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City Details Infrastructure Projects

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Fort Wayne, Ind. -- Residents will see a record amount of neighborhood infrastructure enhancements in the City of Fort Wayne as part of the 2014 construction season. Mayor Tom Henry today formally announced the list of projects that will result in an investment of over \$20 million. Mayor Henry visited the Oxford neighborhood in southeast Fort Wayne to make today's announcement. Concrete reconstruction and sidewalk and curb repairs will occur on Oxford Street from South Anthony Boulevard to Hessen Cassel Road. Mayor Henry was joined by members of the City of Fort Wayne's Division of Public Works, elected officials, and community and neighborhood leaders. Highlights include 50 miles of paving, 10 miles of concrete reconstruction, brick street work, 12 miles of chip and seal repairs, sidewalk improvements, and curb and ramp repairs. The first projects are expected to begin in late March-early April, weather permitting. Today's announcement was made possible by the leadership of Mayor Henry's Administration, the Fiscal Policy Group, neighborhood and business leaders, and the members of City Council who supported and passed a financial plan last summer that makes additional funding available on a yearly basis, \$13.6 million in 2014, to assist with maintaining the City's transportation system. In addition to the \$13.6 million, an infrastructure bond was advocated by Mayor Henry and received support from City Council that will provide an additional \$10 million each year for three years beginning this year for street and road work.

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State's work plans include US 27 south

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FORT WAYNE – In addition to dozens of city road projects drivers will have to negotiate this summer, the state of Indiana will also be putting out huge numbers of orange barrels. On Tuesday, the Indiana Department of Transportation updated the Urban Transportation Advisory Board on its planned projects, including a 10.4-mile resurfacing of U.S. 27 from Pettit Avenue south to the Allen County line. The project will put new asphalt on the four-lane divided highway and will be bid in July. Other state projects in Fort Wayne include adding travel lanes to Coliseum Boulevard between Parnell and Crescent, which should ease congestion around Memorial Coliseum and IPFW. The \$6.1 million project was awarded to Primco Construction and is due to be completed by Nov. 2. A \$218,288 project will add lanes to the off-ramp from Interstate 469 to Auburn Road, improve the intersection with Auburn and add turn lanes. The work, by Brooks Construction, is expected to be done by Oct. 25. In April, construction is expected to start on reconfiguring the interchange of Interstate 69 at Dupont Road/Indiana 1, which will transform the

congested area from a traditional diamond interchange to a diverging diamond interchange, which uses traffic signals at each end to have traffic cross over to driving on the left side of the road through the intersection. That allows left turns to be made without interference from cross-traffic. That project is due to be completed by October.

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INDOT to host public forum about alternative route for part of U.S. 33

The Elkhart Truth

Angelle Barbazon

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GOSHEN — Drivers who travel on U.S. 33 in Goshen and people living east of downtown may want to listen up because big changes could be on the way. The Indiana Department of Transportation is asking for feedback from the public about a proposed road construction project that would reroute part of U.S. 33. The department will begin collecting comments this month about a major project that would construct a new alignment for U.S. 33 stretching one mile between Monroe Street and S.R. 15. A public meeting is scheduled for March 20 at Goshen High School's auditorium at 401 Lincolnway East. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for an informal open house session, with a formal public hearing beginning at 6 p.m. Beginning just north of the U.S. 33 intersection with Sander Avenue, the new alignment would separate from the existing road at Monroe Street and run north across Madison and Jefferson streets. From there, the road would turn northwest, parallel to the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The road would curve west, following Pike Street to its intersection with S.R. 15, where it would connect with the existing location of U.S. 33. Three overpasses are part of the project: one at Cottage Avenue, another at Lincoln Avenue and a third at a Norfolk Southern railroad spur that runs north and south along the east side of Ninth Street. The railroad crossing at Ninth Street would be closed, according to the plan. Improvements are proposed at the U.S. 33 intersections with Main, Madison and Monroe streets as well as the corner of Fifth and Pike streets. About 2,000 feet of the road between 10th and Seventh streets would be elevated.

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Bill to establish central Indiana mass transit system clears both chambers of state Assembly

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INDIANAPOLIS — Funding for an expanded bus system serving the greater Indianapolis area has cleared both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly, also opening the door to the possibility of a light rail service throughout central Indiana. The bill passed by the House Monday would allow Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Madison and Marion counties to raise taxes if voters approve the plan in a referendum. The Senate plan includes a corporate income tax to help fund the bus system, while the House wants to give counties the option of developing a light rail system. The bills now go into negotiations and if lawmakers don't reach a compromise by March 14, the proposal dies for another year. "I'm pretty confident at this point that we'll work out our differences," Rep. Jerry Torr, R-Carmel, who sponsored the bill in the House, told the Indianapolis Star. "I don't think we're that far off on anything." The idea for a central Indiana mass transit system first surfaced several years ago, but the proposal has never made it this far in the legislative process. Supporters insist a mass transit system would enhance the economy. Critics fret about the cost to taxpayers. Rep. Mike Speedy, R-Indianapolis, said light rail systems elsewhere have experienced major cost overruns. "This could end up costing taxpayers and rate payers millions of dollars," he told the Indianapolis Business Journal. "If we don't understand those risks, how can we expect the public to understand them?" But Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, said the decision about regional transportation should be left up to voters.

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Pence: "Open Mind" On Central Indiana Mass Transit

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Governor Pence says he is encouraged that the legislature will pass bills that will help create more jobs in Indiana. But a bill he is not committing to is the Central Indiana mass transit bill. That's not a bill that's been on our agenda. So, we've been watching with great interest the progress on that legislation," Pence said after attending a jobs announcement at Stonegate Mortgage on the north side of Indianapolis. "Now that it continues to move through the legislative process, we'll keep an open mind." The bill that would allow voters in several Central Indiana counties to decide whether to raise local taxes to fund an expansion of public transportation narrowly passed the House Monday night. It now goes to a conference committee to be reconciled with the Senate version because the House added a light rail line to the bill. Pence would not say what he would do with the bill if it reaches his desk. "We'll make a decision based on what we believe is in the best interests of a growing economy in Central Indiana."

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