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Elkhart County road construction causing headaches for drivers
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A new construction project between Elkhart and Goshen is creating some headaches. Usually it wouldn't be a big deal, but the road being closed is used to get around a bigger project to widen U.S. 33. However, the county didn't have much choice but to do this work now. For months, it's been slow-going on U.S. 33 between Elkhart and Goshen. The state is working on a widening project on about a two-mile stretch of the highway. It can get congested at times. Until recently, traffic could use nearby County Road 45 as an alternate but it will be closed for six weeks. Work is underway to improve the intersection of County Road 45 and 15 by Oxbow Park. Repaving is also in the works. The work on two parallel roads, in a high traffic area, is making it a challenge for drivers.
<http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/96421134.html>

West 38th Street repaving work to start Thursday
The Indianapolis Star
Tania Lopez
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Repaving of West 38th Street will begin this week. The Department of Public Works said crews will begin sawing pavement near medians on Thursday. That means there will be lane restrictions on the inside median lanes going east and west. Electronic signs will be posted in several locations to alert drivers of the restrictions. When it's complete, the \$14 million project will have repaved 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. Construction will begin on the westbound lanes and is expected to be finished by fall 2011.
<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100615/LOCAL18/6150392/1195/LOCAL18/West-38th-Street-repaving-work-to-start-Thursday>

INDOT holds public hearing on 800 North
The Herald Tribune
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An estimated \$5 million project to improve a major artery near Alexandria is set to get under way next summer. But not before the people have their say. On Tuesday, the Indiana Department of Transportation moderated a public hearing at the Madison County

Government Center between The Schneider Corp. and a group of about 30 residents concerned about the project along County Road 800 North. "The purpose is to extend the pavement and increase the life of 800 North," said Ronald Miller, senior project manager with Schneider. "We hope to improve safety and improve traffic flow. The pavement is kind of falling apart, it's been patched several times and drainage has been a problem." The project will resurface County Road 800 North from Indiana 9 to County Road 500 East. Miller said the intention is to finish the project in one season, beginning construction in June 2011 and finishing by November. Miller said the project will widen the road to 28 feet, creating two 12-foot lanes and 2 feet of paved shoulder on each side. The north and south legs of County Road 200 East will be aligned. In addition, a bridge along 800 North, just east of 200 East, will be replaced. <http://heraldbulletin.com/business/x1910041056/INDOT-holds-public-hearing-on-800-North>

I-164 work to require lane restrictions
Evansville Courier & Press
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The Indiana Department of Transportation is advising motorists to be aware of lane restrictions on Interstate 164. Beginning on or after Thursday, crews will restrict one lane in each direction of I-164 between Ind. 66 and Interstate 64 to a maximum of 12 feet in width. The \$3.1 million project was awarded to JBI Construction Inc. of Evansville, and it will include a new subsurface drainage system and deep patch sections of the roadway using concrete. Lane restrictions will occur in all lanes throughout the project, with all work to be complete by mid-October. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/15/no-headline---16a03laneclosing-brf/>

Dan Jones, 200 South to close until August
The Indianapolis Star
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A major north-south road is scheduled to close Friday and not reopen until August. Dan Jones Road at Hendricks County Road 200 South between Avon and Plainfield will close for 60 days during construction of a dual-lane roundabout at the intersection. The intersection will reopen in time for the first day of school Aug. 17, said Ryan Cannon, Avon public works director. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106160373>

Hazel Dell Parkway closing in June for construction
WTHR
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Hazel Dell Parkway will be closed to through traffic for about 45 days from 131st Street to Cherry Creek Boulevard on or after Monday, June 28th to construct a new roundabout at Cherry Creek Boulevard and Hazel Dell Parkway. The project will also include widening of Hazel Dell Parkway to four lanes from Ivy Hill Drive (just north of 131st Street) to Cherry Creek Boulevard. <http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=12663045>

I-74 travelers to face ramp closure, lane restrictions
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Commuters will see a new phase of construction begin Thursday night on I-74. The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that crews will be laying down new pavement to widen both the eastbound and westbound lanes of I-74, west of I-465. The ramp closure and the I-74 lane restriction could both be lifted by 2 p.m. Monday, according to an INDOT news release issued Wednesday. Both directions of I-74 will be widened from two lanes to four lanes for a 1.5-mile stretch west of I-465. Construction of the new westbound lanes will begin Friday and is expected to be completed by early fall. Once the westbound lanes are finished, work will begin on the new eastbound lanes, according to INDOT.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100617/LOCAL1804/6170325/I-74-travelers-to-face-ramp-closure-lane-restrictions>

Frustration simmers over Ind. 26 work
Journal & Courier
Dorothy Schneider
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Like many drivers, Judy Watson tries to avoid driving on Indiana 26 East these days. The Indiana Department of Transportation is spending roughly \$14 million to repave and improve the state road between U.S. 52 and Frontage Road. Plus, the state is improving the Interstate 65 interchange. Work now -- as if motorists passing through each day need a reminder -- is concentrated on a stretch from Park East Boulevard to Frontage Road.

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100617/NEWS/6170340/Frustration-simmers-over-Ind-26-work>

Avon seeks online input on roads
The Indianapolis Star
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The next six months will be a critical time for the future of transportation in and around Avon. By this time next year, three more roundabouts are scheduled to open, and town leaders will complete a study to guide transportation improvements for the next couple of decades. "We feel like we know what we need to do in addressing our immediate needs," said Ryan Cannon, the town's public works director, "so that gives us more time to be proactive in planning the next 10-15 years. So we wanted to take a step back and look at the whole town comprehensively and determine what people want." Avon is winding down the first phase of a \$55,000 study examining east-west travel through town and needs input from the public.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100617/LOCAL0502/6170366/1020/LOCAL05/Avon-seeks-online-input-on-roads>