



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**May 20, 2010**

**Public forum on W. 38th Street work planned**  
The Indianapolis Star  
5/18/10

The city's Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing this evening to field questions on plans to widen and resurface West 38th Street. The meeting will be 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 widening and resurfacing of the pavement, curb and sidewalk additions and traffic signals.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100518/LOCAL1804/5180354/1195/LOCAL18/Public-forum-on-W.-38th-Street-work-planned>

**Phase two of Lincoln Ave. construction begins next week**  
WFIE  
Becky Graham  
5/18/10

The City of Evansville is getting ready to put more orange barrels up on the east side. Work will begin next week on phase two of the Lincoln Avenue widening project. Construction crews will be adding a center turn lane, bike lanes, new pavement, as well as curbs and gutters. It's all in an effort to make your drive to work easier.

<http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12503193>

**RDA to lead Cline Ave. redevelopment**  
The NWI Times  
Keith Benman  
5/19/10

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority will spearhead a community-wide drive to redevelop vacant industrial land in the area of the condemned Cline Avenue bridge. "The RDA is going to take the lead in convening that group at the request of INDOT," RDA Chairman Leigh Morris said after Tuesday's RDA meeting. "This is an opportunity we believe to turn a liability into an asset with some creativity." Morris said the RDA will soon convene representatives of the local community to begin planning the future of large sections of land along the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal, the Marktown area, and portions of land now taken up by the bridge. The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to have the bridge completely demolished by 2013. It will start this year to build a permanent detour along Dickey Road and Riley Road to handle the 35,000 vehicles per day that formerly used the bridge. [http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article\\_9d9cd0ed-782c-](http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_9d9cd0ed-782c-)

[5ec2-ab26-9484b7f63a65.html](http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100518/NEWS01/5180306/1008/Richmond-council-accepts--500K-from-state)

Richmond council accepts \$500K from state  
Palladium-Item  
Bill Engle  
5/18/10

The Richmond Common Council on Monday night accepted a half million dollar grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation to remove the South Ninth Street overpass with one dissenting vote. Council president Clay Miller voted against the measure, saying he was in favor of the city receiving the grant, but did not approve of the city's using Economic Development Income Tax for the city's share of the project. The city will receive \$517,600 from INDOT for the project and will chip in \$129,400 in EDIT funds. <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100518/NEWS01/5180306/1008/Richmond-council-accepts--500K-from-state>

More taxes could end road woes in Union County  
Palladium-Item  
Pam Tharp  
5/18/10

Union County could receive about \$141,000 more each year to repair its crumbling roads if the Union County Council increases wheel and surtaxes to the maximum. Drivers could pay \$15 to \$35 more per vehicle each year if the maximum rates are approved. The county council might set a date for a public hearing on the tax increase at its public meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday in the courthouse meeting room. A decision has not been made on the rates. Highway supervisor Wanda Hartman presented the tax revenue projections to county commissioners Monday. Projections are based on the number of vehicle registrations in 2007, according to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the most recent year for which numbers were provided. If registrations have increased since, revenues would be greater. Union County could expect to receive about \$225,000 a year if the user taxes paid by vehicle owners are set at the maximums, up from about \$84,000 a year now, a 167 percent increase. <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100518/NEWS01/5180312/1008/More-taxes-could-end-road-woes-in-Union-County>

Gov. Daniels to give update on I-69 project  
Evansville Courier & Press  
John Lucas  
5/18/10

Gov. Mitch Daniels will join representatives of the Indiana Department of Transportation this afternoon in Elberfeld for an announcement updating the status of the Interstate 69 Major Moves project and related construction activities. The governor and INDOT will be at the intersection of Ind. 68 and I-69 at 1 p.m. for the invitation-only event. [http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/may/18/no-headline--19a03daniels-brf/?partner=yahoo\\_feeds](http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/may/18/no-headline--19a03daniels-brf/?partner=yahoo_feeds)  
Also, <http://www.14wfi.com/global/story.asp?s=12506175>  
Also, <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100518/LOCAL/5180397/1001/NEWS>  
Also, [http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e9de208a536844f4abbbf08d8b3632552/IN--Interstate\\_69/](http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e9de208a536844f4abbbf08d8b3632552/IN--Interstate_69/)

INDOT closes MLK bridge due to safety concerns

**The NWI Times**  
**5/19/10**

The Indiana Department of Transportation Wednesday morning announced the indefinite closure of the Martin Luther King Drive bridge over the Borman Expressway in Gary citing safety concerns. INDOT officials said they believe cracks found on the concrete beams have compromised the load-bearing capacity of the bridge, a statement issued Wednesday said. The agency plans to replace the bridge beams and concrete "as soon as possible," the statement read. INDOT reports the bridge carried 4,100 vehicles daily. The state hopes to select an engineering firm to begin construction this fall and reopen the bridge to traffic by June 2011. The project is expected to cost around \$2.5 million.

