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I-65, I-70 south split ramp open ahead of schedule

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INDIANAPOLIS -- The south split ramp of Interstate 70 and Interstate 65 is now back open -- ahead of schedule. INDOT announced the opening late Tuesday night, ending a 56-day construction project. To celebrate the construction being finished ahead of schedule, INDOT commissioner Brandye Hendrickson will throw the opening pitch at Wednesday's Indianapolis Indians game at 1:35 p.m. The project was to refurbish and modernize two bridges and nearby pavement. "This investment reflects the priorities of Indiana taxpayers," Hendrickson said in a statement. "Taking care of what we have is most important to Hoosiers, and INDOT is applying the right treatments to keep our investments in roads and bridges in good condition for as long as possible." Morris and Prospect streets are expected to open within a week. The project cost \$3.4 million and was part of a \$50 million effort to preserve bridges in Indiana. [I-65, I-70 south split ramp open ahead of schedule - TheIndyChannel.com](http://TheIndyChannel.com)

State OKs record-setting NWI transport plan

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The Indiana Department of Transportation has approved a four-year transportation plan for Northwest Indiana that will be the first-ever to break the \$1 billion mark. The four-year Transportation Improvement Plan of the Northwest Indiana Planning Commission directs \$782.4 million to highways and bridges and another \$279.5 million to mass transit in the three-county region. Of the \$1.06 billion total, \$634.8 million, or 60 percent, will come from federal sources with the rest coming from state and local funds. The plan encompasses projects in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties. Funding the plan, which covers the years 2016 to 2019, will be dependent on the U.S. Congress continuing to find ways to fund the Highway Trust Fund and other transport programs, according to NIRPC officials. The current transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), expired last year but was extended to this year by Congress. [State OKs record-setting NWI transport plan](#)

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