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Restrictions in place on U.S. 20 for road construction
WNDU
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Starting Tuesday part of U.S. 20 between Mishawaka and Elkhart will be restricted for construction. Road work is being done at C.R. 3, just four miles west of Elkhart. Bridge maintenance work is being done on C.R. 3 over U.S. 20. It is expected to be done by the end of the month. The construction is part of an INDOT project to maintain and repair bridges across the state.
<http://www.wndu.com/localnews/headlines/94808404.html>

Delays threaten aid for road projects
Journal & Courier
Dorothy Schneider
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Two transportation projects in Tippecanoe County could lose a portion of federal funds if the money is not spent by the start of next year. Transportation officials discussed the issue Tuesday at an administrative committee meeting for the county's Area Plan Commission. One project is the U.S. 231 bypass that Indiana's Department of Transportation is planning to build to redirect heavy traffic around Purdue's campus. Tippecanoe County promised \$2.7 million of its federal allocation when the project, costing nearly \$100 million, hit a funding snag in 2008. "We told (the state) if they don't spend that money in a timely fashion, we're going to spend that money," said Sallie Fahey, executive director of the commission. Fahey wants to see the funds go toward the U.S. 231 project, but said the state has overshot the deadline for having that pot of funding obligated on the project -- "so it's time to press the issue." The project's engineer with the state said the funds are planned for construction of the road, but if they can't be used in time for that work they will go toward right-of-way purchases along the new U.S. 231 route, said Debbie Calder, INDOT spokeswoman. Another project, one that would extend McCarty Lane from County Road 550 East to Indiana 26, has \$6.7 million from the same pot of federal funds at stake. <http://www.jconline.com/article/20100526/NEWS/5260318>

No Further Restrictions Planned For Borman Bridges
Inside Indiana Business
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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) says no additional closures or restrictions are needed after inspecting three separate bridges spanning the Borman Expressway in Gary. INDOT closed the nearby Martin Luther King Drive bridge last week after discovering cracks in the structure.

As a precautionary measure, INDOT inspected the Georgia, Grant and Broadway Street bridges that were built under similar circumstances and during the same time frame.
<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=41838>

U.S. 31 revamp takes a long road
The Indianapolis Star
Kevin O'Neal
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In an area where motorists already are fed up with road construction, more is on the way. And the state of Indiana wants Hamilton County residents ready for drastic change -- and for the seven years it will take to rebuild U.S. 31. At an open house Tuesday at Carmel High School, residents got a close look at plans to change U.S. 31 into a limited-access expressway built to interstate highway standards. The Hamilton County portion is part of a \$1.2 billion reconstruction project between Indianapolis and South Bend. Most of the highway in Hamilton County will be changed without building a new right of way, but access to the highway will be limited to entrance and exit ramps at interchanges. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100526/LOCAL0101/5260332/1001/NEWS>
Also, <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20100526/UPDATES/100526023/7+years+of+construction+expected+on+U.S.+31>

38th Street rehab to start in June
The Indianapolis Star
Tania Lopez
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Repavement of a busy Westside thoroughfare is set to begin sometime next month but not without disrupting traffic flow and impacting businesses. City officials plan to repave the six lanes of a two-mile stretch of West 38th Street -- from just west of High School Road to just east of Guion Road. The \$14 million project includes the resurfacing of street pavement with new asphalt. Sidewalks will be widened from 4 feet to 6 feet in order to meet specifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100527/LOCAL1804/5270370/1195/LOCAL18/38th-Street-rehab-is-scheduled-to-start-in-June>

Chesterton TIF board wants overview on Dickinson extension
Chesterton Tribune
Kevin Nevers
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In fits and starts the Chesterton Redevelopment Commission is turning its attention again to the long-discussed Dickinson Road extension. At their meeting Monday night, members asked Town Engineer Mark O'Dell to begin assembling all of the documents and notes which have accumulated over the past 10 years or so about the project, the idea being to see where exactly it stands. In fact the commission has not addressed the Dickinson Road project since 2006, when it went so far as to retain two appraisers to value a piece of property needed to link Dickinson Road north to the intersection of Sand Creek Drive North and Michael Drive. But the project got back-burnered when the commission prioritized the South Calumet District instead. http://www.chestertontribune.com/Town%20of%20Chesterton/chesterton_tif_board_wants_overv.htm

Clinton Bridge Work Expected To Cost More
Indiana's News Center
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Replacing the Clinton Street Bridge will cost a half-million more than projected but construction is expected to begin in about a month. According to our partner in news, the Journal Gazette, the project will cost more than \$7.5 million. The Indiana Department of Transportation will pick up more than \$3 million for the bridge, federal money will pay nearly \$3.5 million, and Fort Wayne income taxes will kick in about a million. Construction will last two years, but two lanes will be kept open for traffic to head into downtown through Headwaters Park.

<http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/95021394.html>

Also, <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100527/LOCAL/305279985/-1/LOCAL11>

Work begins on roundabout

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Work should be finished in about two months on a roundabout intended to smooth traffic in front of the Walmart shopping center along Ind. 37. The \$400,000 project began this week at the busy intersection of Clover Road and Town & Country Boulevard. Engineer John Beery expects lane restrictions throughout the project but anticipates few closures. The roundabout will be similar to the one in front of Lowe's Home Improvement at Mercantile and Town & Country Boulevard directly across Ind. 37. However, the new roundabout will have only one lane throughout, and a right-hand turn lane for traffic heading west on Town & Country Boulevard and turning north on Clover Road toward the Walmart parking lot. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105270388>

Roundabouts to sprout up in Greenfield

The Indianapolis Star

Melanie Hayes

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Carmel isn't the only Central Indiana city willing to try new approaches to keep traffic flowing. Greenfield is ready to open its second roundabout by the end of this week. And more rotary-type intersections are being planned. The roundabouts are generally well accepted because of a proven record of reducing traffic delays, but they still face some safety concerns. 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 roundabout -- on Friday, said city engineer Mike Fruth. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105270343>

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