



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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### **City will use \$9.4 million grant for bypass, roundabout**

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Seymour is closer to being able to build a major bypass and improve a busy intersection, while Jackson County can redo two bridges with the latest round of federal transportation funding. The Indiana Department of Transportation has awarded the city \$9,425,000 to build a bypass connecting Burkart Boulevard from U.S. 50 on the city's east side with Airport Road on the city's west side and build a roundabout at Fourth and O'Brien streets. Although the bypass project, which includes a railroad overpass, has received much attention in recent years, the roundabout has not been talked about as much, city engineer Nathan Frey said. In 2015, the city had a traffic impact study completed on the intersection. Frey and Mayor Craig Luedeman didn't expect to get any federal aid for the project this time around, but the city received \$840,000. Currently, the intersection is a four-way stop marked by stop signs. The intersection is close to Cummins Seymour Engine Plant and its technical center, Seymour Middle School, apartment complexes and a gas station, making it a busy and congested area for both vehicles and pedestrians. "I had looked at the accident history and congestion at this intersection, and based on the numbers, a roundabout was the recommended solution," Frey said. Having a roundabout will slow down traffic but allow it to keep moving instead of having to stop. It also will prevent head-on collisions because of the way traffic will flow. The project will go out for public construction bids in 2021 but likely won't get started until 2023. The city will be advertising for bids to design the roundabout later this year. The Burkart South Bypass will be built in two phases. The first phase is estimated to cost around \$13 million. In 2016, the state awarded \$4 million to fund Phase I, bringing the total in federal funding for that phase to \$8 million.

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### **500 construction projects on tap**

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Dave Gong  
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Fort Wayne city officials Thursday unveiled more than 500 infrastructure improvements across 178 neighborhoods for the 2018 construction season, an investment of about \$30 million. Over the past five years, the city has invested \$130 million into street and road infrastructure, said Mayor Tom Henry, who was joined by neighborhood association representatives and other officials. The improvements will include new curbs and sidewalks. Thursday's announcement also included alley improvement projects for the first time, Henry added. "Most of them are hidden. Most of them are tucked away in the core of our city, and yet for so many people, they're an integral part of their lives," Henry said. "So it's about time we address them." This year, Henry

said, marks the fifth consecutive year the city has invested \$25 million or more into the city's streets and roads. Neighborhoods that will see construction this year include Caribe Colony Community, Greater McMillen Park, Deerfield Estates, North Franke Park, Pine Valley, Windrift and Lima Valley. Major thoroughfares including Dupont Road, State Boulevard, North Anthony Boulevard, Maysville Road, St. Joe Center Road, Jefferson Boulevard and Ardmore Avenue will also be under construction at some point this year. Work for a \$1.1 million project in the Lima Valley neighborhood north of downtown, which was scheduled to begin March 19, started on time and so far, most residents in the area are pleased with the communication from contractors performing the work, said David Hathaway, treasurer of the Lima Valley Neighborhood Association. "So far, they are doing well, they're coming quick, they're moving around fast, and it's nice to have our roads done," Hathaway said. "We're thankful for the city to finally come in and get working on our roads, and we're looking forward to the project being done."

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