



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Cline Avenue Bridge construction to begin in spring**

NWI Times  
Dan Carden  
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Construction of a new, privately operated Cline Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago finally will begin this spring. Linda Figg, a partner at United Bridge Partners, the company set to build the bridge, told the House Roads and Transportation Committee Wednesday that federal and state permits are approved, financing is in place and construction will take 30 months, employ 300 workers and cost \$158 million. Tolls to cross the bridge will be set at \$2.50 for cars using an E-ZPass or I-PASS electronic transponder. Motorists opting to be billed for crossing the bridge will pay a yet-to-be-determined rate likely greater than \$5 per trip. The bridge will use only open-road tolling like that in use on the Illinois Tollway. It will not have toll booths.

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/cline-avenue-bridge-construction-to-begin-in-spring/article\\_3d05eb48-e6c9-5667-b813-b5da8a291e2a.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/cline-avenue-bridge-construction-to-begin-in-spring/article_3d05eb48-e6c9-5667-b813-b5da8a291e2a.html)

#### **City: Roads open during most roundabout work**

The Star Press  
Keith Roysdon  
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City officials pledged Wednesday to do their best to keep Walnut Street and Riggan Road open to traffic as much as possible during construction of a new traffic roundabout at the Northside intersection. "We're going to keep it open as long as humanly possible," Muncie Street superintendent Duke Campbell told The Star Press Wednesday. The city will spend about \$1.2 million — 80 percent reimbursed with federal funds — to build the roundabout to alleviate traffic backups at the intersection. Campbell said Wednesday the work could begin at the end of March and continue until late this year.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2015/02/11/muncie-roundabout-airport-walnut-riggan-restaurant-traffic/23236463/>

#### **Phase two bids open for CR 900E**

Times Herald Online  
Mike Grant  
02/11/2015

The bids are open for phase two of the Odon-Cannelburg Road expansion and Daviess County officials are feeling good about the project moving forward. The Indiana Department of

Transportation is reviewing the bids on the project that will widen the road from just north of CR 550 N, to north of CR 850 N. The apparent low bidder was Milestone Construction at \$5.1 million. The bid was well below the engineer's estimate. "It was a big surprise how it came in under the estimate," said President of the Daviess County Commissioners Michael Taylor. "It came in \$100,000 below the engineer's estimate, so we're really happy with that," added Daviess County Highway Engineer Jason Heile. Not only did the Milestone bid come in under the estimated cost, it was also more than \$1 million dollars below all other bids for the work. Officials say the lower bid may be a result of the company's experience in Daviess County. The firm also did the construction on phase one of the projects. The project is a unique piece of construction for the area. It calls for the travel lanes to be widened and be constructed of concrete. The road also includes asphalt lanes for buggy traffic plus wider shoulders. The work has also produced some unique challenges. "We had some undercuts on the dirt work that they are now familiar with and they know how to tackle those issues and get it done efficiently," said Heile. "I think that also played out in their bid." The state is going over the bid one final time before making the final award. In the meantime, the county has approved freeing up the \$1.5 million set aside in the County Highway Department funding to cover the local matching share on the project. The hope is that the contract gets finalized and the work can begin soon. "We're hoping that gets awarded in the next week or two," said Heile. "Once the contract is finalized I expect to see some dirt work and pipes going in with the next two to three months."

[http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/phase-two-bids-open-for-cr-e/article\\_563dcab1-2465-599b-8ac0-4c2cb4317b3a.html](http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/phase-two-bids-open-for-cr-e/article_563dcab1-2465-599b-8ac0-4c2cb4317b3a.html)

### **Portage utility board begins works on this year's projects**

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Joyce Russell

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It will be a while before spring has sprung, but the Utility Services Board began moving forward with projects for the coming year. The board on Wednesday approved advertising for bids for the construction of Crisman Road between Portage Avenue and the railroad tracks. Andy Mix of Great Lakes Engineering said the roadway will be totally reconstructed. Storm water drainage infrastructure will also be installed. The area has no drainage system at present. Construction on the project will begin this spring or summer.

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage-utility-board-begins-works-on-this-year-s-projects/article\\_f3e5d68d-ceed-5fbe-9ba0-19057f6fa745.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage-utility-board-begins-works-on-this-year-s-projects/article_f3e5d68d-ceed-5fbe-9ba0-19057f6fa745.html)

### **Demolition of Main Street Bridge in Niles nearing completion**

FOX 28

Eric Crouch

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This is what's left of the old Main Street Bridge in Niles. "This is quite a project, you know, it's an \$11 million job and a lot to it." project superintendent Jeff Van De Weg said. Van De Weg has been building bridges for 30 years. He says this project has its challenges. "Anytime you're working in a river with a lot of current, it's difficult to get to the locations you need to get to." Van De Weg said. The project manager says this last remaining bit of the Main Street Bridge should come down within the next month or so. "As you can see in the background right now, we are working on the last span and then from there we'll start working on removing the piers underwater." Van De Weg said. All while respecting the environment and cleaning up their mess. "So when we break down our concrete arch, all that concrete falls in the tubs and then we fly them out from there and get them off the job site and get them up here and haul them out." Van De Weg said. Tyanna Weller of the Four Flags Chamber says the new bridge will be great for drivers but also for walkers.

<http://www.fox28.com/story/28075686/2015/02/10/demolition-of-main-street-bridge-in-niles->

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