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Jeffersonville council seeks 10th Street project funding answers

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Utility companies that will be relocating infrastructure for the 10th Street widening project at their own cost want further assurance from the city that the project's actually happening. But the Jeffersonville City Council majority wasn't willing to approve two resolutions Monday night that would give that assurance — not yet, anyway. With a 7-2 vote, the council tabled resolutions to amend the Falls Landing and Inner City Road redevelopment plans in the hopes of scheduling a workshop to further clear up funding questions. Councilmen Steve Webb and Matt Owen dissented. The amendments would add the construction phase of the nearly \$20 million project to the redevelopment plans, authorizing the use of tax increment finance dollars for the project. The Jeffersonville Redevelopment Commission and Plan Commission have approved the amendments. "If we passed it, we're giving [the Jeffersonville Department of Redevelopment] the go-ahead to do the project, and basically we're giving them a blank check to move forward, because we don't have numbers in front of us," City Council President Lisa Gill said after the meeting, referencing fluctuating construction costs because of the Ohio River Bridges Project. "We don't have the true cost." She wants to wait to see if more federal funding becomes available down the line, she said, and also doesn't want to jeopardize funding by deviating from the project's schedule. [Jeffersonville council seeks 10th Street project funding answers - News and Tribune: News](#)

[UPDATED] Amtrak Trains to Continue Along Hoosier State... For Now

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The Iowa Pacific Holdings rail cars that were set to run along the Hoosier State line today between Indianapolis and Chicago will do so once contracts are finalized. The Journal & Courier in Lafayette reports the Indiana Department of Transportation has asked Amtrak to continue as the route's operator during the process. Stakeholders in discussions include INDOT, Amtrak, Iowa Pacific and municipalities that fund and are served by the Indianapolis-to-Chicago line. The publication says Iowa Pacific was scheduled to take over equipment, maintenance, on-board services and marketing July 1, with Amtrak continuing as primary operator. This is the fourth extension for Amtrak as operator that INDOT has worked out since the route was defunded by Congress in late-2013. INDOT Spokesman Will Wingfield tells Inside INdiana Business remediation work on the Iowa Pacific cars has completed the fixes and a test run between Chicago and Indianapolis was performed over the weekend. [Amtrak Trains to Continue Along Hoosier State... For Now - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

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