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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Road Projects Advancing

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Several big road construction projects are moving forward in the state. The Indiana Department of Transportation is beginning to clear trees along State Road 37, which will become part of Interstate 69. INDOT has also announced contracts for bridge projects in Jefferson, Scott, Morgan and Ohio counties.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=63469>

Transportation Study to Get Underway

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MADISON COUNTY, Ind. - What role can carpooling, biking, walking, and taking transit play on improving Central Indiana accessibility and mobility? To help answer this question and better understand the current needs and preferences of the region, the Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) announced in November they would initiate a regional transportation study. In December 2013, MCCOG conducted a small pilot survey to test survey mechanisms and ensure good results. MCCOG is pleased to announce that beginning in February 2014, the full-scale Heartland in Motion Transportation Study will proceed as planned.

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Mass Transit bill addition could move infrastructure project forward

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Ann Keil
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The Central Indiana Mass Transit Bill has cleared a senate committee with some changes, one that directly impacts a plan to make infrastructure improvements in the Indianapolis area. If passed, it could allow Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard's Rebuild Indy Initiative to move forward that was stalled. It failed to get approval from the Indianapolis City County Council over concerns about irresponsible spending last summer. City officials had to approve borrowing \$135 million. The provision, which was inserted in the senate bill, would allow the mayor to bypass the council, and instead ask the state to issue the needed bonds for the improvements to area roads, bridges, sidewalks and parks.

<http://fox59.com/2014/01/29/mass-transit-bill-addition-could-push-stalled-indianapolis-infrastructure-project-through/#ixzz2rtuAt4eb>

State Boulevard widening project moves forward

News Sentinel

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Controversial plans to widen and straighten State Boulevard between Cass Street and Spy Run Avenue moved ahead Wednesday when the Board of works approved a \$2.3 million agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to acquire right-of-way for the project. About 12 homes are slated for demolition as part of the \$11 million project, which officials say will make the street safer for vehicles and pedestrians and prevent flooding.

<http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140129/NEWS/140129497/1005>

Soliday bill for alternative road funding study heads to Senate

Chesterton Tribune

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A bill creating a two-year study to consider road funding alternatives passed out of the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and will now go to the Senate for further consideration and debate. State Representative Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, coordinating with the Indiana Department of Transportation, authored House Bill (HB) 1104 to address the state's infrastructure needs by studying various mechanisms to sustain and improve Indiana's transportation system. "We are trying to take a measured, comprehensive approach to considering what options or mechanisms are available to address the state's infrastructure needs," said Soliday. "Our current funding mechanisms for transportation improvements are declining each year due to more fuel efficient vehicles, higher fuel costs and alternative fuels, so we need to explore other, more effective options to keep our roads and bridges maintained to support businesses and Hoosier families."

http://www.chestertontribune.com/Indiana%20News/soliday_bill_for_alternative_roa.htm

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