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County, city officials plan for new road

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County and city officials plan to extend the road, located south of the Walmart parking lot, west to S.R. 47 South. The idea behind the project is to be proactive and get infrastructure in place to entice more businesses to that area. The fact the project is being done now does not go unnoticed by Barton. "It is good to get ahead of future growth in this area," Barton said. "The project is an organized effort between the county and city and the private sector." The new road project has been in the works since last fall. Local landowners Tom Shaver, Larry Smith and Abe Hodgen are providing land to make the road as well as a new intersection at S.R. 47 South. Bane said the next step will be to meet with representatives from the Indiana Department of Transportation. "We have some time frames to work with now and we need to keep INDOT informed because they will be helping us with the intersection of S.R. 47 and C.R. 200," Bane said. Commissioners plan to use the county highway to construct the road. Jenkins sees no problems with the initial plan and has confidence his department can build the new road. "I have no doubt our guys will do a good job," Jenkins said. "The cost savings by using my department should tell people our commissioners are doing all they can to save taxpayer money." [County, city officials plan for new road - journalreview.com: News](http://journalreview.com: News)

INDOT to Seek Feedback on I-65 Travel Lanes

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The evening will begin with an Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by the Public Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans for the proposed I-65 added travel lanes to include the proposed temporary ramp closure at the State Road (SR) 311 interchange and the removal of a private road access under I-65 approximately 0.2 mile north of the St. Joe Road bridge. The project consists of the upgrade of the existing I-65 to a six-lane freeway, between Old SR 311 to Memphis Road in Clark County, Indiana. A Categorical Exclusion level 3 (CE3) environmental document evaluated the project which would construct additional lanes from 1 mile north SR 60 to 2.8 miles south of SR 160 in the form of median travel lanes. The cross section will have an 8 foot paved inside shoulder and a 10 foot paved outside shoulder with the installation of double-sided guardrail. All mainline bridges will be widened in the median with the structural treatment to include superstructure replacement and widening. It is anticipated that the proposed project will involve two residential parcels impacted by acquisition as well as remnants of a private road. The parcels currently being considered for acquisition have been notified prior to this hearing.

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East End route near bridge could cost \$33.4M

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A new estimate shows it could cost \$33.4 million to build the heavy haul corridor currently being designed to carry oversized rigs near the East End bridge, or \$10.9 million more than the original \$22.5 million projection. Indiana project consultants now are asking the agencies helping to fund the project — the board overseeing River Ridge Commerce Center, Jeffersonville's redevelopment commission, the Ports of Indiana and Clark County government — to commit more money to help make up for an estimated \$7.9 million shortfall. The shortfall includes \$3.9 million in unfunded project costs and \$3 million that's needed in reserve for contingencies, said Chris Pope, a project consultant with Indianapolis-based United Consulting who discussed project funding last week while updating Louisville-area officials who serve on the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency's transportation policy committee. The Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Economic Development Corp. have committed a combined \$11.25 million for the project, which stretches from Ind. 62 to the port.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/traffic/bridges/2015/03/02/east-end-route-near-bridge-cost/24260363/>

Indiana eyes ways to reverse declining highway funding

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indiana lawmakers are eyeing a slew of possible revenue sources they might tap to reverse declining funding for new highway projects and upgrades to the heavily-traveled highways and bridges that helped give the state its "Crossroads of America" nickname. Indiana isn't alone in dealing with a shrinking pot of money for its transportation infrastructure. Federal gasoline tax revenue has grown little since 2007 as vehicle fuel-efficiency rises, hybrid and electric cars become increasingly common and people cut back on driving. State-level gas tax revenues, including Indiana's, are also on the decline even as the need is mounting for highway, road and bridge upgrades. State Rep. Ed Soliday, who chairs the Indiana House's transportation committee, said concrete highways last only three to four decades before they need be rebuilt from the ground up, and asphalt roads are only good for about 12 years in Indiana's freeze-and-thaw climate. "We are at a point where we need to start rebuilding the infrastructure our grandparents and our parents built for us. And we need to look it straight in the eye, or we're going to hand it to our grandchildren," said Soliday, R-Valparaiso. Money flowing to Indiana from the beleaguered Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is financed by taxes paid on gasoline and diesel fuel, fell 5 percent from 2008-2013 to \$946 million. That's about 1.5 percentage points more than the nationwide decline, according to federal figures.

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