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Meeting to Detail More I-69 Work

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HAMILTON COUNTY - A public meeting is set for this month to provide details on another major interstate project in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Transportation, Milestone Contractors and United Consulting will discuss details of the upcoming \$92 million project to add travel lanes on a stretch of I-69. The work is part of the massive Major Moves 2020 effort. At the April 21 meeting, the team will lay out details, anticipated schedules and expected traffic pattern plans for the highway between State Road 37 and State Road 38. A presentation is set to start at 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Height High School. <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/31706597/meeting-to-detail-more-work-along-i-69>

Better bridge testing on deck in Indiana: Clark, Floyd County officials eyeing repairs

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Mark Bacon likes Indiana's brand as the "crossroads of America," but in his rural community, there are some places where school buses, farm equipment and firetrucks can't get across a creek. Bacon is a corn farmer and county commissioner in Rush County, where nearly three-dozen bridges are closed or severely restricted with weight limits. Another two-dozen are considered structurally deficient. In Rush County, a long detour has become a way of life. "It's something we've learned to live with," he said. Bacon and other local leaders around the state are looking for a better way. They hope a new method for testing a bridge's integrity will help them make smarter choices about spending scarce money on thousands of small spans throughout the state. The method, developed by Iowa State University's bridge engineering center, will be replicated by engineers at Purdue University this summer. They'll focus at first on a handful of county bridges, with more likely to follow. Known as a weight-load test, the method involves attaching sensors to strategic points on a bridge. As increasingly heavy trucks cross, sensors detect when the bridge starts to shake or sway. "It's like a stress test on your heart," said Pat Conner, research manager for Purdue's local technical assistance program, which works with highway and road departments across the state. http://www.newsandtribune.com/news/better-bridge-testing-on-deck-in-indiana-clark-floyd-county/article_48730ba0-003d-11e6-bf9c-5fe0602243e8.html

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