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County ready to pitch for millions in road grants

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Daviess County officials are putting the finishing touches on a proposal to the Indiana Department of Transportation that could kick off \$2 million in road improvements. The County Highway Department this week is expected to make a formal application for a 50-50 Community Crossroads grant. As part of the application process for the \$1-million grant the Highway Department has secured a letter from the County Council committing \$1-million in local funding for the projects. "It's important to remember the million dollars the county highway department is asking for as match to get another million is money that was returned to the county through the special LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) distribution approved by the General Assembly this spring," said President of the Daviess County Council Mike Myers. "The total amount the Highway Department received was \$1.6-million and that part was designated for roads and infrastructure. That's what it is intended to go for." The Highway Department has identified two roads for the funds. One is CR 650E from U.S. 50 north to as far as CR 1000N. The other calls for new pavement on CR 550N from 900E to CR 1200E. Officials say those projects have a good chance of being approved. The deadline for applying for Community Crossroads grants is July 31. Grant awards are expected to be made yet this fall.

http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/local_news/county-ready-to-pitch-for-millions-in-road-grants/article_12095870-920e-58cd-a4e0-2d2319f4ffe4.html

Knox County is poised to snag additional road money

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The Knox County commissioners rallied behind the county highway department Monday night showing support for an effort to secure more money for infrastructure repairs. An inventory of county roads -- technically referred to as a "pavement preservation management system" -- has been completed by Indianapolis' First Group Engineering Inc., and based on its recommendations, highway superintendent Donnie Mize is proposing four projects to include in an application to the Indiana Department of Transportation. This spring, legislation passed by the General Assembly divvied out millions in unspent tax dollars to cities and counties specifically for road repairs. Vincennes received just over \$1 million while Knox County received nearly \$1.4 million. Twenty-five percent of the county's portion went into the Rainy Day Fund, and the remaining 75 percent must be spent to improve roads. The legislation also came with \$460 million allocated to INDOT to hand out as matching grants over the next four years for city and county projects throughout the state, and Mize plans to use the county's portion of that new road money

as the required match for the 50/50 grant. First Group is recommending that the county spend the roughly \$2.5 million "to get these roads back into a manageable condition," Mize said. The first project would be the resurfacing of about 5 miles of Old U.S. 41, while the second would be more resurfacing work near Alvis Music & Sound on Washington Avenue and extending out to Fritchton. The third recommended project would be a resurfacing of Mount Zion Road as well as removing and replacing two small overpasses there. And the fourth project would be some resurfacing on South Sixth Street Road, Mize said. County officials hope to find out whether their application to INDOT has been successful in about a month.

http://www.suncommercial.com/news/article_89823abf-2076-5eb4-8b53-c6c788c6fa51.html

Crown Point has to trim road project wish list

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The city's \$1.8 million wish list of road projects for this year has been trimmed to about \$800,000 as the city waits for word on its applications for matching state road funds for next year. The city initially drew up a "short list" from the roads considered the worst and a second list of special projects. The former totaled \$899,000 and would have paved and made other improvements to about 2.4 miles of roads. The latter total was \$936,000 for another 1.8 miles, but engineering superintendent Bill Kozlowski said only about 2.5 miles of road work will be completed this year. "The money is not there," Kozlowski said. "We were going to use some Redevelopment Commission funds, but none of the roads fall within any of the redevelopment districts so we can't do that." The work does not include the recently completed repaving of North Main Street, which was a state project. It does include Clark Road from 101st Avenue to the bridge, which several residents complained about at a council meeting earlier this year during discussion of the need for the wheel tax.

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/crown-point-has-to-trim-road-project-wish-list/article_11355d93-660c-5f71-91c8-786d02f96e6c.html

Shelby County Bridge Project to Begin Next Step

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A major project to maintain and preserve 11 bridges in Shelby County is set to enter its next phase. The Indiana Department of Transportation says the \$3.3 million project is scheduled to begin phase two Tuesday, weather permitting. INDOT is working to repair the bridges on or over Interstate 74, including repairing or replacing concrete bridge components, painting structural steel, and/or applying modified concrete overlays to the bridge decks. The first phase of the project began last month. As part of the next phase, North Vernon-based Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. will open the right lane of eastbound I-74 between State Road 9 and State Road 244 and begin moving concrete barriers. INDOT says future phases of the project will include closing the westbound lanes of the same section of I-74. The department says all closure dates and pattern changes will be announced in advance. Each phase of the project is expected to last four to six weeks, with the entire project expected to be complete in November.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/32468888/shelby-county-bridge-project-to-begin-next-step>

Jeffersonville City Council members support funding Holman Lane widening

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The Jeffersonville City Council is likely poised to donate millions toward Holman Lane reconstruction, as the city's redevelopment department surges forward with project plans. How to spend a one-time \$4.6 million deposit from the state, most of which must be used for infrastructure has been a topic of heated debate. Jeffersonville Mayor Moore challenged the council's vote to spend \$400,000 on the Clark County Regional Airport expansion project, insisting all the money was needed for Holman Lane. The council later decided to donate \$250,000 from another fund for the airport. Now, a majority of council members say they are in favor of pledging money — whether it's from the state distribution or not — toward widening the busy corridor. Residents have long felt the heavily congested road needs attention. No informal discussions among council members on actually donating money have happened yet, president Matt Owen said, but he anticipates official action from the council could take place as early as next month. Moore said Holman Lane widening, estimated at \$8.2 million, won't happen without the council's help. "If they take any money of that 4.6 [million] ... it jeopardizes the entire project," the mayor said Wednesday. But Moore may not ask for all \$4.6 million — a proposal is set to appear before the council Monday asking for a \$1 million grant match to go toward another Jeffersonville road project. Tax increment finance, or TIF, money will pay for both Holman Lane and North 10th Street redevelopment, which is where the grant money would be applied. If the grant can relieve some of the TIF dollars from North 10th Street, the redevelopment commission can apply those savings toward Holman Lane. The redevelopment commission has directed its engineers at Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz Inc. to move forward with design of the road reconstruction. Most recently, the board approved \$150,000 for finalized construction plans as well as an updated timeline. That timeline projects construction of the project will be finished by the end of 2018. In between then and now, the city must buy the front ends of properties facing Holman Lane through eminent domain and move utilities to make room for a wider road.
http://www.newsandtribune.com/news/jeffersonville-city-council-members-support-funding-holman-lane-widening/article_f37c4f5c-4a07-11e6-ab44-93d831a95edb.html

Land values boost Whitestown bypass costs

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"Much higher than expected" land values have raised the cost of a new road that will become part of the Ronald Reagan Parkway in Boone County. It is now estimated that building the Whitestown Bypass, linking CR 400 S (Albert S. White Boulevard) and CR 300 S (146th Street) will cost \$4.2 million, Boone County Highway foreman Nick Parr told the Boone County Council at its Tuesday meeting. Federal funds will cover 80 percent of the costs. "The actual amount won't be known until the project is bid," Parr said. Recent volatility in construction costs make it difficult to make accurate estimates, he said. Land values were first thought to be \$15,000 per acre, Parr said, but that was \$10,000 under the actual cost. Now, \$450,200 more is needed to buy right of way for the bypass, Parr said, for a total cost of \$1.05 million. "Whitestown has upped the amount they will contribute," Councilman John Hume said. "That helps a little." The council agreed, 6-1, to allot \$2.08 million as the county's local match for the bypass, including \$623,000 for estimated inspection costs.

http://www.reporter.net/news/local_news/land-values-boost-whitestown-bypass-costs/article_61b1333a-cdc9-54c3-9c53-5b195fd10a34.html

