



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **INDOT to introduce I-465 and I-69 interchange improvements**

WISH-TV  
Drew Blair  
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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) – One of the most highly traveled interchanges in the greater Indianapolis area is a new target of focus for a highway improvement project. Indiana’s Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced preliminary plans to redesign the I-465 and I-69 interchange on the northeast side of the city. INDOT has named the project “Clear Path 465.” The plan includes adding lanes on I-465 starting at the White River Bridge which is between Keystone Avenue and Allisonville Road. The extension would go to Fall Creek, near where Shadeland Avenue intersects I-465. Portions of I-69 would be reconstructed between I-465 and 82nd Street, according to INDOT’s information posted online. The department’s preliminary project schedule indicates a final plan could be selected by Fall 2017 with construction beginning in the spring of 2020. On Wednesday, project representatives have scheduled an open house to reveal the proposal in its early stages and take comment or question from people in attendance. The open house will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Heritage Christian High School at 6401 East 75th Street. Officials said a presentation would take place followed by representative availability for further discussion.

<http://wishtv.com/2017/08/23/indot-to-introduce-i-465-and-i-69-interchange-improvements/>

#### **City sees street improvement progress**

The Herald Argus  
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La PORTE — City officials hope to get the wheels rolling early this fall on a new round of street paving, part of an ongoing effort in the community to improve road conditions. An application for up to \$1 million from the state Community Crossings program, a 50-50 match, was approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety on Monday. City officials had to wait to apply for state funding based on the state’s budgeting schedule, according to City Engineer Nick Minich. The amount requested is about the same as last year and the maximum offered by the state. “It’s definitely worth the wait,” he told the board. “We’re essentially doubling the amount of money we have available for road improvements.” Because the city’s “transportation asset management plan” was in place and money was available, the city could immediately apply for Community Crossings funding, Minich said. “We should hear back by the end of August or early September, which will allow us to make bid recommendations to the board by Sept. 18,” Minich said. “We should be able to get a good start this year.” The city’s share of funding comes from a local option income tax, a trash impact fee paid by property owners through their city utility bills, and a wheel tax collected on vehicle registrations, which was approved by City Council last year. The state’s share comes mostly from a 10-cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax. This year’s

Community Crossings program should pave about 18 miles of street, according to the city. Work is scheduled for completion by Nov. 30. This is the second year of projects prioritized through the city's asset management system, according to the application submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation. The impact of last year's grant was minimal given the scale of the need, the application states. "A substantial gap remains between an acceptable, maintainable standard for our streets and their current condition," former Mayor Blair Milo writes in the application letter. The city has been using its asset management system since 2014 — one that uses engineering and science as a basis for decision-making in road maintenance, the letter states. [http://www.heraldargus.com/news/city-sees-street-improvement-progress/article\\_2b6f6e1e-e6e2-5f74-a7e6-fec170c08eef.html](http://www.heraldargus.com/news/city-sees-street-improvement-progress/article_2b6f6e1e-e6e2-5f74-a7e6-fec170c08eef.html)

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