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Study: I-69 toll could raise up to \$11 billion

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INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana could see between \$39 billion and \$53 billion in toll revenue from 2021 to 2050, according to a feasibility study released Wednesday by the Indiana Department of Transportation on a proposed statewide tolling program. The report, ordered by the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year, estimates potential tolls and trip rates on six major highways - I-64; I-65; I-69; I-70; I-74 and I-94. Nothing in the study says how many of the drivers are Hoosiers versus out-of-state travelers. An example of a toll covering the 105 miles from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis would be \$4.20 for an automobile with a transponder. Overall, tolling revenue on I-69 - including south of Indianapolis - could range from \$8.4 billion to \$11 billion from 2021 to 2050. The potential toll rates mostly ranged from 4 cents per mile for automobiles to 19 cents per mile for heavy trucks. "This is a feasibility study, designed to inform discussions about the feasibility of a statewide tolling program. This study is not an investment-grade study that can be used to secure financing for a tolling project," the study said. "Actual toll revenues, if such a program is pursued, will depend on future traffic volumes and on the details of how Indiana implements the program." Lawmakers recently raised the state gas tax by 10 cents to help with road maintenance, but also included a study of tolling for the future. INDOT has also put out a request for proposal from firms relating to strategic planning on tolls. The report found that traffic diversion rates -- drivers choosing to take local roads instead -- range from 9 percent to 22 percent. The analysis presented in this report assumes that toll rates are applied consistently for all traffic. However, Indiana could explore varying its toll structures for local, commuter, and in-state travel. The revenue projections are varied. There is an 85 percent chance toll revenue exceeds \$39 billion from 2021 to 2050, and a 50 percent chance it exceeds \$53 billion. The report envisions the state will use electronic tolling with no gates or booths. INDOT would construct tolling gantries that house cameras and other hardware that capture transponder and license plate information. This information would be used to match vehicles to their owner. Payments would be made electronically or by mail. INDOT estimates that nearly 370 gantries would be needed for a statewide tolling program, and that each gantry would cost around \$1 million.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/indiana/20171101/study-i-69-toll-could-raise-up-to-11-billion>

Second phase of improvements along U.S. 30 in Valparaiso should start in spring

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VALPARAISO — The second phase of improvements to U.S. 30 through the city should begin next spring. Last month the city's Board of Works awarded a contract to Walsh & Kelly of Griffith for \$2.6 million to complete work on U.S. 30 from Hayes Leonard Road to Horseprairie Avenue. Wednesday, the board awarded a \$330,000 contract to Beam, Longest and Neff, of Indianapolis, for construction observation services for the second phase of the project. City Engineer Tim Burkman said the project will include a pathway along the north side of U.S. 30 between Hayes Leonard and Horseprairie; a pedestrian bridge over Salt Creek; lighting; traffic signal improvements including illuminated street name signs, audible pedestrian signals for pathway crossings, battery backup on the signals and emergency vehicle pre-emption devices. While some work could be done this fall and winter, the majority of the work should start around March 1, with a substantial completion date of Sept. 21, 2018. Funding for the improvements comes from the \$22.5 million provided to the city from the Indiana Department of Transportation. In 2012, the city took control and responsibility for a 5.6-mile stretch of Ind. 130/Lincolnway, in exchange for the funding being used for U.S. 30 improvements. Burkman said the first phase, which was also accepted at Wednesday's meeting, included landscaping. When completed, the funding will be used for improvements on U.S. 30 from Hayes Leonard Road to Ind. 49.

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