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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Union waits for a meeting
Post-Tribune
Chelsea Schneider Kirk
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Construction projects on the Indiana Toll Road and Borman Expressway remained affected Wednesday as the strike by some 500 members of the Ironworkers Local 395 wore on to its second day. Although the strike persists, Indiana Toll Road officials aren't concerned about the impact the stoppage may have on project timelines, said Amber Scott, spokeswoman for ITR Concession Co. which manages the Toll Road. The next phase of the Toll Road's \$250 million capital improvement project was scheduled to begin in LaPorte through Elkhart after Memorial Day. In Northwest Indiana, the main portion of the project is the widening of the road between Broadway and Cline Avenue exits. Work on bridges near Calumet Avenue and milepost 28 in Porter County ended in early May ahead of schedule, Scott said. The Indiana Department of Transportation initiated discussions with the unions and contractors to understand the scope of the strike, according to INDOT spokeswoman Angie Fegaras. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/2348300,new-construction0603.article>

Ind. 45 to be closed for bridge work
Bloomington Herald Times
6/3/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will close Ind. 45 between Railroad Road and Morrison Road in Brown County, beginning Monday. During the closure, the bridge deck overlay will be redone on the bridge over Beanblossom Creek. There will be an official detour using Ind. 135 and Ind. 46, but local residents will have access. The contract for this \$986,000 project was awarded to American Contracting & Services of Jeffersonville, and is expected to be complete on Oct. 29, according to INDOT.
[For more information, please call TRIAD at 1-800-288-7423.](#)

WFIE
Gretchen Ross
6/3/10

More motorists are complaining about the dip on Highway 62 west of Chandler. INDOT said it can't fix the problem yet because the road is still settling. In the meantime, frustrated drivers who said their cars are being damaged are growing more impatient. INDOT officials said the dip a few weeks ago was about a few inches deep but has gotten worse. While INDOT officials said the problem should be fixed next week, drivers said they can't wait that

long. INDOT officials said last month they noticed the pavement at the end of the bridge had dropped about five inches. Wednesday, the dip is 11 inches. "Gone out and put advanced signage that there's a dip in the roadway, as well as we've kept the speed limit lower through that area, that way motorists aren't going too fast for the pavement itself," INDOT Spokesperson Cher Goodwin said. INDOT crews have been spending the last few weeks taking samples of the pavement and monitoring the bridge to see if it dips anymore. Officials said the dipping has leveled off, which means crews can start fixing the issue with a paving machine next week. <http://www.14wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12584375>

TRAFFIC: I-465 ramp to Crawfordsville Road closing Tuesday
WXIN
6/7/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced the southbound ramp of Interstate 465 to Crawfordsville Road will close Tuesday at 5:00 a.m. just before the morning rush hour, and will remain closed until May 2011. Crews will be working on the construction of a new flyover ramp in the area for the next 11-12 months. The ramp was originally scheduled for closure Monday, June 7th. However, in a press release issued Monday morning, INDOT officials said the closure has been delayed one more day. <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-465-ramp-closure-060710,0,5253012.story>

Indiana 14 work nears finish line
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Benjamin Lanka
6/5/10

Construction is nearing completion on the widening of a major Fort Wayne thoroughfare. Q. The Indiana 14 project is about to be completed. My understanding is the finished target date is July. Concrete markers have been installed every tenth of a mile. Why were they installed and what was the cost? Also, is the speed limit going to be 45 mph? – Dave Furge
A. Well, Dave, your completion estimate is slightly off, but not by much. Roger McNeill, project supervisor with the Indiana Department of Transportation, said the scheduled completion date for the Illinois Road widening project is Aug. 10, and the project is expected to be finished on time. The markers you see every 0.10 mile are the concrete right-of-way markers placed on the newly established corners of the state's property lines. They have a price on this project of \$135 each, which includes labor to install. He said it has always been the state's policy to place these markers along right-of-way on new construction that involved the state taking property because it gives adjacent property owners a visible confirmation of the location of property lines. The speed limit will remain 35 mph until work is completed. At that time, it will be raised to 45 mph. The \$14.2million project widens Illinois Road from Interstate 69 to Scott Road to five lanes, including a middle left-turn lane. The work also includes a 10-foot trail on the road's south side and a regular sidewalk built on the north. <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100605/LOCAL0203/306059970/1037/LOCAL02>

