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Logistics group identifies needed infrastructure

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SOUTH BEND — A panel of business leaders in north-central Indiana has come up with a road map for growing the logistics industry in the region. The North Central Regional Logistics Council released a plan Tuesday morning that outlines the infrastructure projects that are most likely to support jobs in warehousing and distribution in the coming decades. The council's members said during a news conference that this is the first time a private-sector group here has issued such a comprehensive list of road, rail, air and water priorities. "As the Crossroads of America, our region and the state as a whole play a significant role in how products travel from the manufacturing floor to store shelves," said John Phair, the chief executive of South Bend-based Holladay Properties and chairman of the North Central council. "Logistics impacts our lives every day." The top priority for the North Central region is finishing U.S. 31 as a limited-access, interstate-quality highway for the entire distance between Indianapolis and South Bend. The Indiana Department of Transportation in recent years has upgraded several portions of U.S. 31 — including a 20-mile stretch from South Bend to Plymouth and a bypass around Kokomo — but there are still seven stoplights, 105 intersections, 256 driveways and two rail crossings along the route. Next on the wish list is upgrading the entirety of U.S. 30 as a four-lane, limited-access highway. The third item is building the eight-lane Illiana Expressway to relieve bottlenecks along I-65, I-80/90 and I-94, especially in the northern parts of Lake and Porter counties.

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River Ridge Projects Pushing Ahead

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Developments in and around River Ridge Commerce Center in Jeffersonville are progressing. America Place is wrapping up construction of its second large industrial building. Also this week, the Jeffersonville City Council approved a funding measure allowing a heavy-haul road connecting River Ridge to the Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville to move forward. Location in Southern Indiana America Place says it is turning its attention to new development and construction on its campus, including the recent purchase of an additional 52.5 acres. The developer has already begun construction on its third building at River Ridge. Last month, America Place announced plans to invest an additional \$100 million in River Ridge over the next several years. In an interview on Inside INdiana Business Television, marketing executive Keith Starling said the center's infrastructure and accessibility as well as re-shoring by U.S. employers is driving its increased investment. The transportation corridor between River Ridge and the port

is a \$33 million being funded by the center, Clark County, the ports and state and federal sources. Clark County and the Indiana Department of Transportation are pitching in a total of nearly \$14 million toward the project. River Ridge is investing \$7 million, while the Ports' share is about \$2.5 million.

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