



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**June 22, 2010**

**Fulton/Lloyd road work ahead of schedule**  
Evansville Courier & Press  
Adam Poulisse  
6/17/10

Construction at Fulton Avenue and the Lloyd Expressway is slightly ahead of its scheduled October completion date, INDOT spokeswoman Cher Goodwin said. The project's construction began in July 2008 with safety and mobility improvement as its No. 1 focus. "This new interchange is critical to Evansville's future, and therefore I am pleased to hear that construction is ahead of schedule and will be complete this year," Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel said in a statement. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/17/ahead-of-schedule/>

**Construction on I-465 and I-74 for I-74 lane expansions**  
WISH  
Lorne Russell  
6/17/10

A new phase of construction is beginning on Accelerate 465 interchange reconfiguration at Interstate 74 on the city's west side. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will be constructing new pavement to widen both the eastbound and westbound lanes on I-74, 1.5 miles west of I-465. I-74 will be widened in both directions from two to four lanes and I-74 will be restricted to one lane in both directions after 9 p.m. Friday June 18. Construction of the new westbound lanes will begin Friday, June 18 and is expected to be completed by early fall with work beginning on the new eastbound lanes afterward. As part of this project at I-74, the existing cloverleaf loop ramps are being replaced by a freeway-to-freeway interchange with higher speed directional flyover ramps. The design will eliminate the hazards associated with weaving traffic at the top and bottom of the existing cloverleaf loop ramps. <http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/traffic/construction/construction-on-i-465-and-i-74-for-i-74-lane-expansions>

**Construction heads to North A Street**  
Palladium-Item  
6/17/10

Highway work in Richmond expanded to a new location this week: North A Street. The \$259,165 pavement preservation contract for work between North Third Street and North 16th Street was awarded to Strawser, the low bidder. Strawser received its notice to proceed Friday. By the week of June 28, the contractor should be ready to apply the new

surface to the one-mile section, Maginity said. Micro-surfacing seals a road's underlayers from moisture damage, which extends the life of the pavement, Maginity said. It also adds friction materials to the surface for better skid resistance, he said. <http://www.palitem.com/article/20100617/NEWS01/6170304>

Federal dollars blacktop county  
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette  
Amanda Iacone  
6/17/10

Summer construction isn't affecting just city drivers; dozens of road projects throughout unincorporated Allen County are also under way. Stretches of newly paved blacktop are beginning to appear throughout rural Allen County as dozens of county highway projects roll out with the help of federal stimulus money. Major road projects in Fort Wayne – such as those on Aboite Center Road, on Lima Road and downtown – are more visible because they are in high-traffic areas. But the bulk of the county's projects are less noticeable, often resulting in brief lane closures. Federal stimulus money will pay for the repaving of more than 66 miles of road in unincorporated areas of the county this summer – more than nine times the road miles Allen County was able to resurface last year.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100617/LOCAL/306179965/1002/LOCAL>

INDOT to close portion of Indiana 68  
Evansville Courier & Press  
6/17/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation is announcing that it will be closing Indiana 68 in Warrick County between Indiana 57 and Indiana 61. Contractor's crews will close the roadway at 8 a.m. Monday. Crews will be reconstructing a half-mile stretch of the roadway east of Indiana 57. The roadway is anticipated to re-open to through traffic sometime on Oct. 31. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/17/indot-close-portion-indiana-68/>

Part of Keystone Parkway to reopen next week  
The Indianapolis Star  
Chris Sikich  
6/17/10

Relief from Keystone Parkway construction is in sight, but drivers also can expect delays on another north-south corridor this summer. The city estimates it will open Keystone from 126th to 136th streets on June 26, though construction will continue through the summer. The stretch has been closed since May 10 as workers convert the intersection of Main Street and Keystone into a roundabout-style interchange.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100617/LOCAL0101/6170479/1015/LOCAL01/Part-of-Keystone-Parkway-to-reopen-next-week>

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106180379>

City has concrete plan for West Kirkwood  
Bloomington Herald Times  
Michael Malik  
6/18/10

Downtown construction on West Kirkwood Avenue just got longer and more expensive. Bloomington city officials are switching the type of material that construction crews will

use to rebuild a section of street from asphalt to concrete. Susie Johnson, the city's public works director, said the switch is being made for several reasons, including that concrete has a longer lifespan, saves money over time in maintenance costs and, unlike asphalt, does not have to be overlaid so frequently. The city is spending more than \$1.6 million in tax increment financing district funds for streetscape work on West Kirkwood Avenue from Rogers Street to College Avenue. In addition to adding about one week to the project, Johnson said, the switch will add about \$216,000 to the project.

[For more information, please call TRIAD at 1-800-288-7423.](#)

#### **Carmel roundabouts get makeover**

**WTHR**

**6/17/10**

Roundabouts are popping up in towns across Central Indiana. There are more than 50 in Carmel, but two of the older roundabouts need to be changed for safety reasons. That's going to affect thousands of motorists this summer. 126th and Hazel Dell Parkway is one of the busiest intersections in Carmel. 21,000 vehicles travel through the roundabout every day. Some of the cars are going faster than the 40-mph speed limit. Engineers say when the traffic is light, some motorists are speeding through the roundabouts while others are actually changing lanes midway through. More fender benders are taking place at 126th and Hazel Dell than at the newer roundabouts in Carmel. Engineer Mike McBride is studying results from speed detection equipment and plans to give the Hazel Dell roundabouts At 126th and Main Street a facelift, altering the geometry so they resemble the newer roundabouts and narrowing the median as cars approach and moving the outside curb toward the center of the roadway. <http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=12669263>

