



BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL

Infrastructure Media Summary

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INDOT awards contract for I-74 resurfacing

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GREENSBURG — The Indiana Department of Transportation recently awarded a contract to Milestone Contractors to resurface nearly nine miles of Interstate 74—from the Shelby County line to State Road 9 at Greensburg. The Columbus contractor's \$3,840,755 bid was the lowest of four submitted. The preventative maintenance project calls for extensive patching of the highway prior to milling and paving. Both asphalt and concrete patches will be required—full and partial depth. Two inches of top pavement will be milled off and replaced with a new surface lift of asphalt. No construction timetable has been set for this project. July 25, 2014 is the contract's completion date. Traffic count on this section of I-74 averages over 12,300 vehicles per day. [INDOT awards contract for I-74 resurfacing » News » Greensburg Daily News, Greensburg, IN](#)

Region edges closer to approving transit system

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When bipartisan lawmakers on the House-Senate Transit Study Committee voted 12-1 in favor of a proposal to expand mass transit, we were encouraged. Now that bills have been filed in the House and Senate, we feel Central Indiana is the closest it's ever been to having a robust mass transit system. The "we" I'm referring to are the 18 members of the Regional Council of Elected Officials, a bipartisan group of the top elected officials of cities and towns in Central Indiana. Cities represented by the council include: Lebanon, Greenfield, Carmel, Noblesville, Westfield, Franklin, Greenwood, Beech Grove, Indianapolis, Lawrence, Martinsville and Shelbyville. Towns include Fishers, Zionsville, Avon, Brownsburg, Plainfield and Speedway. As mayors and town council presidents, we believe Central Indiana needs more and better transit. We so appreciate that the legislative study committee, under the leadership of Sen. Pat Miller, came to that same conclusion. Even with a wide range of political perspectives, the vast majority of the legislators on the committee agreed with what our group has championed since it was formed in 2012. As a result, Sen. Miller introduced a proposal that calls for shifting a portion of the costs from income taxpayers to businesses and transit riders. It also allows county councils in Marion, Hamilton, Johnson, Madison and Delaware counties to seek their own voter referendums to fund and build a transit system. The proposal is a strong starting point. We're pleased it creates a funding mechanism and provides local control.

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Bids for East Main Street project higher than target, but won't sidetrack plans

The Courier-Journal

Grace Schneider
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The city of New Albany took one step closer to transforming East Main Street when its Board of Public Works opened six bids for a large improvement project Tuesday morning. MAC Construction of New Albany submitted the low bid of nearly \$2.4 million, more than \$500,000 less than the closest bidder. The board agreed to take the bids under advisement while an engineering consultant reviews them. It may vote to award the contract at its meeting next week. Construction could begin in early March with completion by late September. The 12-block project will include new curbs, gutters and sidewalks with "pop out" curbing at each intersection to narrow the span for walkers crossing the street. Medians planted with trees and shrubs will dot the corridor between East Fifth Street and Vincennes Street. The city intends to erect four lighted, cast stone monuments and benches on each side of East Fifth and East 15th streets. New Albany's tree board also has pledged to plant and replace more than 100 trees along East Main. The goal is to beautify a stretch of roadway in the city's signature historical district, reduce traffic speeds and convert the road to an urban street that's more friendly to walkers and cyclists, said John Rosenbarger, the city's director of public facilities projects. "Most of the sidewalks and curbs are shot, and a lot of pavement is crumbling", he said, so the road would have needed major improvements anyway. Mayor Jeff Gahan also noted in an email that the Main Street project is "the first of several steps the city of New Albany plans to take in preparation of the Ohio River Bridges opening.

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