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Governor Accepts Transportation Recommendations

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Indianapolis, Ind. -- Governor Mike Pence today accepted a report from the Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Infrastructure detailing recommendations for Indiana's next generation of transportation infrastructure, including water, air, road, and rail. The panel, co-chaired by Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann and Cathy Langham, President and CEO of Langham Logistics, offered 25 recommendations related to priority projects, transportation funding, policy changes, and strategies to prepare Indiana for future innovations. "I want to thank each of the members of the Blue Ribbon Panel for their extensive research and collaboration over the past year," said Governor Pence. "The panel's work has recognized several opportunities for the state to build on, and I hope that many of these ideas will encourage a broader conversation on the future of transportation infrastructure in this state." The Governor will engage relevant state agencies, including the Department of Transportation and the Ports of Indiana, in evaluating the recommendations of the panel. The report fulfills the Governor's Roadmap promise to appoint a blue ribbon panel to plan the next generation of Hoosier infrastructure.

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IN-DOT: 641 to be Finished by Fall 2016

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTHI) - Lots of road construction is taking place this summer, but one major project is flying under the radar. That's because it's not blocking traffic. Work has begun to complete the long-awaited State Road 641 bypass through southeastern Vigo County. Right now, an abbreviated version of SR 641 is open to some moderate use. It's mostly local traffic coming off of US 41, Erie Canal Road and McDaniel Road. The Indiana Department of Transportation says that's going to change. "We're anticipating the bypass will be complete and open to traffic by the fall of 2016," said IN-DOT spokeswoman Debbie Calder. You'll find construction north east of Feree Road to near Moyer Road in southeastern Vigo County. You'll also find work being done along State Road 46, up to I-70. And speaking of the interstate, traffic is limited to one lane both directions for up to a mile east and west of the exit 11. This stretch of highway will be patched and resurfaced, but that's not all. "They will be doing some interchange work here at I-70 and 46, and they will be building this local access road that will service the homes along this stretch, our actual IN-DOT facility here, and the KOA campground just around the corner," said Calder. Completion of this project has been a long time coming. Construction of the first two phases of 641 began back in 2003, and original projections called for 641 to be completed this fall.

However, the first phase didn't open until the fall of 2010. Now, IN-DOT is happy that the end of this project is near. "I know the people around this area have waited patiently for this to be open and so we're excited to talk about this year and have it under construction," said Calder. This project did come with a hefty price tag. The estimated cost of building the 641 bypass is \$150-million.

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