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Indy mass transit bill gets green light from committee

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A bill that could open the door for an expanded mass transit system in Central Indiana cleared its first hurdle today when a Senate committee approved it 8-4. The Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee approved Senate Bill 176 after about an hour of testimony and an amendment that, among other things, would prevent light rail from being part of the expansion. The measure now moves to the full Senate.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20140128/NEWS05/301280017/Indy-mass-transit-bill-gets-green-light-from-committee>

Cedar Lake approves funding agreement for 133rd Avenue project

NWI Times
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CEDAR LAKE | Cedar Lake has accepted an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation concerning funding for widening at the railroad crossing on 133rd Avenue. Cedar Lake will be getting \$619,966 in federal money to widen the road at the rail crossing. The federal funding will cover 80 percent of the project's cost, and the town will contribute the additional 20 percent. The widening is part of the second phase of reconstruction of 133rd Avenue. This phase will pick up where the first one left off, at Industrial Drive, and widen the remainder of the road to U.S. 41.

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/cedar-lake/cedar-lake-approves-funding-agreement-for-rd-avenue-project/article_c799dbae-9300-5e2a-9276-7614ae4a2507.html

Ohio River bridges price tag slashed by \$240 million

Courier-Journal
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The price tag for the Ohio River Bridges Project has dropped from an estimated \$2.58 billion to \$2.34 billion — a \$240 million cut — largely because of efficiencies in design and construction for the downtown and East End crossings, according to a new financial report from Indiana and Kentucky officials. The newly calculated estimate is contained in a 2013 Financial Plan Annual Update submitted to the Federal Highway Administration by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Indiana Department of Transportation.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20140124/NEWS01/301240050/Ohio-River-bridges-price->

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NICTD to expand Westlake Southshore line studies; screens Visclosky video in support

Chesterton Tribune

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The South Shore railroad is finalizing a strategic business plan that includes extending passenger service to Munster and Dyer by 2022, and several parts of the Westlake puzzle are falling into place. Directors of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District learned Thursday that requests for proposals have gone out to do a Phase1 environmental-impact study along the route. NICTD general manager Gerald Hanas said he hopes to bring a recommendation in March which consultant to hire. Hanas also said 1st District U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky is pushing hard for Westlake to be approved for federal New-Starts money to fund up to 50 percent of the \$600 million cost.

http://www.chestertontribune.com/Northwest%20Indiana/nictd_to_expand_westlake_studies.htm

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