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Tully: Brian Bosma is thinking big about infrastructure

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House Speaker Brian Bosma took an important step earlier this year when he launched a true debate about the future of infrastructure funding in Indiana. Now, with another election cycle reaffirming his Republican supermajority, and with a new governor-elect wisely promising to keep an open mind, Bosma has a wonderful opportunity to push that critical debate forward. Infrastructure might not be the sexiest topic. It's not up there with the protests in our streets or the culture wars that have marred the Statehouse in recent years. This is about roads, bridges, railroads and, for many of us, nontraditional infrastructure such as broadband, transit and trails. It's not sexy. But it's huge and it plays a defining role in Indiana's economy and in our quality of life. Yet, squeamishness about funding and taxes, and a general lack of long-term thinking and action, has cost Indiana mightily. It's time to change that. "We have kicked the can down the road for years," Bosma said. "In some cases there have been some really long kicks. But we haven't found the long-term solution we need or had the will to enact one." That's what is so refreshing about the way Bosma is talking about the issue. His message is that Indiana needs a sustainable plan that doesn't ebb and flow with each year's revenue projections, legislative focus or political will. That's a good message, and everyone should be rooting for this issue to take center stage at the Statehouse in 2017. Given Bosma position as arguably the Statehouse's most powerful politician, it's quite likely it will.

"I am talking about a plan that looks out over 20 years," he said, "and not four."

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"Our goal is to get them all" Street paving project in Brazil moving along smoothly

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BRAZIL, Ind. (WTHI) – Seasons change along with the scenery. In Brazil, the leaves aren't the only thing you'll notice. "Some people may be thinking what a time to be doing our city streets, but why not?" said Mayor Brian Wyndham. You're probably all too familiar with the U.S. 40 project happening in the city, but that's not the only thing keeping crews busy. "We've tried to take a pretty aggressive approach at paving our city streets," Wyndham said. For quite some time, residents have voiced their concerns about the condition of city streets. Mayor Wyndham says they've acted on the concerns and have continued to repave the local streets as part of their own road project. He says work on the streets hasn't been done in the past 30 years. "It's a large part

of our community,” he said, “It helps curb appeal, it helps value of not only the people that live on those streets, it also is added value to the city.” As of now, Wyndham says phase two of the project is wrapping up for the season. He says drivers will be able to notice a difference on the southwest side of the city. So far, about 30 miles of street has been paved. Wyndham says there’s roughly about 50 miles within city limits. “Our community has tackled this problem,” he said, “It’s their streets and they’ve stepped forward and taken the responsibility to fix, repair and replace them.” Through bond leasing, crews will continue on with the next phase of the project in the spring for \$1.2 million. Wyndham says work will consist of paving on the city’s north end of town, including Hendrix street. <http://wthitv.com/2016/11/16/our-goal-is-to-get-them-all-street-paving-project-in-brazil-moving-along-smoothly/>

States Select I-69 Bridge Design Team

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INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Department of Transportation and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have chosen California-based Parson Transportation Group Inc. to lead the preliminary design and environmental review for the proposed I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project. Both departments hope to have an advance contract signed by the end of the year. INDOT says the Parsons will conduct the review by collecting public input and studying potential routes for the interstate extension, as well as funding sources for the project. Both departments will meet with Parsons this week to begin contract negotiations. Parsons was selected from a number of firms who submitted proposals for the project. Announced in June, Indiana Governor Mike Pence and Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin announced both states would split the costs and oversight of the preliminary design and environmental testing work. Pence called the bridge an "artery of growth" that will help bring more prosperity to both states. The extension will connect Evansville with Henderson, Kentucky. Pence and Bevin said they had set aside \$17 million for development costs. At the time of the original announcement, officials estimated the review and federal approval processes could take about three years to complete.

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