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Waterfall Road to close Monday as part of U.S. 27 project
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will close Waterfall Road on Monday to complete construction west of U.S. 27. Barricades are being placed at the intersection of Waterfall and Chester Boulevard and at Sheridan Street. The closure is expected to be in effect for three weeks. INDOT expects to extend the work zone from Industries Road north to Cart Road in August. The \$12.2 million U.S. 27 Major Moves project widens 2.5 miles of Chester Boulevard, adding a continuous left turn lane, new storm sewer lines, curbs, gutters and an ADA-compliant sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100608/UPDATES/100608018>

Also, <http://www.palladium-item.com/article/20100609/NEWS01/6090320/1008/Waterfall-Road-will-close-for-repairs>

Teamsters OK strike
The NWI Times
Bowdeya Tweh
6/9/10

Some 300 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 142 hit the picket lines Tuesday following a strike authorization vote Monday night. Members said the vote was 283 in favor of the strike and 34 against. The Gary-based Teamsters joined Ironworkers Local 395, whose strike began June 1, in further grounding region roadwork. Construction on Interstate 65, the Indiana Toll Road, Broad Street in Griffith and a host of other local paving projects has hit a standstill. Teamsters are striking because a new labor agreement couldn't be reached with a group of highway construction contractors. A group of 16 contractors decided in mid-March to break away from the NWI Contractors Association and forge a separate agreement on behalf of companies doing highway work in the region, said Jeff Swan, a member of the negotiation committee for the highway contractors. http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/article_5f173af6-9479-54ec-869e-f0683dbdffe1.html

Also,

http://www.chestertontribune.com/Town%20of%20Chesterton/48101%20teamsters_strike_halts_paving_in.htm

Also, <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=42064>

Also, http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_4fce7161-c18b-5e7c-83c4-69a794c7e53c.html

I-65 restrictions tonight in Boone County
The Indianapolis Star
Robert Annis
6/8/10

If you plan on traveling on I-65 through Boone County this evening, you might want to start looking for an alternate route. The Indiana Department of Transportation will stop traffic on I-65 for 20-minute intervals tonight beginning at 8 p.m. for northbound vehicles and 9:30 p.m. for southbound. The closures will allow crews to set beams on the Ind. 267 overpass. The bridgework is part of a \$32 million project that will also add an additional travel lane on both the northbound and southbound sides of I-65 from Zionsville to a half-mile south of County Road 100 East in Lebanon. Officials estimate more than 130,000 vehicles drive through that stretch of highway every day. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100608/LOCAL02/6080403/1145/LOCAL02/I-65-restrictions-tonight-in-Boone-County>

Governors to fete Illiana Expressway progress
The Southtown Star
Jon Seidel
6/9/10

Gov. Mitch Daniels will join Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn today to commemorate their states' approval of bills authorizing the Illiana Expressway. The governors are expected to get together at 12:30 p.m. at the municipal airport in Lansing. The Illiana Expressway, as proposed, would connect Interstate 65 in Indiana with I-57 or I-55 in Illinois. A bill passed by the Indiana General Assembly and signed by Daniels in March authorizes a private investor to build it as a toll road. The state would own the land underneath the highway. The Illinois General Assembly passed a similar bill last month.
<http://www.southtownstar.com/news/2371890,060910airport.article>

Work on 2 bridges could snarl traffic
The Indianapolis Star
6/9/10

Two Hamilton County bridges are undergoing improvements that could lead to traffic problems. The Olio Road bridge over Geist Reservoir in Fishers is scheduled to be resurfaced beginning today. Lane restrictions will continue through June 25, according to Fishers' website. A portion of 281st Street near Atlanta will be closed today or afterward so the county can replace a bridge over West Fork Bear Creek. The road will be closed between Ind. 213 and Hartley Road until Aug. 13. Traffic will be rerouted to 291st Street via Ind. 213 and Hartley Road, according to the Hamilton County Highway Department's website.
<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106090362>

