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Boone receives \$2.1 M to build bridge bypass

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Boone County has received \$2.1 million in federal funding to build a bypass around a historic bridge on the Boone-Clinton county line, the Indiana Department of Transportation said Monday. It is one of 11 grants of \$2 million or larger awarded to 64 cities, towns and counties for road, bridge, sidewalk and trail projects. County Highway Engineer Craig Parks was surprised and pleased Monday morning to learn the county had won the money for the Scotland Church Bridge, a three-span stone arch structure carrying CR 200 E over Sugar Creek that was built in 1901. It is considered in poor condition. The bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places, a designation that limits changes to the structure. Parks had told the county commissioners in May that he was applying for the funding. "The reason I felt it warranted going after federal dollars was because of the historic nature of the bridge, and knowing we'll have to go through alternative analysis," Parks said. "My thoughts are the alternative we are going to look at is a bypass — a new bridge." The next step will be choosing a consultant to do preliminary engineering on the project, Parks said. Federal funds will cover 80 percent of the construction and engineering costs, with the county paying the balance. http://www.reporter.net/news/local_news/boone-receives-m-to-build-bridge-bypass/article_7cd9f22f-7cd4-53f9-8b1e-453c39484865.html

Grant-funded road projects planned to start soon

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The Greene County Commissioners hope the matching-grant funded road projects will start next month. The commissioners approved the final paperwork for the Indiana Department of Transportation Crossroads Grant, which awarded the county a dollar-for-dollar matching grant in the amount of \$999,750. With the county's matching dollars, just shy of \$2 million is available for Greene County roads. Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton said he expects the projects to begin in November. The goal is to get the chip and seal projects completed by the end of the year, which will be completed by J.H. Rudolph and Co. and Milestone Contractor. The paving projects, to be completed by Milestone and E&B Paving, may have to be completed next year due to the time of year. Commissioner President Nathan Abram said with another round of grants expected next year, he believes contractors will not want to have many projects left over from this year. <http://www.gcdailyworld.com/story/2345400.html>

Seymour receives \$4 million in federal funds for Burkart Boulevard extension

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Seymour has been awarded \$4 million in federal infrastructure improvement funds from the state to build a new road extending Burkart Boulevard south of U.S. 50. The project includes construction of a railroad overpass to give motorists a route for getting around trains traveling on the Louisville and Indianapolis rail line which runs through the city, bisecting it into east and west halves. Of the nearly \$80 million awarded Monday by the Indiana Department of Transportation, Seymour received the highest single amount. A total of 64 cities, towns and counties received funding. Mayor Craig Luedeman said he was happy the city will be able to move forward with the first phase of the Burkart South project which will take the road from U.S. 50 on the east side of the city south through farm fields to South O'Brien Street near Silgan Plastics. The overpass will cross the rail line southeast of Silgan and just north of East County Road 340N. "It's great and really kicks this project off," Luedeman said. "This money allows us to get into the federal system and get an overpass built for a much needed rail crossing." Nathan Frey, the city's engineer, said he agreed. "This is a huge step toward making the new route a reality," Frey said. The \$4 million is enough to cover 40 percent of construction for Phase I, which will cost a total of \$12.6 million, but Luedeman said he believes the city's redevelopment commission will be able to fund the rest through tax increment financing, or TIF funds. Frey said the city applied for \$8.3 million from the state.

http://www.tribtown.com/2016/10/05/city_gets_money_for_road/

COUNTY, AURORA NAB FEDERAL MONEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

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Dearborn County was recently awarded \$2,160,000 for a bridge replacement and the City of Aurora \$1,727,200 for the reconstruction of a road from federal transportation funding. Nearly \$80 million is being awarded to 64 cities, towns, and counties in rural portions of Indiana to invest in local road and bridge improvements, as well as sidewalk and trail projects. Combined with local funds, almost \$135 million is being invested in infrastructure in communities receiving funds. Federal funds require a 20 percent local match. "Modern roads and bridges keep commerce moving at the speed of the 21st-century economy and sidewalks and trails help create the sense of place that sparks vibrant communities which attract businesses and talent to the Hoosier state," said Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb. Dearborn County received the funds for the replacement of bridge No. 108, along Harrison-Brookville Road/Old U.S. 52 at the corner of Johnson Fork Road. The replacement will include a relocation of intersection to the west, said county engineer Todd Listerman. The bridge was built in 1925. The funds for Aurora will go toward renovating Market Street. Aurora started looking for funds to renovate Market Street four years ago, according to Aurora Utilities Superintendent Randy Turner. As far back as 2007, the city tried to get Community Focus grants for a Market Street project, but was unsuccessful. A storm Monday, Aug. 1, washed out gravel and buckled the blacktop on Market Street, which was closed to traffic for several hours. The Aurora Street Department, Aurora Fire Department, Aurora Police and Aurora EMS responded to clean up the debris and make emergency repairs. INDOT dedicates approximately 25 percent of its federal highway funds to supporting local projects each year. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute those funds to cities, towns, and counties within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas.

<http://www.thedcregister.com/news-latest/county-aurora-nab-federal-money-infrastructure>

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