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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Repaving project to close road
Evansville Courier & Press
John Lucas
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will close northbound Ind. 161 in Dubois County between Ind. 64 and Interstate 64 to traffic beginning this morning. Crews will be milling the existing pavement and placing a new concrete "white-topping" surface to the road. One lane of the roadway must be closed to allow the application of the new pavement. The roadway is expected to reopen to northbound traffic in early August, depending on weather conditions. The \$2.5 million resurfacing contract was awarded to Gohmann Asphalt and Construction Inc. of Clarksville, Ind. INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a construction zone. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jul/19/no-headline---19a003sr161-brf/>
Also, <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jul/19/update-work-two-road-projects-delayed/>

County accepts bids on road, Villa work
Journal & Courier
Dorothy Schneider
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A bid was accepted Monday for the third of three phases of work on South River Road in Tippecanoe County. The commissioners accepted a bid from Milestone for nearly \$2.4 million. The contract will pay for road improvements, including widening by two feet on each side, the addition of shoulders and an added trail along the road that will connect to the Wabash Heritage Trail. Construction will not begin until 2011. It will include South River Road between Fort Ouiatenon and the new U.S. 231.
<http://www.jconline.com/article/20100720/NEWS/7200316/County-accepts-bids-on-road--Villa-work>

Epworth project nearly done; may reopen to traffic by Friday
Contractor aims for Sept. 1 completion date
Evansville Courier & Press
Mark Wilson
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J.T. McCarty, owner of Colonial Classics Landscape & Nursery Center, didn't hesitate when he learned the milelong stretch of Epworth Road running past his business could be open to local traffic by Friday. Customers of the long-standing business have endured dust and dodged construction equipment to get to the nursery since the road closed to through traffic in June 2009 while it has been widened from two to four lanes. He said he is planning a sale to mark the occasion. "The recession and the road widening have certainly taken their toll, but we have survived," he said. Warrick County Highway Engineer Robert

Howard said some work remains to be done, but the contractor, Ragle Inc., hopes to complete the project by the Sept. 1 deadline. The \$2.8 million project is mostly federally funded, with the government picking up 90 percent of the construction costs, he said. Warrick County is paying the remaining 10 percent with economic development income tax funds. The work has included widening the road and installing gutters and curbs, as well as a right turn lane from Epworth onto Ind. 66 and improvements to the intersection with Stahl Road. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jul/19/epworth-project-nearly-done-may-reopen-to-by/>

Building demolition to begin along Interstate 69
Indianapolis Business Journal
Chris O'Malley
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The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to accept demolition contract proposals Aug. 4 for the first building in the way of Interstate 69 expansion just north of I-465 on the northeast side of Indianapolis. The former, 8,407-square-foot headquarters of August Mack Environmental, at 8007 Castleton Road, is set to be demolished by the end of October. August Mack moved to a new home at 1200 N. Meridian St. about two years ago. The company's doomed former office complex, now sprouting weeds, is already precariously close to the southbound lanes of I-69. Another 14,383 square feet of former August Mack parking lots are also to be erased to make room for a widened I-69 and a dramatically reconfigured interchange at I-465. Blueprints show that a new ramp to westbound I-465 will be built atop the doomed property. <http://www.ibj.com/building-demolition-to-begin-along-i69-on-northeast-side/PARAMS/article/21173>

East Chicago transfers roads to INDOT; Cline Ave. to be rerouted
Chesterton Tribune
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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that a route transfer agreement has been signed with the City of East Chicago to relinquish sections of Riley Road and Dickey Road to INDOT. Effective October 1, this agreement will INDOT to reroute Ind. 912 (Cline Ave.) as part of the Cline Ave. traffic solution plan. In mid-April, INDOT announced a multi-project traffic solution designed to address the displaced traffic due to the closure of the Cline Ave. bridge. One key element in the design solution is transferring sections of Riley and Dickey roads in the City of East Chicago. This transfer will enable INDOT to construct a new ramp from Cline Ave. to Dickey Road as well as to undertake additional improvements along these roads. http://www.chestertontribune.com/Northwest%20Indiana/715101%20east_chicago_transfers_roads_to.htm

Fishers ready to upgrade 96th, Allisonville intersection
The Indianapolis Star
Carrie Ritchie
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The Fishers Town Council will meet Monday night to discuss the future of one of the Northeastside's busiest intersections. The town has been trying for years to find a fix for the often-congested intersection at 96th Street and Allisonville Road, and officials are ready to move forward on a plan. The Town Council will decide Monday whether to hire consulting firm RW Armstrong to reconfigure the intersection. Town Council President Scott Faultless said a design must be completed before the town can determine how much right-of-way it would need to acquire for the project. Faultless said the town doesn't anticipate demolishing any of the businesses on the intersection's four corners to expand the intersection. Construction on the intersection is still a long way off. Designing the intersection, acquiring right of way and moving utilities likely will take about two years, and Faultless couldn't estimate when construction on the intersection would finish. The intersection is estimated to cost about \$9 million, which would be

covered by bonds the town would issue. Tax-increment financing money from a development planned for the northwest corner of the intersection would be used to cover \$7.75 million of those bonds, said Town Council member Stuart Easley, who has been working on the project.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100716/LOCAL0102/7160413/1015/LOCAL01/Fishers-ready-to-upgrade-96th-Allisonville-intersection>

Cumberland Road restrictions begin today
The Indianapolis Star
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Lane restrictions along Cumberland Road between 106th and 141st streets in Fishers begin today. A contractor is resurfacing the road and adding a southbound, right-turn lane into Cumberland Road Elementary, which is just north of 131st Street, according to the town's website. Fishers also plans to add a southbound, right-turn lane on Cumberland Road at 116th Street as part of a handful of intersection improvements this year. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107190382>

Carmel to restrict 116th Street
The Indianapolis Star
Chris Sikich
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Carmel will begin lane restrictions on 116th Street between Range Line Road and Guilford Road Friday. Workers are adding a westbound left-turn lane to accommodate traffic turning into Monon Farms subdivision, the city announced today in a news release. The project will take about 20 days. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107190366>

Weather could delay Boone County roadwork
The Indianapolis Star
Robert Annis
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An incoming thunderstorm will force the delay of a road project in Boone County. The Indiana Department of Transportation said the northbound Ind. 267 ramp will close for at least one day starting Wednesday, weather depending. Workers will be paving the intersection, although only one exit will be closed. The remaining road and ramps will stay open, but traffic will be restricted to one lane. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107190384>