Huge crowd turns out for first look at proposed Gumwood Road improvements
WSBT
Troy Keyhoe
6/10/10

Backups along Gumwood Road between State Road 23 and the Michigan state line can stretch for more than half a mile on a daily basis these days. For years, drivers have been calling for a change. Wednesday, county leaders unveiled a series of major changes to do exactly that. Crowds began lining up more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the public hearing at Prairie View Elementary School on Brick Road. All were there to find out how the proposed \$14 million project could affect them. During Wednesday night's meeting, County engineers told residents and drivers it will get not one roundabout, but *two*--at Gumwood and Brick and Gumwood and Adams. <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/96016479.html>

Credits will help bridge project; Pioneer Drive slows down
The Pilot News
Rusty Nixon
6/9/10

Work remains on schedule for now on the new Pioneer Drive, and Marshall County will pick up even less of the bill for the 13th Street Bridge work. Marshall County Highway Superintendant Neal Haeck told the Marshall County Commissioners that the county had applied for credits on the 13th Street Bridge project that was already being funded by an 80/20 federal to county match on funds. The county bill for the project was to be \$364,415 but thanks to the credit the final tally will be \$182,207 or around 50 percent lower than anticipated. Meanwhile dirt moving work continues on the new Pioneer Drive project and while the work is still officially "on schedule", according to Ron Wireman, construction engineer on the project, utility work could soon cause a setback. <http://www.thepilotnews.com/content/view/173697/27/>

Expect delays during bypass construction later this month
Bloomington Herald Times
Michael Malik
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With construction set to begin within two weeks on the widening of the Ind. 45/46 Bypass, motorists should expect delays because of the construction. Marvin Jenkins, a Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman, said the first work drivers will notice is utility relocation along the road. Jenkins said that might mean temporary lane closures at various points on the bypass. The 2.77-mile project will widen sections of the road, making it have at least two lanes in each direction and adding turn lanes in some locations. The project also includes a new multi-use side path; a raised median through sections of the project; and a pedestrian underpass at Seventh Street. The project's scope includes work on the bypass from Kinser Pike to Third Street to Pete Ellis Drive.

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Indiana governors were wise to choose new-terrain I-69
The Indianapolis Star
6/10/10

The Star and I-69 critics ignore several compelling reasons to build the long-overdue, new-terrain interstate from Indianapolis to Evansville ("What's the rush for I-69," May 22 editorial). The real "big picture" is that except for the Toyota factory in Gibson County there has been a 50-year employer and population loss in Indiana's southwest quarter.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100610/OPINION01/6100322/1002/OPINION/Indiana-governors-were-wise-to-choose-new-terrain-I-69>

INDOT's future in hands of Cline
The NWI Times
Keith Benman
6/10/10

The head of the Indiana Department of Transportation has resigned after 16 months on the job and will be replaced by the agency's deputy commissioner of operations. Gov. Mitch Daniels announced the resignation of INDOT Commissioner Michael Reed on Wednesday. He said Reed wished to return to employment in the private sector. On the same day, Duke Energy Indiana, one of the state's largest utilities, announced Reed had been hired as president of its Indiana service region. Reed from 2006 to 2009 was executive director of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, which oversees Duke and other utilities statewide.

<http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/da8489e3-7140-5f08-9712-c1fcf35e0660.html>

Work under way at I-465 and I-74
The Indianapolis Star
Josh Duke
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Westside commuters have a new intersection to avoid on I-465. Construction began before the morning rush hour Tuesday on the reconfiguration of the I-74/Crawfordsville Road/U.S. 136 interchange to improve safety and traffic flow. The interchange is a major access point to Speedway and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to the east and Brownsburg and O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis to the west. At I-74, the cloverleaf loop ramps are being replaced by a freeway-to-freeway interchange with higher-speed directional flyover ramps. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106100411>

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