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City loses \$3.5 million for new bus terminal

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ANDERSON - The city has lost \$3.5 million in federal funds that would have been used to help pay for the construction of a new bus terminal in downtown Anderson. Last year, the Madison County Council of Governments (COG) asked the Indiana Department of Transportation to extend the deadline for the use of the funding until this July. Anderson Mayor Kevin Smith confirmed Thursday that the \$3.5 million in federal funds set aside for the terminal project has been lost. David Benefiel, senior transportation planner for COG, said the money is no longer set aside for the project. He said there is a minimum amount of money still available for design work. "The city needs to pick a site," Benefiel said of a terminal location. "We can't talk about cost and potential environmental cleanup until a site is selected." "The sun has set on those funds," he said. "The deadline has passed and no site has been determined." Benefiel said there have been lots of changes on how federal funds can be used and there is no longer the ability to bank dollars for future projects. Smith said there will probably no discussions on a potential site for the construction of a new bus terminal until after the municipal elections in November. [City loses \\$3.5 million for new bus terminal - Herald Bulletin: News](#)

Illiana Expressway hits another setback

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"In light of the state's current fiscal crisis and a lack of sufficient capital resources, the Illiana Expressway will not move forward at this time," the administration stated. Indiana House Transportation Committee Chairman Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, said he received a memo from the Indiana Department of Transportation on Tuesday informing him that Illinois was indefinitely suspending work on the Illiana Expressway. Soliday said Rauner and IDOT will come to rue the day they indefinitely suspended the project, because traffic volumes will steadily build on Interstate 80/94. He said that traffic will reach a choke point when the Panama Canal widening is done, sending huge volumes of truck traffic to Chicago as new mega-ships unload at coast ports. "It's like an oil change with the Illiana," Soliday said. "It's either pay for it now or pay for it later. They'll just pay more later when they have to build it." However, INDOT said it will take the \$50 million already set aside for the Illiana Expressway project and use it to get the Interstate 65 widening project underway, Soliday said. INDOT had intended to have that project in the Lowell area done in conjunction with the Illiana Expressway. "If you look at the volume of traffic now on I-65, we just can't keep up with it," Soliday said. "So if we can get one project done that needs to be done, that's great." [Illiana Expressway hits another setback](#)

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