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Dupont, Lafayette Center top upcoming road projects

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Nearly \$75 million is set to be spent over the next four years for improvement projects targeting Fort Wayne area streets, roads and other passageways. The thoroughfare work is funded through an 80-20 split, with federal dollars picking up most of the tab and local and state sources paying the rest. The Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council on Wednesday hosted a transportation planning open house at Citizens Square to give residents a chance to see where the orange barrels will sprout in the years to come. The biggest local project is a \$12.2 million plan to improve Dupont Road between Lima and Coldwater roads. It includes widening the roadway to four lanes with a center turn lane where needed. The proposed design has a trail on the south side and a sidewalk on the north side. A pedestrian underpass is included in this project. The underpass will continue the Pufferbelly Trail from Parkview YMCA/Salomon Farm Park on the south side to the north. Construction is scheduled for 2017. The largest project is a \$22.1 million enhancement to Lafayette Center Road that the Indiana Department of Transportation is funding this year. The work will include road reconstruction and realignment from U.S. 24 in Roanoke east to Fogwell Parkway. Rose Newman is a neighborhood association president on Fort Wayne's northwest side. More residents should attend informational meetings, she said. "You have to know what's going on if you want to have a say," Newman said. "This group does a good job of getting the word out." Some projects are further along than others, and the bidding process could result in costs rising or falling, officials said.

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INDOT To Host Open House For Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

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The Indiana Department of Transportation will host an important open house at the Seymour District main conference room next Tuesday, April 7th, between 4 and 7 p.m. The INDOT facilities are located at 185 Agrico Lane on the east side of Seymour. At Tuesday's open house, INDOT personnel hope to talk with--and receive input from--area residents, community leaders and transportation stakeholders regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a 4-year planning document listing all projects expected to be federally funded--and state-funded projects deemed regionally significant. STIP projects include pavement and bridge facilities--and projects that address safety, congestion, mobility and emergency response. In addition, the STIP looks at investment in various modes including highways, transit, pedestrian trails and bicycle facilities. If a project is not included in the STIP, it cannot be eligible for federal funding. INDOT personnel will answer questions and listen to public comments on a variety of

topics such as planning, project selection, multimodal, highway safety, economic opportunity, Local Public Agency, public involvement and district operations. The April 7 open house provides an opportunity to meet with INDOT officials and program managers in an informal setting where discussion and conversation is welcomed and appreciated.

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