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U.S. 231 to close Friday for railroad repairs

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The Indiana Department of Transportation announces U.S. 231 (Washington Street) in Crawfordsville will close at the railroad tracks for repairs beginning at 9 a.m. Friday and continuing until 6 p.m. CSX Railroad will be working on the crossing at Franklin Street. The detour follows U.S. 231 south to east on Wabash Avenue and then south on Mill Street and west on South Boulevard and back to U.S. 231. Traffic traveling in the opposite direction will use the same detour in reverse.

http://www.journalreview.com/news/article_772c4c4e-b6ac-11e4-a512-a3650428a5a1.html

Plans to widen Old Romney Road moving forward

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Construction plans to widen Old Romney Road in Lafayette are moving forward. The Lafayette Board of Works gave the go-ahead to open bids Tuesday morning. City Engineer Jenny Leshney said the bidding will start on March 10. Old Romney Road will be widened to four lanes from Twyckenham Boulevard to U.S. 52. Construction includes a roundabout at Twyckenham and Old Romney Road, trails, street lighting and sidewalks. Leshney said improving safety of the road is key to the project. "The road is in bad shape. There are side ditches," Leshney said. "There's a lot of traffic there. There's not a lot places for people to walk, and it's just a much needed improvement for that area of town." Leshney said part of Old Romney Road will be closed during the construction. The project is slated to begin this spring and last into 2016.

<http://wlf.com/2015/02/17/plans-to-widen-old-romney-road-moving-forward/>

County earmarks millions for improvements

The Star Press
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Sidewalks for a commercial area on Muncie's northwest side were among the projects that received a pledge of millions of dollars in funding on Monday. The Delaware County commissioners approved spending millions of dollars in tax increment financing (TIF) funds for not only the sidewalks north of McGalliard Road but also for a plan to overhaul the downtown of the town of Daleville. Commissioners Sherry Riggan, Shannon Henry and James King approved resolutions earmarking the spending of TIF funds, which are property tax revenue commonly

used to fund infrastructure improvements in a TIF district. TIF revenue is generated by new development over and above the existing property tax base. Both projects funded Monday grew out of months of discussion by the Delaware County Redevelopment Commission. The Morrison Road TIF spending amounts to \$7.1 million and would fund a network of new sidewalks along streets including Bethel Avenue north of McGalliard Road and east of Morrison Road. For years, county officials have cited the need for sidewalks in the area to serve patrons of most of the city's hotels and many restaurants. For the better part of a decade, the redevelopment commission cited concerns about pedestrians, including visitors to the city, walking in streets or ditches in the area. Consultants are currently working on the project, determining where sidewalks would be located, if they would be eight-foot-wide trails like those recently installed on Morrison south of McGalliard and how much the project would cost. The first phase of work would likely include Morrison north of McGalliard, Bethel Avenue and Chadam Lane, Moody said. Other streets, like Fox Ridge Lane, would follow. Moody said the plan calls for connecting new sidewalks north of McGalliard to the Morrison Road sidewalk south of McGalliard. That would entail working with the Indiana Department of Transportation to build a crosswalk across McGalliard, which carries Ind. 332.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2015/02/16/muncie-sidewalks-delaware-county-millions-dollars/23514769/>

Bridge project to close Ind. 167

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Last week Indiana Department of Transportation officials met with contractors to discuss replacement of the Ind. 167 Bridge over Halfway Creek, a mile north of Ind. 67 in northeastern Delaware County. The highway — which links Dunkirk and Albany — is expected to close for demolition and bridge construction after the weekend of Easter. A state highway detour routes traffic around the construction site on Ind. 26, Ind. 1 and Ind. 67. Beaty Construction of Boggstown will begin work April 6 to replace the existing bridge with a 114-foot, single-span bridge measuring more than 39 feet side to side. As part of the \$884,811 bridge project, INDOT will plant 75 trees in a local park to satisfy wetland mitigation requirements.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2015/02/15/bridge-project-close-ind/23456495/>

I-65 drivers to see restrictions in Greenwood

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Drivers can expect late-night lane closures on I-65 next week when crews demolish a bridge to make way for a new interchange at Worthsville Road in Greenwood. Starting Monday; the Indiana Department of Transportation said drivers can expect nightly lane closures near the Worthsville Road Bridge, about five miles south of the Main Street exit. Workers will close one highway lane at a time on weeknights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. from Feb. 16-March 2. Workers start by demolishing the bridge deck, then they'll remove the steel beams that once held up the bridge. Crews will use rolling roadblocks, which should last about 20 minutes, as they haul the beams away. The new 246-foot 2-span concrete beam bridge will become a \$16.1 million diverging diamond interchange at Worthsville Road. The design, the second to be built in the state, is seen as a safer, more efficient way to get cars on and off the highway. The work is scheduled to be finished on Nov. 20.

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/johnson-county/2015/02/13/drivers-see-restrictions-greenwood/23369999/>

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