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\$12.5M fix aimed at pedestrian-friendly Georgia Street
The Indianapolis Star
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If planners get their way, a three-block stretch of Georgia Street in Downtown Indianapolis will be converted into an area capable of hosting large gatherings of people. The Indianapolis Department of Public Works announced this morning that it plans a \$12.5 million transformation of Georgia Street between Capitol Avenue and Pennsylvania Street. The goal is to create a "unique outdoor destination" by the 2012 Super Bowl that would link two important venues -- an expanded Indiana Convention Center with Conseco Fieldhouse on the east. "The Georgia Street improvements will convert a street which carries very little vehicular traffic into a pedestrian-friendly public space," said Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, who said the project is being funded mostly by a federal grant.
<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100504/BUSINESS/100504004/1195/LOCAL>
Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20105050345>

Indiana 23 in Granger To Open On Friday
WSBT
Clinton French
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InDOT and the Canadian National Railroad say Indiana 23 through Granger will open on Friday. Construction crews have been working on the railroad tracks north of the intersection of Princess Way and Indiana 23, closing the road down. The project started on April 19 and is being blamed for a major drop in revenue for area businesses. With Mother's Day on Sunday, Anne's Hallmark has been hit particularly hard. This project is a part of the construction to widen Indiana 23 to four lanes. Railroad officials said it will have crews out on Thursday to finish the job. The project was supposed to be finished on April 30.
<http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/92926719.html>

County bridge getting \$2.3 million makeover
Journal & Courier
Dorothy Schneider
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Construction crews are giving the Hog Point Bridge in northern Tippecanoe County a makeover, inside and out. Nearly everything except the historic arches is being redone on the bridge that takes Pretty Prairie Road across the Tippecanoe River near Americus. Work

began at the site early this year, but has really taken off since March. The crews have until May 2011 to finish the support work and lay a new bridge deck, but Isom said it could be done earlier. Tippecanoe County is paying for the \$2.3 million project with money from the cumulative bridge fund, said Highway Director Opal Kuhl.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100506/NEWS/5060332>

Crumbling roads shut to traffic

The Shelbyville News}

AJ Colley

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Road issues and closures are popping up in Shelby County from as far south as Flatrock River to as far north as Fairland. Shelby County Commissioners have closed Shelby County Road 150 West near Flatrock River, as the road continues to deteriorate. The road has had issues since early April, when commissioners passed an emergency ordinance barring trucks from the road between C.R. 900 South and Flat Rock Road.

Commissioners President Tony Newton said the county hired contractor A.K. Shannon to work on the area where water appears to be washing out the road.

<http://shelbynews.com/articles/2010/05/06/news/doc4be235d8d1404601175835.txt>

Franklin Road bridge to be replaced

The Indianapolis Star

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Johnson County has been awarded \$727,200 to replace a bridge in the northeastern part of the county. Bridge No. 96 is on Franklin Road -- also called County Road 440 East -- just north of County Road 1000. Construction is expected to begin in 2013 or 2014, said Gary Vandegriff, Johnson County highway director. The Indiana Department of Transportation recently awarded the county the Federal Highway Administration Bridge Funds grant for the project. The award was one of four given in INDOT's Seymour District but the only one in Johnson County. County officials made a presentation on the bridge-replacement project to INDOT officials on April 7. The panel recently confirmed the award.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100505/LOCAL0403/5050414/1001/NEWS>

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