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Lengthy I-74 project to begin next week in southeastern Indiana

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On Monday, August 7th, the Indiana Department of Transportation will launch its \$61 million pavement replacement project of I-74 at a groundbreaking ceremony. This full-depth reconstruction of I-74 lanes between interchanges at New Point and State Road 101 is INDOT Southeast District's first NEXT LEVEL project. NEXT LEVEL is a sustainable, data-driven plan to invest over \$30 billion in road and bridge improvements over the next 20 years. Those investments include projects at city, town and county levels statewide. Work for this 2 1/2 yr. project will include pavement replacement in Decatur, Franklin and Ripley Counties as well as new bridge superstructures at Little Laughery Creek and Western Creek. Construction operations slated for late-summer and fall of this year will focus on patching, shoulder strengthening, widening and building crossovers for future traffic shifts. <http://cbs4indy.com/2017/08/01/lengthy-i-74-project-to-begin-next-week-in-southeastern-indiana/>

State Still Finalizing Takeover Of I-69 Section 5

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The state hoped to take control of I-69 construction from Bloomington to Martinsville by the end of July, but the transition has yet to take place. The state reached an agreement last month with private developer I-69 Development Partners and its bondholders to take over construction of Section 5 after ongoing delays and financial problems. The project's already nearly two years behind schedule. But Indiana Department of Transportation Strategic Communications Director Scott Manning says the delay in the state assuming control on the project won't delay construction. "While we're waiting for that to be completed, that's not presenting a challenge or a slowdown to work progressing in the corridor," Manning says. INDOT is negotiating new contracts with the three main contractors working on the interstate. Walsh Construction is serving as a consultant to the state until the transition is finalized.

Construction is supposed to be complete by August 2018. <http://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/state-still-finalizing-takeover-of-i-69-section-5>

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