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UPDATE: See attached video of Ohio River Bridges Project tolling proposal

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It won't be painless, but at least it will be quick. Officials with the Ohio River Bridges Project unveiled their plans on Tuesday for charging tolls to vehicles as they cross the region's bridges across the Ohio River on new bridges. Instead of utilizing tolling plazas that require employees to collect cash from vehicles, the bridges will utilize tolling gantries, which will rely on electronic transponders and video cameras. Passenger vehicles belonging to "frequent commuters" will be issued electronic transponders. Frequent commuters will be able to pre-pay into an account from which tolls will be automatically deducted when the vehicle passes through a gantry. Vehicles without the transponders will be billed at the address to which the vehicle is registered, which will be determined by the license plate number. Tolling rates are currently undetermined, but are expected to be set at a Sept. 5 meeting of the Ohio River Bridges Project Tolling Body. Target rates discussed at Tuesday's meeting call for a \$1 charge for frequent commuters, \$2 for passenger vehicles without transponders, \$5 for box trucks and panel vans, and \$10 for semi-trucks and tractor-trailers. [UPDATE: See attached video of Ohio River Bridges Project tolling proposal » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#) Also, [Reminder: Tollbooths not part of toll bridges | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

Daviess County OKs plans for 2 roads at tech park

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WASHINGTON, Ind. — A southwestern Indiana county has approved plans for building two new roads at a technology park near the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center. The Daviess County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement Monday with the WestGate at Crane Authority that calls for the county's highway department to help develop two new roads leading to the tech park. That deal also calls for the WestGate at Crane Authority to provide up to \$125,000 in materials while the county would provide the equipment and labor needed for both of the roads. The Washington Times-Herald reports the roads project is part of an ongoing push to put infrastructure in place at the technology park that will draw defense contractors and jobs to the area. [Daviess County OKs plans for 2 roads at tech park » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

County looks for I-69 economic gain

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PRINCETON—Interstate 69 is a new terrain highway in Gibson County, and it's proving to be new terrain for economic development work here. Local officials are more accustomed to paving the way for economic development as it happens by creating Tax Increment Finance districts to support infrastructure needs when companies pick a spot in Gibson County. But there are miles and miles of property fronting I-69's route from Evansville to Indianapolis, so Gibson County's stake in catching some of the development opportunities stepped it up a notch Monday. The Gibson County Redevelopment Commission Monday unanimously approved a declaratory resolution which establishes a 47,000-acre economic development area along the Gibson County stretch of I-69. The action came after a good deal of discussion. "I'm not sure in my own mind yet what this will do until we get a Tax Increment Finance district," admitted commission vice chairman Bruce Fisher. Gibson County Economic Development Corp. CEO Todd Mosby said Monday the designation could pave the way for Tax Increment Finance districts in areas where infrastructure is needed for development along the corridor. The redevelopment commission would still need to consider when or if a TIF district is needed for potential development incentives. A TIF district captures assessed valuation and uses some of the property tax revenue paid by a company developing in that district to fund infrastructure or other projects that benefit the district. Gibson County has two TIF districts, created for Toyota and for Gibson County Coal's new mine near Owensville. Tax Increment Financing has been used in those districts to improve roads and provide utility needs. With no specific development project at hand, some commission members had questions about the necessity for designating such a large area along I-69. Mosby said having the area designated is one less step necessary when a TIF district might be created, but confirmed that the redevelopment commission must still go through the statutory requirements of confirming a TIF district. [County looks for I-69 economic gain - Princeton Daily Clarion: Pdclarion](#)

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