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INDOT kicks off their 2016 construction season

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Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb joined Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, construction industry leaders, and officials from the Indiana Department of Transportation today to kick off the State's 2016 construction season. The event took place near the project site for construction of the new I-69 interchange at 106th Street in Fishers. During Wednesday's event, INDOT launched #INDOTDrivesIndiana, an enhanced public awareness campaign to keep Hoosiers up to date on the more than 770 road and bridge projects scheduled to begin across Indiana during 2016. "With more than \$850 million of investment planned in Indiana's roads and bridges in 2016, INDOT is moving aggressively to modernize our state's infrastructure," Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb said. "This year's projects, coupled with more than \$3.2 billion invested since Governor Pence took office in 2013 has Indiana well positioned to remain the Crossroads of America for generations to come." <http://cbs4indy.com/2016/04/06/indot-kicks-off-their-2016-construction-season/>

Commissioners discuss road and bridge projects, make insurance changes

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A move by the Indiana General Assembly last month should help the county find some of the finances necessary to fix deteriorating roads and bridges. Decatur County is set to receive about \$890,000 May 1, 75 percent of which must be used for road or bridge maintenance, right of way acquisitions, or equipment purchases per the passage of Senate Bill 57. In all, Decatur County will receive approximately \$1.7 million in funds previously held in escrow by the state since the Great Recession in 2008. The money may not be used to add lanes to existing roadways or to build new roads or bridges. Further help could come through a bill that originated in the Indiana House of Representatives and was passed by the House and Senate in March – but it would require cities and counties to cover some of the cost. House Bill 1001 moves about \$414 million out of the state's reserves, 55 percent of which is intended for use on Interstates and state highways. The remaining amount can be used by cities and counties for road and bridge work, though those entities would have to match half the total cost of each project. Some of Monday's discussion centered on the likelihood of raising the county's wheel tax, a measure currently being weighed by the Decatur County Council. A provision in the legislation allows counties to double their wheel taxes if they so choose as a measure of coming up with the money necessary to match the state's contribution on a given project. Whether or not that comes to pass, county officials believe the funds sent from the state could be put to good use locally. Mohr indicated that

the county has enough projects on tap to make full use of the allotted funds – and perhaps more. John Richards, District 3 commissioner and board president, said he agreed with Mohr's assessment. http://www.greensburgdailynews.com/news/local_news/commissioners-discuss-road-and-bridge-projects-make-insurance-changes/article_c1dc24bb-92ea-5b42-af67-5a82b331de6d.html

Council OKs millions for redevelopment

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MUNCIE — In a unanimous vote, Muncie City Council approved \$3.5 million for the beginnings of redevelopment of a longtime industrial site. Council approved the city issuing \$3.5 million in bonds for infrastructure in the Kitselman Pure Energy Park, the former Indiana Steel and Wire property along Ind. 32/Jackson Street on Muncie's east side. The funding would be used, officials have said, to relocate Bunch Boulevard from its current location and into the former Indiana Steel and Wire property, as well as build some infrastructure, including another road and sewers, streetlights and other features, within the property. The proposed Kitselman Pure Energy Park will include, according to principals and officials, a building for businessman Gary Danner's Mobile Power Station vehicles to be assembled as well as a city-owned shell building intended to attract economic development and, officials hope, other development. Monday night's presentation to city council was made by Muncie Redevelopment Commission director Todd Donati, who cited last Thursday, when the public got its first look at the proposed project, which was first reported by The Star Press in April 2015. A crowd at the Horizon Convention Center on Thursday heard speakers talk about the White River, the John Craddock wetlands and Cardinal Greenway trailhead in the area. Officials from the Indiana Department of Transportation also talked about plans to rebuild the bridge that carries the highway over the river. In Monday's meeting, Council Republican Dan Ridenour called Thursday's presentation "impressive" and asked Donati several questions, including how the \$3.5 million will be divided up. Donati said \$1.4 million would be used to relocate Bunch Boulevard and \$1.6 million would go toward other internal road and infrastructure work. Tax increment financing (TIF) revenue would cover the cost of the infrastructure. <http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2016/04/04/council-oks-millions-redevelopment/82600854/>

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