



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Hoosier Passenger Train Safe... For Now**

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -- The Indiana Department of Transportation and the communities of Indianapolis, Crawfordsville, Rensselaer, Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County and Beech Grove announce plans to continue Hoosier State passenger rail service between Indianapolis and Chicago through Jan. 31, 2015. INDOT and the local communities have agreed to use the four-month contract extension allowed under the state's existing agreement with Amtrak. INDOT is also negotiating with Corridor Capital LLC to improve the service and its funding model by the end of the contract extension in January. "For the Hoosier State, we are hoping to build from the experience of North Carolina's successful Piedmont service, in which the state and its private contractors worked with Amtrak to improve and grow passenger rail," said INDOT multimodal director Robert Zier. The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act ended federal support for certain Amtrak routes of less than 750 miles effective October 2013. Indiana was the first in the nation to seek competing proposals from independent providers as allowed by the Act. Corridor Capital partnered with RailPlan International, which has provided train inspection and maintenance services for state-supported passenger rail services in North Carolina and Maryland, to submit the highest-scoring among four proposals.

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#### **New construction projects on tap for commissioners**

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"We're going to start at State Road 54 by Walmart, at the junction and go north about a mile to a little past Rau Law Offices," Graves said. "There's a bunch of utility lines along both sides that will disappear and go underground." "We're going to widen the road up through there and put in a turning lane so you can in and out of the hospital." Total cost for the project is just over \$2.5 million and will bring relief to a troublesome spot according to Graves. He did admit it won't be convenient for motorists, but the end result will be, as fellow commissioner Ed Michael put it, "a tremendous benefit." "We'll have to do some blocking off of the road and probably do half of the road then do the other half," Graves said. "We'll have to do some temporary things there. It will be a lot of inconvenience, but we'll end up with a better traffic pattern over there." Funding for the work comes from matching money provided by federal highway funds. Greene County's share of the funding is \$500,000 with INDOT grants matching the remainder to reach the full cost of the construction. Design costs will be split 80/20 between the state and county with INDOT awarding the construction contracts and overseeing the project. "It should start late in 2017 and be done by the end of 2017," Graves said. "We're bringing \$2 million back to the county." Graves announced

a tentative date of Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. for an official ground-breaking ceremony for the long-awaited and highly-anticipated Greene County Community Building renovation and new construction project at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Plans will be finalized later in the month and Graves says he hopes to see as many county officials as possible.

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