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Infrastructure Media Summary

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County road will soon be vacated
WTHI
Chris Essex
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A road along the Wabash River will soon be vacated by the county. There was a petition for the county to close Robertson Road down so the levee can be pushed back. The levee is showing signs of deterioration and this is a preventative step. Closing the road now so the levee can be repaired is more cost effective than doing it later if the river were to take the road out. Officials say only a half mile of the road will be closed and it won't affect too many residents. Construction is expected to begin around August first and wrap up by mid September. http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/terre_haute_county_road_vacated

Wheel tax goes flat
Evening News and Tribune
Braden Lammers
6/30/10

The Clark County Council voted to not impose a wheel tax by a vote of 6 to 1 at a special meeting Tuesday night as a meeting room packed with residents and county officials stated their cases on why the fee should or should not be imposed. "The only thing I want to do is impress upon you guys here that my taxes are high enough," said Clark County resident J.L. Dreyer. "If you need to do the things that's necessary for infrastructure, go take it away from other lesser important things. Leave my taxes alone." The council listened, with only Councilman Perry Smith voting against a motion to not allow the wheel tax — a tax on vehicles — to be reenacted, which was how the matter was brought to vote. A number of council members offered that county residents have been taxed enough already. <http://newsandtribune.com/clarkcounty/x1703944216/Wheel-tax-goes-flat>

Work begins soon on west side I-465 project
WTHR
Jeremy Brilliant
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Get ready to hit the brakes if you're traveling on the west side. The I-465 southbound ramp to Crawfordsville Road eastbound is closed until next May. I-74 west of I-465 is also under construction with the speed limit in the area reduced to 45 mph. "There will also be short-term ramp closures around the interchange," said INDOT spokesman Will Wingfield. The interchange between the interstates is being revamped to increase the flow of traffic. The old clover leaf is being replaced by streamlined ramps that will enable traffic to maintain

highway speeds while merging in different directions. The closure of the Crawfordsville Road exit was timed to take place after the Indy 500, but INDOT officials say they couldn't help closing it now - just in time for the Brickyard 400.

<http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=12728963>

Also, <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107010388>

Indiana 23 work to stretch into spring
South Bend Tribune
Erin Blasko
6/23/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation has abandoned the idea of completing work on Indiana 23 through Granger by the end of the year. InDOT spokeswoman Angie Fegaras said Monday that unexpected project delays related to utility and railroad work have pushed the completion date back to the spring. Work to widen the state highway between Adams Road and Bittersweet Trail began in March of last year and had been expected to last just 18 months. The plan now, Fegaras said, is to finish initial resurfacing work by the end of November and then pause for winter, removing construction barriers and opening the nearly completed road with temporary lane markings. In the spring then, Fegaras said, crews will put down a final layer of asphalt and complete sidewalk and landscaping work with as little disruption as possible.

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100629/News01/6290307/-1/googleNews>

OUR VIEW: Plan to sever Centennial better than no plan at all
The Star Press
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Last week, the Indiana Department of Transportation deferred to the wishes of local officials and scrapped plans to build the overpass. Instead, the intersection will be converted to a grass median with acceleration and deceleration lanes added to allow right turns onto and off of the bypass. There's no price tag yet, but it's certain to cost less than an overpass. It's a plan advocated by the Delaware County commissioners. The end result will eliminate crossover traffic but still give Centennial motorists access to and from the bypass. Sound familiar? This traffic flow plan was tried for 15 months from 2002 to 2004 after a series of crashes, including fatalities. The barriers came down after complaints from businesses, a nearby trucking firm, motorists and at least one union hall.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100629/OPINION01/6290311>

Part of New Albany's Daisy may be paved ahead of construction project
Evening News and Tribune
Daniel Suddeath
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The final phases of Daisy Lane reconstruction will be pushed into the spring of 2011, but the New Albany Redevelopment Commission is pursuing a way to pave at least part of the road this summer. During a Tuesday meeting, the board discussed options for resurfacing a large portion of Daisy Lane from approximately Schell Lane to Green Valley Road. Deputy Mayor Carl Malysz said there are two approaches for funding the temporary paving — absorb the cost into the total price tag for the remaining construction or ask the City Council to appropriate money to foot the expense.

<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x657349726/Part-of-New-Albanys-Daisy-may-be-paved-ahead-of-construction-project>

Teamsters approve new contract
The NWI Times
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The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 142 ratified a new contract with local highway construction contractors Wednesday night, officially ending a nearly three-week strike. Mitch Sawochka, president of the Local 142, wouldn't disclose the vote total for the agreement, but said a vast majority of the Gary-based union was in favor of the new three-year labor contract with the Four County Highway Contractors Group. About a week ago, the Teamsters voted 266-43 against a proposed contract that the union was not pleased with. The new contract is similar to an agreement that the Teamsters approved with the separate NWI Contractors Association before the end of June, Teamsters Secretary-Treasurer Richard Knipp said earlier this week. A group of 16 highway contractors formed the Four County Highway Contractors Group earlier this year, telling the Teamsters they wanted to negotiate a separate agreement governing highway work in Northwest Indiana. http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/gary/article_23b601aa-a97d-5802-a5b5-bcc73a6f2f4b.html

Roadwork closes Hazel Dell Parkway
The Indianapolis Star
Chris Sikich
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Carmel closed a section of Hazel Dell Parkway Monday for a \$1 million project to widen the thoroughfare to four lanes near Cherry Creek Elementary and to add a roundabout at the intersection with Cherry Creek Boulevard. The road will be closed for 45 days from about 131st Street to Cherry Creek Boulevard. The project also will include updating the roundabouts at 126th and 131st streets as well as a \$1.5 million federally funded project to resurface sections of the road and the adjacent multiuse paths, modify curbs, stripe the road and add signs. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107010444>

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