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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Most projects' end in sight
County midway through one of the busiest seasons for road work in years
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Benjamin Lanka
7/7/10

Drivers across Allen County have been hit with a glut of road construction projects this summer. The combination of federal stimulus money, revenue from the Indiana Toll Road lease and normal state and local maintenance work has helped make this a summer to forget for drivers. In some neighborhoods, it feels as if every road is under construction. With the calendar now flipped to July – marking the approximate halfway point for road construction season – the following breakdown provides a little more information on the status of some of the larger projects in Allen County, along with what to expect in the weeks and months ahead.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100706/LOCAL0203/307069960>

STEP Closes Chunk Of Meridian For 2 Months
Sewer Project To Eliminate Failing Septic Systems
The Indy Channel
7/6/10

A big stretch of Meridian Street will be closed for two months so that work can be completed on a large-scale sewer project. The road is closed between Raymond Street and Hanna Avenue to make way for "STEP," the Septic Tank Elimination Program. The work is expected to take 60 days and will result in the city taking about 550 customers off failing septic systems. The Department of Public Works will install new sanitary sewers, lift stations and manholes to support infrastructure expansion.

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/24154826/detail.html>

Next phase of Johnson Street bridge project to begin
WNDU
7/6/10

Construction work continues on the Johnson Street bridge over the St. Joseph River in Elkhart County with phase five set to begin Tuesday. Beardsley Avenue west of the Oslo Street intersection to Cassopolis Street will be closed. Johnson Street will also be down to one lane in each direction. This phase will allow the east half of Johnson Street to be reconstructed to its new alignment across the bridge structure. The project is expected to be complete in September. <http://www.wndu.com/localnews/headlines/97835774.html>

Laborers union makes push for infrastructure
The Indianapolis Star
7/7/10

The Laborers' International Union of North America will launch an effort today in Indianapolis to win support in the U.S. Senate for federal investment in fixing what they call "deteriorating basics" in Indiana and across America. Those "basics" are transportation and energy systems, water resources and school facilities. "Build Indiana 2010" is an ad campaign warning of deficient bridges and include Indiana billboards on Interstate 65 and Interstate 465. A news conference was planned today at a Southport Road site that overlooks an I-65 bridge over Little Buck Creek.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010100707003>

Also, <http://www.wthr.com/global/story.asp?s=12766011>

National Highway Bill Effort Comes to Indiana
Inside Indiana Business
7/7/10

A coalition of labor groups and members of the construction industry have launched an effort to persuade members of Congress to pass a new highway bill. Supporters say the bill could put hundreds of Indiana construction workers back on the job. They say one in four is currently out of work. <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=42519>

Indiana Transportation to add acceleration lanes on McGalliard intersection
The Ball State Daily News
Sharon Hernandez
7/8/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will start working on improvements at the intersection of McGalliard Road and the U.S. 35 Muncie Bypass on Wednesday. INDOT will add an acceleration lane on southbound U.S. 35 Bypass for traffic that is turning onto the bypass from eastbound McGalliard. The right lane on the U.S. 35 Bypass will be lengthened for motorists turning onto westbound McGalliard. There will also be a new traffic signal installed. Plans to do construction on the intersection started about a year and a half ago, Harry Maginity, public information director at INDOT, said. At a meeting with businesses, employees and legislators, it was decided to add a stop and leave that area as an intersection instead of an interchange to ensure stores and restaurants from nearby did not go out of business, Maginity said. <http://www.bsudailynews.com/indiana-transportation-to-add-acceleration-lanes-on-mcgalliard-intersection-1.2278924>

Fry Road work has on-time goal
City looks for November finish to project on mall's south side
The Indianapolis Star
Cindy Marshall
7/8/10

Utility issues have slowed the Fry Road reconstruction project near Greenwood Park Mall, but Greenwood officials say the work will be completed as planned by the November deadline. The stretch of Fry Road between Madison Avenue and U.S. 31 on the south side of the mall has been closed to through traffic since spring. The area is popular with shoppers from southern Marion and Johnson counties. As part of the project, the bridge over Pleasant Creek will be removed to make way for a new structure. The road will be

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<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100708/LOCAL0402/7080348/1023/LOCAL04/Greenwood-aims-for-November-finish-to-road-project-by-mall>

Roundabout contract expected in October

The Star Press

Seth Slabaugh

7/8/10

Construction of a roundabout could start late this year at the congested westside intersection of Jackson Street and Morrison Road. Delaware County commissioners on Tuesday awarded a \$346,900 contract to RW Armstrong, an Indianapolis consulting engineering firm, to inspect the project during construction. "We are crossing our fingers that the contract letting will be in October," said Angie Moyer, project director in the county engineer's office. "If not October, it will be November. We would like to begin work within 30 days of letting." That is out of the county's hands, however. The Indiana Department of Transportation is in charge of awarding the contract and the construction timetable. It has been estimated that the roundabout, which will include a new bridge, and improvements to Morrison from Jackson north to near Walmart, will cost in excess of \$10 million. Federal aid is paying 80 percent of the cost.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100708/NEWS01/7080343/1002/rss>

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