



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**July 22, 2010**

**Construction workers reach tentative agreement**  
The NWI Times  
7/20/10

After more than three weeks on strike, members of the Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 reached a tentative agreement late Monday night with the Mid America Regional Bargaining Association after more than nine hours of negotiations. The strike impacted work on a number of area road construction projects, including the Eisenhower Expressway and local projects in Calumet City and Lansing. According to information posted on the Local 150 Web site, the tentative agreement calls for a 3.25 percent annual increase over the next three years.

[http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article\\_4730aa08-317b-5645-ae2-dd8b30e3e0bb.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_4730aa08-317b-5645-ae2-dd8b30e3e0bb.html)

**Fishers council delays hiring road work consultant**  
The Indianapolis Star  
7/20/10

Fishers has delayed hiring a consultant to help reconfigure the 96th Street and Allisonville Road intersection. The Town Council was scheduled to decide Monday whether to hire R.W. Armstrong to help find a fix for the often-congested intersection, but it postponed the vote because it is still negotiating details of a contract with the consultant. The contract could come up again at the council's Aug. 2 meeting. The Town Council likely will decide on a design for the intersection when it approves the consulting contract. The town is leaning toward a format called the "Michigan Left," which is fairly rare outside Indiana's northern neighbor.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100720/LOCAL0102/7200336/1015/LOCAL01/Fishers-council-delays-hiring-road-work-consultant>

**Groundbreaking for I-69 section scheduled today**  
Evansville Courier & Press  
Gleaner Staff  
7/20/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation has scheduled an invitation-only groundbreaking ceremony today for the third section of the Interstate 69 construction project from Evansville toward Indianapolis. The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. EDT today at the Daviess County Municipal Airport on County Road 250-East near Washington, Ind. INDOT has awarded a \$58.5 million contract to T.J. Lambrecht Construction and F.H. Paschen to

construct the first three miles of Section 3, which ultimately will extend Washington to Crane, Ind., southwest of Bloomington.

<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jul/20/groundbreaking-for-i-69-section-scheduled-today/>

Also, <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jul/21/i-69-takes-next-step-forward/>

**Purdue, INDOT Working on Green Highway Projects**  
Inside Indiana Business  
7/21/10

Civil engineers at Purdue University and the Indiana Department of Transportation are partnering on green highway projects around the state. Work includes recycling a waste product called cement kiln dust, which officials say could save taxpayers \$300,000 annually. Purdue says cement kiln dust could be used to replace 70 percent of the roughly one million tons of lime used on projects.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=42728>

**I-70 eastbound exit ramp to open onto Mount Comfort Road**  
The Indianapolis Star  
Melanie Hayes  
7/20/10

A new ramp on an I-70 interchange will open to traffic tonight in Hancock County -- and a second ramp will open within a week. The Indiana Department of Transportation has been working on improving the interchange at I-70 and Mount Comfort Road since the spring of 2009, said spokesman Will Wingfield.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100720/LOCAL07/7200400/1139/LOCAL07/I-70-eastbound-exit-ramp-to-open-onto-Mount-Comfort-Road>

**'Michigan Left' might ease traffic crunch**  
Fishers could turn the intersection at 96th Street and Allisonville Road into the state's first 'Michigan Left'  
The Indianapolis Star  
Carrie Ritchie  
7/21/10

Fishers might have its answer to Carmel's signature roundabouts. The "Michigan Left" is the leading candidate to reroute traffic at 96th Street and Allisonville Road, one of the region's most troublesome bottlenecks, with about 55,000 vehicles a day. It's a relatively cheap but potentially confusing fix. The Michigan Left -- rarely used outside its home state, and never before in Indiana -- actually doesn't allow left turns. Instead, it requires drivers to go straight, or turn right and make a U-turn at a nearby auxiliary intersection. The design has found support on Fishers' Town Council, which might OK it as soon as Aug. 2, though because of the time required to complete a design and acquire right of way, construction wouldn't begin before 2012.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100721/LOCAL0102/7210335/1001/NEWS>

**Stimulus funds being used to rebuild McGalliard, Tillotson**  
The Star Press  
Seth Slabaugh  
7/21/10

Work has started on the first of two major road reconstructions the city is undertaking with federal stimulus dollars. Tillotson Avenue is being rebuilt from Riverside Avenue to Bethel Avenue at a cost of \$705,371. And later this summer, McGalliard Road will be rebuilt from Wheeling Avenue to Granville Avenue at a cost of \$790,897. "This is a great deal for the city that all we had to pay was the engineering costs," said Pete Heuer, superintendent of the department of public works. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the \$787 billion federal package to jump-start the economy, is paying 100 percent of both projects' construction costs. The city is paying \$44,825 for engineering services for McGalliard and \$37,479 for engineering services for Tillotson.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100721/NEWS01/7210303/1002/rss>

#### **Boone County roadwork delayed again**

The Indianapolis Star

Robert Annis

7/21/10

Possible inclement weather has forced the delay of a road project in Boone County for a third time. The Indiana Department of Transportation said the northbound Ind. 267 ramp will close for at least one day starting Tuesday, 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. The project was supposed to begin July 20, but was halted when forecasters predicted a thunderstorm would hit the area. With storms possibly hanging around the area for the next few days, INDOT decided to postpone the project until next week. When roadwork begins, INDOT suggests drivers who normally get off on the exit continue north to the Indianapolis Road exit, where they should turn around and return southbound on I-65 back to Ind. 267. Although the closure should last only 24 hours, work could run into a second day.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107210378>

#### **Miami Street improvements construct headaches**

WNDU

Kevin Lewis

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The summer construction season is in full swing, helping improve roads across Michiana. But for those that drive along a 1.1 mile stretch of Miami Street in South Bend, a major road-widening project is giving drivers a headache. In early May, construction crews tore-up the entire street between Jackson and Kern Roads. Miami Street has now become a bumpy, dusty ride that residents say feels like the wild-wild west. Cars are filthy and patience is growing shorter by the day. The \$4 million dollar project will improve storm water sewers and flow along the street. Additionally, crews are widening the street from two to four lanes. The project also includes installing five foot sidewalks and tree lawns on both sides of the street. While it may be nice when it's done, neighbors say for now, it's also hurting their personal life. <http://www.wndu.com/localnews/headlines/98924304.html>

#### **Olio Road bridge still good for county**

The Indianapolis Star

Bill McCleery

7/22/10

When Hamilton County and Noblesville officials agreed in February 2008 to build the Olio Road Bridge over I-69, the U.S. and regional economies were humming along at a relatively strong clip. Locally, developer Gershman Brown Crowley -- which is 50 percent owner of

the Hamilton Town Center mall -- was mulling possible development on 280 acres of land north of the interstate at that location. Today, the situation has changed. The country struggles to climb out of an economic recession. Local real estate is not the hot commodity it once was. And Gershman Brown Crowley is no longer making big plans for the Olio Road area north of I-69. Residents of the area seem unsure of officials' reasons for building the bridge. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20107220375>

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