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Bridge Projects Scheduled For Springtime In Dearborn, Switzerland Counties

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Two bridges in Dearborn and Switzerland counties will receive a face-lift beginning in the spring. The Indiana Department of Transportation announced Thursday plans to apply polymeric deck overlays for U.S. Highway 50's bridge over Tanners Creek in Dearborn County and the State Road 56 Bridge over Indian Creek in Switzerland County. Dave O'Mara Construction has been contracted to complete the \$497,612 bridge project. INDOT's anticipated completion date for the two-bridge project is September 1, 2017.

<http://eaglecountryonline.com/local-article/bridge-projects-scheduled-springtime-dearborn-switzerland-counties/>

State looking for infrastructure fix

Seymour Tribune

Staff Reports

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Indiana has stumbled along too long taking care of its infrastructure piecemeal, and it shows on our roads, streets and bridges. Legislators have appropriately made finding a long-term solution a top priority in the coming session of the General Assembly. They should stay determined and not close the session without approving a plan. One reality they must deal with in adopting a plan is the diminishing value of a gasoline tax. Cars are becoming more fuel-efficient all the time, so funding from that tax will cover fewer and fewer of the state's infrastructure needs. And increasing existing taxes always meets with great resistance in this state, so lawmakers will have to start thinking creatively. There are a couple of avenues they might consider exploring. One is a mileage tax that charges drivers for the distance they drive rather than the fuel they use to drive it. The other is public-private partnerships (PPP or P3), which Gov. Mitch Daniels used so creatively for fund Major Moves. Likely whatever plan legislators arrive at will be complicated, with a lot of moving parts that have the potential to collide with each other and bring a lot of unintended consequences. Finding all the pieces and putting them together right will be a good test of legislative flexibility and creativity. We trust that our legislators will be up to the task.

http://www.tribtown.com/2016/11/02/state_looking_for_infrastructure_fix/

Despite delayed start, Kercher Road Bridge reconstruction expected to finish on time

Goshen News

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Despite some unexpected delays due to ongoing utility relocation, the plan to have the reconstruction of the Kercher Road Bridge south of Goshen completed in late 2017 remain on track, a county official said. Reconstruction of the Kercher Road Bridge is part of a larger, C.R. 38 corridor reconstruction project involving the complete rebuilding of C.R. 38 from C.R. 17 to Island View Drive, just west of Ind. 15. The goal of the project is to make the road and bridge more capable of handling the heavy traffic to and from the city's industrial parks that are located along Kercher Road. The bridge portion of the project will involve replacement of both the substructure and superstructure of the current bridge. Once replaced, the new bridge will have a width of 55 feet — twice the original width of 27 1/2 feet — with shoulders added on both sides and a 10-foot wide sidewalk installed on the bridge's north side. As for the C.R. 38 reconstruction, the new road will consist of two slightly wider travel lanes with eight-foot wide paved shoulders. Then, east of Orchard Drive, there will be a center turn lane installed, and a 10-foot wide multi-use trail will be installed on the north side of C.R. 38. Additional turn lanes will also be incorporated at the C.R. 38 intersections of C.R. 19 and C.R. 21, and a new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of C.R. 38 and C.R. 21. As with the Kercher Bridge project, completion of the C.R. 38 corridor reconstruction is also slated for November 2017. Cost of the Kercher Bridge reconstruction has been estimated at \$4 million, while cost of the C.R. 38 road reconstruction has been estimated at \$9 million, for a total project cost of \$13 million.

http://www.goshennews.com/news/local_news/despite-delayed-start-kercher-road-bridge-reconstruction-expected-to-finish/article_8654e369-62a5-5f10-9a52-57970a457af1.html

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