



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**May 4, 2010**

**Leesburg Road bridge opens two weeks early**  
Fort Wayne Daily News  
4/30/10

The new Leesburg Road Bridge opened today, the Allen County Highway Department said in a news release. Construction work on the new structure started Jan. 18 and was originally expected to be finished by May 14. County officials credit good weather with helping accelerate the work. The new three-span bridge is 60.5 feet long and stretches over the Seegar Ditch between Flaugh and O'Day roads.

[http://www.fwdailynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7603:Leesburg-Road-bridge-opens-two-weeks-early&catid=51:latest&Itemid=6](http://www.fwdailynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7603:Leesburg-Road-bridge-opens-two-weeks-early&catid=51:latest&Itemid=6)

**Business falls along SR 23 as rail crossing remains closed**  
WNDU  
Brandon Lewis  
4/30/10

State Road 23 was supposed to be closed for two weeks while Canadian National crews worked on a railroad crossing, but its taking longer. The work is part of a Major Moves project by INDOT to widen the road and reduce congestion. This week it was announced the crossing would remain closed for another week, forcing drivers to continue making a five-mile detour around the construction. Canadian National told NewsCenter 16 on Friday the railroad's part of the construction will be completed by Tuesday, not May 7 as originally believed.

<http://www.wndu.com/hometop/headlines/92543739.html>

**Maplecrest Road**  
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette  
5/1/10

The commissioners agreed to pay \$120,000 for additional design and engineering work for the Maplecrest Road extension. The money will be used to pay the original designer to make modifications as issues occur, county engineer Mike Thornson said. The \$38 million project to connect Lake Avenue with Indiana 930 in New Haven is under construction. Because of the complexity of extending the road across the Maumee River, railroad tracks and the city's sludge lagoons, such changes to engineering and design are likely, Thornson said.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100501/LOCAL/305019951/1002/LOCAL>

**New Castle grant money to fund two bridges**

The Star Press  
5/1/10

Henry County has been awarded \$844,800 in federal grant money to replace two bridges. The Indiana Department of Transportation announced the awards, which were part of the Local Public Agency Bridge Program. Construction is targeted for 2013. A triple-arched bridge on Henry County Road 850-W over Duck Creek will be replaced with \$720,000 of federal funds, and \$124,800 will be used to help remove and replace a twin-arched bridge over Fall Creek on County Road 950-N. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and is administered by INDOT. Federal money pays for 80 percent of the cost, and the local community must fund the remaining 20 percent.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100501/NEWS01/5010331>

Ardmore Ave. Closed Between Taylor & Jefferson  
Indiana's News Center  
Scott Sarvay  
5/3/10

Construction has shut down a very busy street on Fort Wayne's southwest side. Expect a lengthy detour for the next six months. Monday morning, crews closed Ardmore Avenue between Jefferson Boulevard and Taylor Street. Crews will widen that portion of Ardmore to four lanes and add a new bike trail. Curbs and driveway approaches will be updated, and new street lighting, storm sewers landscaping will also be added. Officials say the goal of the project is to improve Ardmore's traffic flow. The expansion of the north-south route will allow commercial traffic to flow more freely from the airport to industrial complexes on the city's north side. Again, Ardmore from Jefferson to Taylor will be closed until late October.

<http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/92673914.html>

Delaware County gets \$1M to replace deficient bridge near Albany  
The Star Press  
Nick Werner  
5/4/10

Delaware County is receiving almost \$1 million through the state to replace a 105-year-old bridge over the Mississinewa River near Albany. "It will make a big difference for that community," said Angie Moyer, project director for Delaware County. Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman Harry Maginity on Monday presented a check for \$943,400 to the Delaware County Commissioners to replace Bridge 85 on Delaware County Road 800-E.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100504/NEWS01/5040316/1002/rss>

\$500K will help remove overpass  
South Ninth Street structure has been closed since 2004  
Palladium-Item  
Bill Engle  
5/4/10

The city of Richmond this year will receive \$517,600 from the Indiana Department of Transportation to remove the South Ninth Street overpass on the city's southern edge. Mayor Sally Hutton made the announcement to the Richmond Common Council on Monday night, saying the money will remove an eyesore and a dangerous structure that has been closed since 2004. "It's been a long time coming and we're pleased that INDOT has agreed to help us with this," she said. "We've tried everything to get that bridge removed." <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100504/NEWS01/5040309/1008/rss>

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