<http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/68818352-6347-11df-a959-001cc4c03286.html>

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010100519010>

**Could we divert I-69 funds to more worthwhile projects?**

**The Indianapolis Star**  
**5/19/10**

In spite of Indiana's fiscal crisis, with cuts in all agency budgets, one project is not being cut. In the next four years, the Indiana Department of Transportation has budgeted more than \$800 million for the I-69 extension, about one-quarter of its total cost. Meanwhile, there are 4,000 bridges in the state rated as structurally deficient or obsolete. The number of State Police vehicle inspectors has been cut in half and lights on interstate signs are being turned off to save money. The Cline Avenue Bridge in Northwest Indiana was recently closed because it is in danger of collapse. It will not be rebuilt due to lack of funding. That bridge carried 30,000 vehicles per day, which have been diverted to local roads causing serious problems for the area.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105190325>

**INDOT Awards Cline Solution Contract**  
**Inside Indiana Business**  
**5/20/10**

The Indiana Department of Transportation has awarded the first contract for a major renovation project in northwest Indiana. Griffith-based Walsh and Kelly Construction has won a more than \$925,000 contract to resurface the Michigan Avenue ramp to Cline Avenue in East Chicago, just east of where the road has been closed because of safety concerns.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=41765>

Also, <http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/1014eba3-6e9c-55c0-8c51-026949a8fd3b.html>

**Three contractors bid today on long-discussed Ind. 45/46 Bypass construction project**

**The Bloomington Herald Times**  
**Michael Malik**  
**5/19/10**

State highway officials opened bids today from contractors for a project that will significantly change the Ind. 45/46 Bypass from Kinser Pike to Pete Ellis Drive. The 2.77-mile project will add two travel lanes, one in each direction; a new multi-use sidepath; a raised median through sections of the project; and a pedestrian underpass at Seventh Street. Three contractors bid on the project, which had an engineer's estimate of \$23,540,000.

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**Regional bridge projects awarded**  
Journal & Courier  
5/20/10

Clinton and Fountain counties will receive a total of \$2.2 million in federal funds for bridge replacements, the Indiana Department of Transportation said. Clinton County will receive \$621,200 for bridge replacement on East Morrison Street over Prairie Creek. Fountain County will get \$1.6 million for bridge replacement on County Road 500 East over the north fork of Coal Creek. The projects were among several recently picked by INDOT for funding under the Local Public Agency Bridge Program. Work is targeted for 2013.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100520/NEWS02/5200336/Regional-bridge-projects-awarded>

**Carmel event to discuss U.S. 31 road work**  
The Indianapolis Star  
Chris Sikich  
5/20/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will host an open house at Carmel High School Tuesday to discuss U.S. 31 construction. Officials will discuss the design and construction plans for the 13-mile stretch through Hamilton County, according to a news release. They plan to make the road a limited-access freeway. It's part of Gov. Mitch Daniel's Major Moves program, and congested stretches are being upgraded along the highway from Indianapolis to South Bend. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100520/LOCAL0101/5200448/1001/news>

**Noblesville to start work on roundabout near shopping center**  
The Indianapolis Star  
Chris Sikich  
5/20/10

City officials will restrict lanes at the intersection of Clover Road and Town & Country Boulevard in front of the Wal-Mart shopping center Monday to begin construction of a roundabout. The well-traveled intersection just off Ind. 37 will remain open during construction, according to a news release. The roundabout will be similar to the one being built in front of Lowe's Home Improvement at Mercantile and Town & Country Boulevard directly across Ind. 37. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105200449>

**Long-delayed Northfield Drive project is about to begin in Brownsburg**  
The Indianapolis Star  
Josh Duke  
5/20/10

A road project many Brownsburg leaders thought would be done by now will begin in the next few weeks -- likely causing havoc at one of the busiest intersections. The West Northfield Drive project, which has been discussed for four years, is about to get under way after the town recently awarded Anderson-based E&B Paving the \$3.55 million project.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105200337>

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