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Infrastructure Media Summary

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INDOT begins tolling study

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The Indiana Department of Transportation is taking the first steps toward fulfilling a mandate to evaluate the feasibility of tolling interstate highways, including interstates 65 and 94 through Northwest Indiana. The agency on Friday issued a request for information asking advice on "planning an expeditious and effective tolling program deployment approach that can be expanded in a consistent manner." INDOT is required to investigate tolling as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed this year by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb, with the intention of pumping \$5 billion into the state's roads and bridges. It will be funded by increased gas taxes and registration fees, and, potentially, interstate tolling.
http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/indot-begins-tolling-study/article_7cf58bd2-77e7-5edd-80c0-6901a22c3efc.html

Madison County spending \$2 million on paving projects in 2017

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ANDERSON - Madison County will be spending about \$2 million this year on eight paving projects throughout the county. The Madison County commissioners on Tuesday took under advisement three bids for the contract paving work in 2017. A contract is expected to be awarded at the June 20 meeting. E&B Paving of Anderson submitted the low bid of \$1,779,884. Milestone Construction bid \$2,102,175, and Reith Riley Construction bid \$2,251,020. Chuck Leser, county engineer, said the estimated cost of the work was \$2.2 million. Leser said the paving work will be paid through the county's share of the wheel tax revenues and the \$1 million matching grant through the Community Crossroads Program of the Indiana Department of Transportation that was awarded in 2016. He said all the roads on the list will be resurfaced this year.
http://www.heraldbulletin.com/news/local_news/madison-county-spending-million-on-paving-projects-in/article_ddabad9c-4be3-11e7-a97f-83418a1cf913.html

Traffic pattern shift on I-65 in Tippecanoe County to begin Friday

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced Wednesday that northbound I-65 traffic in Tippecanoe County will be shifted onto newly

constructed median lanes from the 168 mile marker at State Road 38 to the 173 mile marker just north of State Road 26. During this time the contractor will be reconstructing the existing northbound lanes. Motorists are encouraged to be aware of the changes in traffic patterns. The nearly \$83 million dollar project is adding an additional lane both northbound and southbound from one half of a mile south of State Road 38 to nearly one mile north of State Road 25. This project also includes construction of four noise walls, widening of the S.R. 25, S.R. 26 and the Wildcat Creek Bridges. Four overhead bridges are also included in the project and are, C.R. 200 S., C.R. 500 E., C.R. 350 E. (Eisenhower Road) and C.R. 200 N. This project is scheduled to be completed in early summer of 2018.

<http://fox59.com/2017/06/07/traffic-pattern-shift-on-i-65-in-tippecanoe-county-to-begin-friday/>

Representative Frye pleased with latest Indiana budget

WRBI Radio

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Batesville, Ind. - Batesville native and state representative from the 67th District Randy Frye is pleased with the two year \$32 billion balanced budget passed by the Indiana General Assembly this year. The budget addresses infrastructure improvements, increasing education funding and measures to improve the state economy. The financial roadmap increases the gas tax by 10-cents and increases some BMV fees to generate an estimated \$1.2 billion per year by 2024 to establish a long-term infrastructure funding plan.

<http://wrbiradio.com/2017/06/07/representative-frye-pleased-with-latest-indiana-budget/>

Trump infrastructure push faces cold shoulder from Congress

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WASHINGTON - Repairing the nation's crumbling roads and bridges was supposed to be an area ripe for bipartisan compromise between congressional Democrats and President Donald Trump. Instead, Democrats are panning Trump's proposed \$1 trillion overhaul and even Republicans are balking at some aspects of the emerging plan. The White House's self-proclaimed "Infrastructure Week" began with Trump appearing Monday with aviation officials and some prominent GOP lawmakers to announce plans to privatize the nation's air traffic control system and separate operations from the Federal Aviation Administration. But the proposal quickly drew bipartisan opposition, and there were few signs it would get far on Capitol Hill. Next up will be a series of events throughout the week, including some with the nation's mayors and governors, that will allow Trump to highlight his effort to muster public and private funding to overhaul the highway, waterway, electrical and airway systems on which the nation depends. The details of the plans must still be fleshed out. According to Trump's budget proposal, the funding would come from \$200 billion in tax breaks over nine years that would then - in theory - leverage \$1 trillion worth of construction. But although the goal of upgrading crucial infrastructure has broad support, Democrats do not like Trump's plan for paying for it, arguing that his approach would result in taxpayer-funded corporate profits at the expense of investments in rural areas where money-making opportunities are scarce. Conservative opposition remains a potential roadblock to Trump's infrastructure plans. Nonetheless, the White House appears to be making little effort to round up bipartisan support on the issue. Still, the White House legislative affairs director, Marc Short, told reporters in a briefing Monday night that the goal remained to get Democratic support for the infrastructure package. "Infrastructure, the president's said all along he believes to be a bipartisan exercise and it's one that we will be looking to partner with them on," Short said.

http://www.news-sentinel.com/news/us-and-world/trump-infrastructure-push-faces-cold-shoulder-from-congress_20170606&profile=-1

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