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Infrastructure Media Summary

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INDOT holds meeting for U.S. 31 construction
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The Major Moves project to revamp U.S. 31 is moving forward. The Indiana Department of Transportation held an informational meeting on Tuesday evening about the project. Construction on U.S. 31 between South Bend and Plymouth is well underway, but reactions to the updated plans are mixed. "It's a mess," said Arlene Molar, who lives close to where a part of the project will be. Molar's main concern is rising water levels. The scope of the work is major — a total of 20 miles, 15 of which will be new road and will cost \$280 million. The state will use parts of 470 properties, including clearing 150 homes.

<http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/96951749.html>

Also, <http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100623/News01/6230310/-1/googleNews>

Also, <http://www.wthr.com/global/story.asp?s=12697632>

Price-tag Increases For Maplecrest Extension
Indiana's News Center
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Allen County officials say a dumping ground that has been overlooked for decades will add about \$1.5 million to the Maplecrest Road Extension Project. County Commissioners say their earliest map of the area is from 1976, but there is evidence inside of what they say looks like an old landfill that indicates the dumping ground may have existed in the 1920's or 1930's. Officials say they found the overgrown dumping ground in a wooded area just south of River Road. They are now calling the soil there "contaminated" and "unstable." They say because the area consists of primarily trees and woods, they had no reason to test the area before but they aren't surprised. This isn't the first time Allen County has had construction problems due to poor soil quality. County Commissioner Linda Bloom says, "Allen County is not known for good soil. When we did the Juvenile Center and the Justice Center, a lot of additional money was spent because of the soil involved." The project will eventually create a corridor to the city's southeast side near New Haven. It's still expected to be completed on time in the fall of 2012. Originally estimated at \$53 million, it's the most expensive project of its kind in Allen County history.

<http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/96890204.html>

Plant Brothers nets \$2.6M contract for Margaret Avenue construction
The Tribune-Star

Arthur Foulkes
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The Terre Haute Redevelopment Commission at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon awarded a \$2.6 million contract for construction of new roadways near Margaret Avenue and Indiana 46. Plant Brothers Excavating & Construction Co. LLC of Terre Haute submitted the lowest of three bids for the project. All of the bids were within \$40,000 of each other in price, Redevelopment Department officials said. The project, which will be funded from the TIF special taxing district on East Margaret Avenue, calls for New Margaret Avenue, which currently runs east-west from Indiana 46 to a dead end north of Walmart, to be extended to the west. <http://tribstar.com/news/x383281374/Plant-Brothers-nets-2-6M-contract-for-Margaret-Avenue-construction>

Oak Grove Road project on the agenda today
Evansville Courier & Press
Garret Mathews
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting today to discuss the Oak Grove Road project. It will begin at 9 a.m. at the Warrick County Commissioners' room at the courthouse. The maximum amount of funding to any one applicant during the 2010 call for projects is \$3 million with the local entity providing 20 percent in matching local funds. The Vincennes District has been allocated \$4.1 million for distribution. Four communities including Warrick County have submitted projects totaling approximately \$12.6 million. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/23/no-headline---24a05indot-brf/>

Olio Road bridge over I-69 may open in September
The Indianapolis Star
Bill McCleery
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Work crews expect to finish most construction on the Olio Road bridge over I-69 within the next three months, a Hamilton County official said this week. The bridge will connect Noblesville and Fishers just north of Exit 10. The county is paying Boggstown-based Beaty Construction approximately \$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=20106240475>

Residents tell city about infrastructure needs
The Indianapolis Star
William Booher
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Marti Lamar and Gary Gaskin joined other Southside residents responding in a recent forum to an appeal by Mayor Greg Ballard and Department of Public Works engineers to identify streets, sidewalks and bridges that need repair. "You are the expert, and we need your input," the mayor told about 80 people attending a June 16 public forum in the Perry Township Government Center on the Ballard administration's RebuildIndy initiative. Road resurfacing and drainage improvements need to be done on Pleasant Run Parkway's North and South drives, St. Paul Street needs repaving and sidewalk repair, and an alley needs to be installed in the Prospect Street area between Keystone and Churchman avenues, Lamar said. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106240471>

Carmel/county pact to fund roadwork, airport upgrades
The Indianapolis Star
Chris Sikich
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Hamilton County and Carmel have finalized an agreement to issue about \$25 million in bonds and \$2 million in cash for roadway improvements throughout Carmel as well as \$4 million in cash for the county-owned Indianapolis Executive Airport. The funding would come from two tax-increment financing districts that draw money from Carmel-area commercial properties. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106240417>

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