#### **Street initiatives across the region face delays**

**Post-Tribune**

**Chelsea Schneider Kirk**

**6/20/10**

As Northwest Indiana's summer construction season came to an abrupt halt because of Ironworkers and then Teamsters strikes this month, street department officials across the region are cautiously waiting to see how much the work stoppage will impact their projects. In Highland, the goal to have Cline Avenue reopened over the Cady Marsh Ditch may not happen before July 4. Schererville isn't sure when its Kennedy Avenue repaving project will get under way. And construction on Crown Point's new Interstate 65 interchange on 109th Street appeared to have been on schedule before work stalled. "The Cline Avenue project is one, it had the most impact," Highland Public Works Director John Bach said. "It was our goal to have it opened up on the Fourth of July, but it (the strikes) really complicated that project. Pretty much the roadway is closed because we can't get the bridge open in a timely matter." A smaller project on Highland Street and a federal stimulus paving project on 45th Avenue were also delayed, Bach said. He hopes once the unions settle their negotiations, work delays won't exceed the amount of time they were out on strike. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2411080,new-roads0619.article>

#### **US 31 Scheduled for Restriction Between SR 218 and US 24**

**Kokomo Perspective**

**6/20/10**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Fort Wayne District announces US 31 between SR 218 and US 24 is currently restricted for bridgework. Division Road and Blair Pike Road are also closed as part of the project. Crews will be replacing bridge approaches

over Prairie Creek near Peru. Construction work will be protected by temporary traffic barriers. The project is expected to be complete by the end of July.

[http://www.kokomoperspective.com/news/state\\_news/article\\_95baf3ee-7c65-11df-a3d3-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.kokomoperspective.com/news/state_news/article_95baf3ee-7c65-11df-a3d3-001cc4c03286.html)

**Indiana receives \$1.2B in stimulus money from feds to create more jobs**

WISH

Rick Dawson

6/18/10

Stimulus funds are being delivered to state governments to help find more jobs for the unemployed, and Indiana is reaping the benefits. The latest report filed by Indiana with the federal government has more than \$1.2 billion in stimulus money being spent by all state agencies with more than 3,500 jobs created, close to \$350,000 spent per job. Most of the money is going to road projects around the state including bridge rebuilding over I-70 in Hancock County. [http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/money/job\\_news/indiana-receives-\\$1.2b-in-stimulus-money-from-fed.-to-create-more-jobs](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/money/job_news/indiana-receives-$1.2b-in-stimulus-money-from-fed.-to-create-more-jobs)

**Grant to Help Fund Replacement of Southern Indiana Bridge**

Inside Indiana Business

6/21/10

A federal stimulus grant of \$20 million has been awarded to help replace a bridge in southern Indiana. The \$129 million project involves replacing the Milton-Madison Bridge (US 421), which spans the Ohio River between Indiana and Kentucky. The bridge was built in 1929, and officials predict it now has a serviceable life of less than 10 years. The replacement will include bicycle and pedestrian access.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=42257>

**I-69 overpass could open by September**

The Indianapolis Star

Bill McCleery

6/21/10

Work crews expect to finish most construction on the Olio Road overpass at Interstate 69 within the next three months, a Hamilton County official said today. "They're looking at probably sometimes in September for getting the road back open to traffic," said Matt Knight, the county's bridge program engineer. The overpass will connect Noblesville and Fishers just north of Exit 10. The county is paying Boggstown, Ind.-based Beaty Construction \$8.5 million for the project. The cost includes expanding Olio north of the overpass to four lanes up to Tegler Boulevard and creating a roundabout at that intersection. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106210364>

**Another I-69 contract awarded**

WFIE

Rich Miller

6/21/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced Monday that another Interstate 69 (I-69) contract in Daviess County has been awarded. In a joint venture, T.J. Lambrecht Construction and F.H. Paschen bid \$58.5 million to construct four lanes of new interstate roadway from the North Fork of Prairie Creek to County Road 1400

North. Construction of this latest contract should begin later this summer and connect with other portions of Section 3 currently under construction. In October 2009 Governor Daniels announced the acceleration of the design and construction of the I-69 corridor. <http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12683874>  
Also, <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/22/585m-i-69-contractawarded/>  
Also, <http://www.ijb.com/state-awards-60m-contract-for-5-miles-of-i69-extension/PARAMS/article/20668>

INDOT to discuss Ind. 38 proposal in New Castle  
The Star Press  
6/22/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will present preliminary plans at a public hearing Wednesday evening for a proposed construction project on Ind. 38 located three miles west of Ind. 3 in Henry County. Business operators and area residents are invited to learn about the safety project, which is designed to make sight/distance improvements along 0.73 miles of roadway. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Westwood Elementary School, 1015 S. Greensboro Pike. Attendees can view plans developed by Crossroad Engineers and talk with INDOT officials, real estate personnel and contracted design consultants before and after an informational presentation. Those wishing to make a public statement will have their remarks entered into public record for considerations that could impact development of the final plans. Presenters will describe proposed construction and the project's purpose. They will discuss INDOT's environmental studies, project timetable, right-of-way considerations and real estate acquisition.  
<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100622/NEWS01/6220323/1002/rss>

Carmel, county, to spend \$25 million on roadwork  
The Indianapolis Star  
Chris Sikich  
6/22/10

Hamilton County and Carmel have finalized an agreement to issue about \$25 million in bonds for roadway improvements throughout Carmel as well as work on the county-owned Indianapolis Executive Airport. The Carmel City Council unanimously approved the deal Monday, the last OK needed to complete the deal.  
<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010100622016>

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