



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **April 16, 2015**

#### **Recent East End bridge work 'challenging'**

The Courier-Journal  
Charlie White  
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Persistent March and April showers — and, at times, rising Ohio River levels — has led to flooding, swift currents and an influx of driftwood getting lodged along both shorelines in the East End bridge construction area. Snow and extremely cold temperatures in February also made work on the river "challenging," leading to construction being halted on the two bridge towers for a handful of days since, said McKenzi Loid, a project spokeswoman for contractor WVB East End Partners. "Returning to work on the river is determined on a day-by-day basis. Safety is the crew's main priority, so the site has to be reviewed and assessed after extreme weather," Loid said. While most nearby land construction has been able to continue, Loid said Tuesday it's too soon to tell whether recent river and weather conditions will require pushing back the October 2016 date the overall project is scheduled to be complete and open to traffic. "The crew will assess their schedule in a month or two and determine whether any tweaks may be necessary to the timeline," Loid said. Workers from Walsh-Vinci Construction have used cranes on tug boats to clear the logjams, pulling driftwood away from both river edges and depositing it in the shipping channel between the towers so it can flow freely downriver.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/traffic/bridges/2015/04/14/recent-east-end-bridge-work-challenging/25781535/>

#### **Roundabout work scheduled to begin**

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MUNCIE – Work on the city's traffic roundabout is set to begin in a few days. Weather permitting, work on the roundabout at Walnut Street and Riffin Road is expected to begin Monday, April 20, the Indiana Department of Transportation announced Tuesday. Although it is a city project, 80 percent of the \$1.2-million project will be paid for through federal highway funds channeled through INDOT, the state said. INDOT said the "south leg" of Walnut Street will be closed to traffic when construction begins. The state didn't say how long the lane of road would be closed to traffic. City officials have said that when work began they would try to keep the intersection open to traffic as much as possible. City street superintendent Duke Campbell said that effort might be helped by the location of the roundabout, which is set slightly off the intersection to the southwest. "There are going to be some closures, but only when absolutely necessary," Campbell said Tuesday. "We know there are businesses out there and the mayor does not want to interrupt those businesses any more than needed. Sometimes you can't keep a lane open." The state said the roundabout would be "completely open to traffic by the end of September." The Riffin and

Walnut roundabout is the latest in Delaware County. Roundabouts are in use at Walnut Street on the southern edge of downtown, at Morrison Road and West Jackson Street and at Walnut Street and Madison Street at the southern city limits.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2015/04/14/roundabout-work-scheduled-begin/25783001/>

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