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Don't ask businesses to pay for mass transit

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For the first time in Indiana, taxes on C corporations may be coming to a county near you. Senate Bill 176, which passed the Indiana Senate on Tuesday, is a proposal to fund mass transit in six Central Indiana counties by increasing local option income tax rates on individuals and by creating two new county taxes on corporations based on income and employee count. Even though the proposal is limited to six counties and first requires approval by the county council and voters, the creation of two new county corporate taxes has statewide implications. First, taxing corporations is bad economic policy. The corporate income tax is the most harmful tax to economic growth. The burden is paid by workers who earn lower wages, consumers who pay higher prices, and shareholders who receive less income from their investments. It's the Ronald Reagan line, "Corporations don't pay taxes, people do." Second, the legislation opens a Pandora's box of new county corporate taxes to fund local government spending that will eventually find its way to all 92 counties. Once the power to tax C corporations is permitted by the General Assembly in the six counties, what's to stop it from spreading to Elkhart County to fund any local government project?

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INDOT Awards \$11.6M for Odon-Cannelburg Road Project

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(ODON) - The Indiana Department of Transportation has awarded an additional \$11.6 million dollars for the continuation of the Odon-Cannelburg Road Project in Daviess County. The project will widen the roadway, add specific lanes for buggies and add additional shoulders. The Washington Times-Herald reports that Commissioner Tony Wichman says the road will benefit the businesses and tourism, but the core of this project is safety. According to Wichman In the last 10 years, there have been three traffic fatalities along the roadway. In the last three years, eight accidents involving injuries and 39 property damage crashes have taken place. The narrow road is a regular mix of semis, large trucks, passenger vehicles, and horse and buggies. The county has already received close to \$11 million to do that work up to County Road 800 North. The new funding will run the rest of the way to County Road 1250 North near Odon. Daviess County had already obtained much of the funding for the first phase of the project. The 11.6 million dollars announced Tuesday will pay for the remaining two phases. The road is being widened and buggy lanes are being constructed. Officials say the project is critical for Daviess County to make travel safer for the local Amish community along the busy economic corridor. It will also connect the Amish community to U.S. 50 and I-69.

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Verbatim: INDOT awards 14 area transit projects share of \$86 million

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The Indiana Department of Transportation issued this news release tonight: FORT WAYNE, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is awarding \$86 million statewide in federal transportation funds to rural cities, towns and counties. Today's announcement includes \$47 million for road construction, \$22 million for bridges and \$14 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects. In the Fort Wayne District, 14 projects were awarded to recipients in northeastern Indiana. Awarded rural projects would be designed, developed and have purchased land according to federal standards prior to bid during the state fiscal year beginning July 2016. Applications for those awards were due Friday, Dec. 13. In the near future, INDOT plans to issue a call for applications for rural local projects that would be bid during the state fiscal year beginning July 2017. The State of Indiana programs 25 percent of its federal highway appropriation each year to fund larger local transportation projects. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute federal highway funds to local communities within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes such funds outside MPO areas. To receive federal monies, communities typically pay 20 percent in local matching funds.

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Hearing to focus on economic impact of Illiana Expressway

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The Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Transportation will accept public comments about the economic impact of the proposed Illiana Expressway at a Feb. 20 meeting in Crown Point. The public hearing will start at 4 p.m. at the Crown Point Civic Center, 101 S. East St. The Indiana Finance Authority received an Economic Impact Study designed to analyze the economic impact on existing commercial and industrial development, potential impacts on employment, potential future development in the area, potential fiscal impact to local governments, and potential demands on public services. The Indiana section of the proposed road will be an 11.7-mile, four-lane median-divided tollway between Interstate 65 and the Illinois state line. Interchanges will be constructed at U.S. 41, Indiana 55 and Interstate 65, with overpasses at White Oak Avenue, Parrish Avenue, Morse Street, Mount Street, Holtz Road, Broadway and Mississippi Street. A previous study said using tolls was the only viable method to build the road, estimated to cost \$1.5 billion for the 47-mile road connecting Interstates 55 and 65.

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