Clinton bridge work set; delays expected
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
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The east lane of Clinton Street will be closed from the entrance to Lawton Park to just south of the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge starting at 9 a.m. The city of Fort Wayne said drivers might want to allow extra time to get through the construction zone. The closure on the road, which is also U.S. 27, is scheduled to last about four weeks, weather permitting. The

utility relocation is needed to prepare for a new bridge over the St. Marys River. Construction of the replacement bridge is scheduled to start this summer and be complete next year.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100604/LOCAL16/100609807>

Also, <http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/95777139.html>

Local officials wonder: Is Major Moves out of gas?

The NWI Times

Keith Benman

6/6/10

Downsizing and delays in Major Moves projects in Northwest Indiana are leaving local officials frustrated and confused, as they wonder if the much-touted highway-building program is running out of cash. Projected bidding dates have been pushed back on a number of projects, some for years. In other cases, projects are progressing but have been greatly reduced in scale. "I'm concerned about Major Moves money, quite frankly," said state Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh, D-Crown Point. VanDenburgh was one of a contingent of Crown Point officials who pushed for years to get Broadway widened to four lanes and intersections improved from 93rd Avenue to 109th Avenue. The project was downsized to just intersection improvements two years ago and then in April mysteriously disappeared from a regional project list. It was restored, but its May bid letting was rescheduled for fall.

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/article_68459fbf-fc11-5796-87ec-21693fc30010.html

I-65 and State Road 58 Improvement Project Underway

WCSI

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that work has started on the I-65/S.R. 58 interchange improvement project. This \$5.5 million project will add capacity to the bridge and widen the roadway to allow for one thru lane of traffic in each direction and side by side turn lanes for vehicles turning north and south. In addition, segregated turn lanes will be added to the ramps. The current work on the Bridge is to build widening along shoulders and to maintain traffic on the narrowed lanes. The contract completion date is July 2011.

http://wcsi.whiterivernews.com/templates/localnews_temp.asp?id=2499&storyno=1

Ind. 75 project to begin Monday

The Indianapolis Star

Josh Duke

6/4/10

Western Hendricks County motorists may have some road construction to deal with beginning Monday. Indiana Department of Transportation maintenance crews are scheduled to begin a pavement preservation project on Ind. 75 between U.S. 36 and U.S. 40 on the western edge of Hendricks County. Crews will begin a chip seal process that prolongs the life of roadways.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100604/LOCAL05/6040417/1020/LOCAL05/Ind.-75-project-to-begin-Monday>

Big Four funding in a state of flux

Evening News and Tribune

Braden Lammers

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Financing has come through for the Big Four Bridge Project, allowing Kentucky to pay for the completion of its access ramp and resurfacing of a former railroad bridge spanning the Ohio River. The Kentucky General Assembly approved \$12 million in funds to complete its portion of the pedestrian crossing over the Ohio River, but Indiana is still without money to complete its access ramp. The ramp approach to Kentucky's side has taken shape at Louisville's Waterfront Park, while Indiana's ramp to the bridge is still in the planning stage. Funding for the Indiana portion of the bridge is being sought through several federal and state transportation or enhancement grants, said Jeffersonville Mayor Tom Galligan. One option that has become a possibility for the state is siphoning off funds the Indiana Department of Transportation has dedicated to the Ohio River Bridges Project.
<http://newsandtribune.com/clarkcounty/x1996915264/Big-Four-funding-in-a-state-of-flux>

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