



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**May 25, 2010**

**U.S. 31 work in Hamilton County set to start in 2011**  
The Indianapolis Star  
Chris Sikich  
5/24/10

Tired of fighting traffic through construction zones on Keystone Parkway? The relief commuters will get when that road opens later this year could be short-lived. In 2011, the state will begin work to upgrade even more heavily traveled U.S. 31 into a limited-access highway. The \$600 million project will be done in phases along 13 miles through Hamilton County through 2018. In 2011, work will begin at the 146th Street bridge and the Ind. 38 intersection. The state is spending about \$1.2 billion on the Major Moves project to turn U.S. 31 into an interstate-quality, limited-access highway from Indianapolis to South Bend. It estimates work on 31 interchanges, mainly in Hamilton County, Kokomo and South Bend, will save travelers 30 minutes.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100524/LOCAL/5240325/U.S.-31-work-in-Hamilton-County-set-to-start-in-2011>

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100524/LOCAL/5240331/1001/news>

Also, <http://www.wthr.com/global/story.asp?s=12536595>

**I-69 construction moving quickly**  
WTHI  
Mike Grant  
5/21/10

Indiana officials said the I-69 extension from Evansville is moving ahead faster than they expected. The route for I-69 is staked out and so ready for construction to begin that farmers have only planted corn up to the edge of the project. Officials said bids for the projects here have come in under budget, and the paperwork is moving ahead fast enough that they expect the road to be completed to Bloomington years ahead of schedule. In fact, the state expects to have the final environmental impact statement for the section extending from Crane to Bloomington complete in the next 45 days.

[http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/southern\\_indiana/i-69-ahead-of-schedule](http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/southern_indiana/i-69-ahead-of-schedule)

Also, <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100521/EDIT07/305219929/1147/EDIT07>

Also, <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/may/23/on-to-bloomington-the-issue-daniels-speeds-up-a/>

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105220322>

**Latest roundabout opens this week**  
The Indianapolis Star  
5/23/10

Greenfield is ready to open another roundabout to local traffic this week. The four-way stop at Apple Street and McKenzie Road was closed to traffic March 22 so it could be rebuilt into a roundabout. The city plans to reopen the intersection -- with the new roundabout -- on Friday, said City Engineer Mike Fruth. Indianapolis-based Rieth-Riley Construction was hired to build the roundabout for just more than \$400,000, Fruth said. The city's first roundabout is nearby at McKenzie and Broadway Street. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100523/LOCAL0703/5230364/Greenfield-s-latest-roundabout-to-open-this-week>

**IN RESPONSE: Job creation is goal of Interstate 69 project**  
Evansville Courier & Press  
Steve Schaefer  
5/22/10

For decades, the citizens of Southwestern Indiana have fought for a direct link to its state capital. That link happens to be Interstate 69. Since 2006, the state of Indiana has made significant progress in moving the I-69 project forward with major construction occurring now. The mere suggestion to "Scrap I-69 and use the money elsewhere," as stated in Jordan Baer's May 12 Community Comment, is a slap in the face to all who attended public hearings, wrote letters and spent countless hours advocating for the highway over the years. The author further recommended that the money allocated for I-69 could be used instead for items such as the new arena, a ballpark, and a new park complex. While many of those items are already being built, the absence of an adequate transportation system leaves us with underutilized facilities. Interstate access and a coordinated transportation infrastructure are essential to a thriving community. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, it is estimated that over 47,000 new jobs are created for every \$1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure. That alone should convince any opponent that this highway is about job creation and should be a priority during these strained economic times. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/may/23/job-creation-is-goal-of-interstate-69-project/>

**First Ave. bridge construction to begin Monday**  
WFIE  
Sarah Harlan  
5/23/10

Construction work will begin on the First Avenue bridge over Pigeon Creek Monday. The northbound lanes on the bridge will be closed, reducing the traffic to one lane in each direction. In about a week, work will move to the other side of the bridge. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. <http://www.14wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12528693>

**State taking close look at Gary bridges**  
Post-Tribune  
Chelsea Schneider Kirk  
5/22/10

Following the closure of the Martin Luther King Drive bridge in Gary, the state is closely inspecting three bridges built in the same time period. Inspections on bridges along Broadway and Grant, built in 2004, and Georgia, built in 2003, are ongoing, according to Indiana Department of Transportation spokeswoman Angie Fegaras. The Transportation Department anticipates having more information by the end of next week. As inspections continue, and based on what the state knows right now, INDOT doesn't feel further restrictions are necessary at this time, according to Fegaras in an e-mailed statement. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2302046,new-gmlk0522.article>

**Part of Cumberland Road to close for work**

**The Indianapolis Star**  
5/24/10

A portion of Cumberland Road in Noblesville will be closed most of the summer while the county repairs a bridge over the White River. The road will close on or after June 1 between Allisonville Road and Riverwood Avenue, just north of 191st Street. It's expected to re-open Aug. 1, according to a press release from the Hamilton County Highway Department.  
<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105240357>

**Bridge work to close Brown County road**  
**The Republic**  
5/24/10

Indiana 45 between Railroad Road and Morrison Road in Brown County will be closed beginning June 7 for a bridge project. Indiana Department of Transportation will perform bridge deck overlay construction on the bridge over Beanblossom Creek. The road will be totally closed and traffic detoured to Indiana 135 and Indiana 46. The \$986,000 project was awarded to American Contracting & Services of Jeffersonville and is expected to be completed by Oct. 29.  
[http://www.therepublic.com/view/local\\_story/Bridge\\_work\\_to\\_close\\_Brown\\_County\\_road\\_5\\_24\\_2010/](http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Bridge_work_to_close_Brown_County_road_5_24_2010/)

**Indiana 38 project coming to Dayton**  
**Journal & Courier**  
5/24/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will have an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday about a repavement project on Indiana 38 in Dayton. Representatives from Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc. will be on hand to discuss the project, which will begin a half-mile east of Interstate 65 on Indiana 38. The project will extend a mile through Dayton. The scheduled completion date for the work is Oct. 1.  
<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100524/NEWS/5240332>

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