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## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Roseview Transit faces funding cuts**

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Officials at Roseview Transit say they will not cut hours or increase fares after learning they will receive \$70,000 less next year in grant funding for operations. Greg Stiens, city director of public works and engineering, told the Richmond Common Council this week that Roseview, which operates the city bus and paratransit fleet, has been notified it will receive about \$58,000 less from the U.S. Department of Transportation through its Federal Transit Administration and about \$12,000 less from the Indiana Department of Transportation. In a letter to the city, federal officials said the declining amount was because of transportation funds that were "stagnant." But Stiens said riders should not be affected by the decrease. "We're still going to operate six days a week. We will not cut Saturday hours," he said. Stiens, Roseview manager Terri Quinter and city grants administrator Sharon Palmer have worked up a plan to cut \$30,000 from the agency's fuel budget, since gas prices are lower than a year ago. Roseview also will buy one less bus in 2016. "We're hoping that will get us through," Quinter said. "We're going to pray that we can keep overtime costs down and that the price of gas stays down. It's not just Richmond. All cities are going through this." Roseview's 2015 budget is \$1.454 million. The budget for 2016 is estimated at \$1.385 million.

<http://www.pal-item.com/story/news/local/2015/05/20/roseview-transit-faces-funding-cuts/27673647/>

#### **Highway Trust Fund Is 'Broke,' Ex-Transportation Secretary LaHood Says**

Indiana Talks Network

Steve Inskeep

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Lawmakers face a deadline to fund federal highway and mass transit repair. One option is to increase a gas tax. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood talks to Steve Inskeep about his ideas. STEVE INSKEEP, HOST: Let's talk now about ground transportation. The government is running out of money for highways, bridges and mass transit. The money comes from the Highway Trust Fund, which is usually filled through a gas tax, a bit more than .18 cents per gallon, which you pay anytime you're at a filling station. The tax no longer brings in enough money for the current pace of construction. Lawmakers don't agree what to do, although they have until the end of the month to act. Ray LaHood argues that the answer simple - raises the gas tax. LaHood is a former Republican congressman and also President Obama's former transportation secretary. [Highway Trust Fund Is 'Broke,' Ex-Transportation Secretary LaHood Says | Indiana Talks Network](#)

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