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Okay for long-awaited US 33 project in Goshen

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GOSHEN - The green light has finally been given for a major traffic project in Goshen. The \$25 million US 33 North Connector Project has been talked about for more than 17 years. "It's really going to happen, now after many, many years of discussions," exclaimed Mayor Allan Kauffman. At any given time of day, traffic gets pretty heavy on US 33 through downtown Goshen. Since 1997, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have been working on how to thin traffic. "INDOT has gotten permission from federal highways to go ahead with this project, so it's really going to happen," Kauffman said. The goal all along has been to find a way to safely divert traffic around the perimeter of the city, much of it business-related, to help alleviate congestion in the downtown, especially the business district. Called the US North 33 Connector, it will run from Monroe Street near Goshen High School to Main Street. It will go along the Norfolk Southern, Marion Branch Rail Line and include one continuous overpass that will go over the rail line over Lincoln and Cottage Ave. "With this US 33 Connector, we will have three traffic signals and then the overpass and everything, so it will allow for much smoother flow through the city, and then State Road 15 will be rerouted on to 3rd Street, explained Goshen City Engineer Mary Cripe.

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Howard Co. commissioners approve road construction projects

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Road construction projects on Touby Pike and a bridge over Kokomo Creek have been given the green light thanks to federal funding. Howard County Commissioners approved a pair of contracts to repair right of way near the U.S. 31 bypass and replace a bridge along Park Avenue. The Indiana Department of Transportation local public agency projects will update Touby Pike near Morgan Street leading north up to the new U.S. 31 and Morgan Street heading west to Ind. 931 to ensure the roads meet federal standards. The total cost of the repairs is approximately \$2.03 million, with \$1.6 million (80 percent) of the project being covered by federal funds. "When the new bypass was put in, the state said we had to make sure the roads leading up to it met certain federal standards," Howard County Highway Superintendent Ted Cain said. The Touby Pike project will consist of two 12-foot lanes, straightening curves and installing asphalt shoulders. Morgan Street will include a two-lane section with wider right of way for a bike lane. Right of way has been purchased and the roads are expected to be under construction by the end of April or beginning of May 2015, Cain said. The other project will replace the bridge on West Park Avenue

over Kokomo Creek between Markland Avenue and Defenbaugh Street. The approximate cost of the bridge replacement and relocation of the road will be \$222,500, with \$178,200 being covered by federal funds.

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State due refund for US 33 paving

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The state's highway department will get a partial refund for the recent resurfacing of U.S. 33 north of Fort Wayne after tests revealed that sections of the asphalt did not meet state standards. Rather than remove the faulty sections of pavement and replace them now, the Indiana Department of Transportation will take compensation from the contractor, according to Toni Mayo, spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Transportation's Fort Wayne district. She said INDOT works closely with contractors on any project to do quality tests, and some of those tests for the resurfacing between Fort Wayne and Churubusco showed that the pavement failed to meet specifications INDOT set forth. The money INDOT receives from the contractor, E&B Paving, will go to a fund dedicated to any future repairs needed for those sections of highway that didn't meet standards, Mayo said. "This is nothing unusual," she said of the receipt of compensation instead of immediately tearing up and redoing the affected areas. A dollar amount and specific locations for the tests were not available.

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