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Carmel Plans More Infrastructure Improvements

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Mayor Jim Brainard outlined an aggressive infrastructure improvement plan today that focuses on the East Side of Carmel. The plan includes many projects that will get underway in 2015 and others that are in the planning stages this year for completion in the next few years. Several new roundabouts, bike paths and extensions, landscaping projects and a new fire station to serve East of Keystone residents are all part of the plans announced today at a press conference held at Carmel City Hall. The plans were announced so that residents and motorists will know what to expect as the spring and summer construction seasons quickly approach. "Carmel consistently ranks among the best cities to live for a variety of reasons, but it is also important we not rest on our laurels. We want to make sure our residents have safe and efficient streets, strong public safety and neighborhoods that connect with Carmel's vibrant and walkable environment," said Brainard. "We have worked hard to build world-class city, but at the same time we need to continue investing in our neighborhoods." In 2010, the city of Carmel opened the new Keystone Parkway, which provided unprecedented access for East Side residents to safely and easily drive, walk or bicycle across Keystone, which up until then had been a congested, four-lane busy highway that was very dangerous to cross. In subsequent years, the city turned its attention to the West Side of Carmel, particularly the areas that were annexed, and to our central core where we have been focused on developing our City Center and Arts & Design District. "The strength of any city is directly tied to the quality of life experienced by its residents. And that holds true no matter where you live. I am very happy to announce the list of priorities that I have outlined for the East Side," said Brainard.

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Martinsville hosts public forum about I-69

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More than 200 attendees tasked the Indiana Department of Transportation with some difficult issues Wednesday, from annexed land to financial concerns. "I can you ask you guys the same questions and get three or four different answers," a man said to INDOT representatives at the public forum in the Martinsville High School auditorium. This particular Interstate 69 project, Section 6, will stretch from Indianapolis to Martinsville and is only one part of a state initiative to connect Indianapolis and Evansville. Indiana's project is only one part of a federal highway infrastructure program to extend I-69 from Mexico to Canada. Funding specifically for Section 6 has not yet been specifically allocated, but funding for the previously constructed sections utilized

funding from similar sources. One of the major sources of funding for I-69 construction and the development of highways in Indiana in general is Major Moves, a program that was launched by former Gov. Mitch Daniels that allocates \$2.6 billion over a 10-year period for the construction and maintenance of highways in Indiana. Sections 1 through 4 were constructed using a combination of funding from Major Moves and traditional funding from both the state and federal governments.

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House approves \$31 billion budget

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The Indiana House passed a \$31 billion spending plan on Tuesday to cover the state's next two fiscal years. The House on Tuesday endorsed a proposal that could allow the Interstate 69 extension to continue along Indiana 37 north into Indianapolis. The proposal doesn't offer a recommendation on the route of the sixth and final section of the project. But it does seek to remove a restriction in state law barring the road from entering Indianapolis' Perry Township. The bill's author, state Rep. John Price, a Greenwood Republican, said the General Assembly shouldn't dictate where roads go, and instead leave the work to the Indiana Department of Transportation. A group of state lawmakers, whose districts cover areas of Perry Township and Marion County, led an effort for the ban in 2006 because of concerns of the road entering a more developed area of Indiana 37 and tying into a busy Interstate 465 interchange.

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Fading funding puts pothole in local road projects

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Just like the rest of America, Dubois County has felt the effects of a decline in funding for roads and highways. "It has made it harder for us to maintain our roads," Dubois County Highway Superintendent Steve Berg said. From 2008 to 2013, the amount of federal highway funds available to states has fallen 3.5 percent, according to a national study by the Associated Press. The same study found that even when accounting for inflation, federal highway funds have declined for every state other than Alaska and New York. Indiana, which ranks 38th in the nation for highway spending per capita, saw an increase of just 1.1 percent in highway spending from 2008 to 2013, according to the latest data available. While Dubois County receives federal funding for bridge inventory and major projects, like the upgrades on Kentucky Street in Holland — a project fed by 80 percent federal funding and 20 percent local money — the county needs more financial support. Dubois County obtains most of its road funding from state fuel tax. For every gallon of gas purchased, 18 cents is collected by the state before being divvied out. One cent goes to the local area of the gasoline purchase. Three cents stays with the state, and 75 percent of the remaining 14 cents goes to the Motor Vehicle Fund (MVH). The amount that each county gets from MVH is split even more based on variables such as population and road mileage. "What we're getting is a fraction of a fraction of a penny," Berg said.

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