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I-69 Bridge is vital for the area

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While some comment that the bridge won't happen, or if it does it is decades off, these statements are not accurate. A group of business leaders and elected officials have come together to make sure the bridge does happen and sooner than later. This group is BridgeLink. They are focused on seeing that the bridge across the Ohio River remains a priority for those who have the ability to move the project forward. The group is made up of business leaders from both sides of the river. Lead by Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and Henderson Mayor Steve Austin, the group formed a non-profit advocacy organization with their sole mission "To advocate for the construction of a new Interstate 69 Ohio River Bridge by no later than 2020 and the preservation of an un-tolled route across the river for local residents." To help raise awareness and provide information to area businesses the Warrick County Chamber of Commerce invited Mayors Winnecke and Austin to address Warrick Chamber members at the Annual Member Meeting earlier this month. The presentation focused on addressing the need for a new bridge and working with leaders in both Kentucky and Indiana to see the project to completion. The twin bridges are near their lifespan. The northbound bridge is 82 years old and southbound bridge is 48 years old. In 2012, bridge traffic was over 18,000 vehicles a day making the bridges a key link between Kentucky and Indiana. So how do the twin bridges and the new I-69 bridge affect Warrick County? Many of those 18,000 vehicles every day are workers going to and from jobs on both sides of the river. Traffic will only increase and the more traffic the more stress on the current bridges. Moving interstate traffic to a new I-69 bridge will lower the local traffic on the twin bridges.

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Changes coming to Indiana gasoline tax

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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) – Beginning July 1, the state is changing the way it charges gasoline sales tax. Indiana is doing away with its gasoline sales tax and instead charging a usage tax based on the previous month's prices. For customers, it means possibly avoiding paying higher taxes when service disruptions force prices to go up. "Hopefully by then the prices will be down so the tax won't be as burdensome as it is at the height of those high prices," said Scot Imus the Executive Director of Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association. The group represents gas station owners, and lobbied for the changes. Starting on July 1, customers will be paying 22.9 cents a gallon in usage tax. The figure is based on the average gas prices in

June. All tax rates in future months will be based on the same system
The reason for the changes is to help streamline the system for how the state collects the revenue. Currently gas station owners self-report their sales, but starting next month the state will collect the taxes from the distributors.

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