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Goshen road to be rebuilt to help with development

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GOSHEN — One of three Goshen road projects receiving funding support through the state's Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative is set to go to bid this month. Dustin Sailor, director of public works for the city, went before the Goshen Board of Public Works and Safety Monday afternoon seeking permission to begin advertising for bids for the reconstruction of Supreme Court, located just north of Kercher Road on the city's south side. According to Sailor, the project involves the reconstruction of Supreme Court with the addition of a cul de sac, curb and gutter and drainage improvements. "That is off of Kercher Road, and it used to be an old Supreme driveway that the city at some point accepted as right of way to a point," Sailor said of the roadway. "The road did not have a cul de sac on it, and so as part of this project, Supreme is providing right of way dedication for the cul de sac, paying for the cul de sac portion of it, and the city is going to go in and rebuild the road so it meets a standard cross section for a municipal street, and then also providing drainage on the west side." According to Sailor, Supreme Corp., a Goshen-based manufacturer of truck bodies, armored vehicles, custom vehicles and trolleys, is divesting its interests on the north side of Kercher Road. That action is opening up the corridor for new businesses to move in. That new interest is what prompted the need for the reconstruction project, Sailor explained. "As part of that process, we're not dealing with just one business anymore. We're starting to deal with multiple businesses, and there's also a developable piece of land there that Supreme intends to sell at some point," Sailor said of the corridor. "So we want to have that road situated and set up for independent businesses out there." As approved Monday, the plan is for Sailor's department to advertise for bids on Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, with all bids due back to the board on March 5. Funding for the project will be provided jointly through the Goshen Redevelopment Commission, Supreme Corp. and a matching grant in the amount of \$173,270 provided through the state's Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative.
http://www.goshennews.com/news/local_news/goshen-road-to-be-rebuilt-to-help-with-development/article_f78cf23c-3dea-5f6f-8b3e-1ed73e75f4c8.html

South Shore projects in play with federal budget, infrastructure maneuvering

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Region officials involved in the South Shore Line's major capital projects are staying the course as the pace of federal budget and infrastructure policy making has quickened in recent days, with Congress agreeing to a two-year federal spending framework and President Donald Trump releasing a 2019 budget proposal and 10-year infrastructure plan. The administration's budget

blueprint, released Monday, incorporates recent tax cuts and higher defense spending with echoes of last year's proposal to cut domestic spending. This includes phasing out the Capital Investment Grant program that would fund half the cost of the South Shore's West Lake Corridor and double-tracking projects. Work in each house of Congress during the past year has continued nonetheless to include support for the Federal Transit Administration's CIG program. A budget deal Congress approved last week — and which Trump signed — includes an increase in domestic spending, which would create more financial space for infrastructure. The framework deal included fiscal 2019 in an effort to end the cycles of temporary resolutions and government shutdowns that have come to define federal budget-making. The deal set a March 23 deadline to shore up funding for the rest of fiscal 2018. "As Congress has reached an agreement for a temporary budget template, I will continue to work diligently so that by March 23, all agencies of the federal government, including the Department of Defense and the Federal Transit Administration, can implement plans of work for the current fiscal year that began on Oct. 1, 2017," U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Gary, said Monday. "I also will continue to do everything possible to support the applications for investments in the South Shore rail line."
http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/south-shore-projects-in-play-with-federal-budget-infrastructure-maneuvering/article_9da323e9-bcf1-528d-9ccd-c7da830e7ac4.html

INDOT to close section of I-65 near downtown for bridge reconstruction project

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. —INDOT is giving drivers plenty of warning about a construction project that will close a chunk of I-65 north of downtown for more than a month. Earlier this week, the agency announced a reconstruction project to repave seven bridges along the interstate. The project, which is supposed to kick off sometime between late spring and summer, will last for approximately 35 days. INDOT says during that time, they will close both directions of I-65 between Meridian St. and 21st St. The ramps at the MLK/West street interchange will also be closed. "These bridges have reached their end of use for the public to drive over it. So we're going to take off about an inch and repave those bridges," spokesperson Lamar Holliday said. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association recently ranked Indiana as the state with the 14th-most structurally deficient bridges. Holliday says the project is part of INDOT's plan to help fix those problems. He added that the agency is opting to repair all the bridges at once as a way to ensure the project isn't prolonged over a series of months. "We want to set ourselves up to get these bridges done so the motoring public can continue to travel down that stretch of interstate," he said. <http://fox59.com/2018/02/09/indot-to-close-section-of-i-65-near-downtown-for-bridge-reconstruction-project/>

Final I-69 Section Impact Statement Released

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INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Department of Transportation has released the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision regarding the final section of the I-69 expansion. INDOT says the 26-mile stretch of interstate between Martinsville and Indianapolis will increase economic and improve safety and travel times. The 1,700-page impact statement affirms the use of State Road 37 between Indy and Martinsville as the route for Section 6 of the project. It also includes recommendations on roadway right-of-way, locations and types of 10 interchanges, placement of 13 overpasses and underpasses, as well as construction of 18 miles of new local access roads. INDOT says among Marion, Morgan and Johnson counties, Section 6 of the I-69 expansion will generate \$4.1 billion in economic impact over 20 years. The new interstate will result in more than 1,300 fewer crashes each year and an 11-minute reduction in travel time.

INDOT's website says construction on the final phase of the project is expected to begin in fiscal year 2020. <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/37462729/final-i-69-section-impact-statement-released> Also, <http://wishtv.com/2018/02/08/feds-sign-off-on-route-for-final-section-of-i-69-project/>

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