. Cracks in portions of Grant and Salisbury streets also will be sealed. <http://www.jconline.com/article/20100518/NEWS/5180323/Contractors-vie-for-WL-projects>

Interstate 70 shortcut getting an obstacle  
Indianapolis Business Journal  
Chris O'Malley  
5/18/10

A popular shortcut for west-side Indianapolis motorists heading south on Interstate 465 to get to eastbound I-70 is about to be spoiled by that most vile, three-eyed monster. A traffic signal. The Indiana Department of Transportation has eliminated the existing flyover ramp from plans to rebuild the Sam Jones Expressway interchange at I-465, formerly known as Airport Expressway. Westsiders who've attended INDOT's public meetings may have picked up on the final design, but word of the design change is slowly wafting to the motoring masses. <http://www.ibj.com/i70-shortcut-getting-an-obstacle/PARAMS/article/20020>

City OKs spending \$140M on roads  
The Indianapolis Star  
Francesca Jarosz  
5/18/10

After two hours of intense debate, the City-County Council on Monday approved spending about \$140 million for roads, bridges and sidewalks and letting the city continue negotiations over the sale of its water and sewer utilities. The 18-11 vote to continue talks with Citizens Energy Group came mostly along party lines. It marks a key step in the city's push to get approval for a sale that would transfer control of the utilities to Citizens, a public charitable trust. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105180330>

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