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INDOT making repairs on more crumbling bridges

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY - 13 Investigates has uncovered new evidence of another Indiana bridge that looks anything but safe. The concrete base below the overpass has crumbled. The bridge in question is located near the other bridge that's prompted the I-65 detour near Lafayette. An Indiana Department of Transportation crew was out with a jackhammer on Wednesday working on the cement slope leading up to I-65 northbound which is currently closed. "We got some comments from the public about that and it was one we were aware of, but we are taking the opportunity to do some additional maintenance in that area because of everything being closed up in the area. It's primarily an eyesore," said Will Wingfield, INDOT. The overpass at Colfax and Manson certainly caught the attention of an Eyewitness News viewer, who took some pictures of what it looked like prior to Wednesday's work. "The old style of construction for a bridge was to use a sloped wall. We are now using retaining walls that look a little different. That is not a structural element but it is something we did address and wanted to make sure we continue to monitor," said Wingfield. [INDOT making repairs on more crumbling bridges - 13 WTHR Indianapolis](#)

State officials plan to widen stretch of I-65 in southern Indiana

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SELLERSBURG, Ind. (WDRB) -- More lanes are coming to part of I-65 in southern Indiana in an area that's known for heavy traffic. The work is scheduled to begin next month from Sellersburg to the Memphis Road exit, which is south of Henryville. Some say two lanes in each direction aren't enough. "The last couple years it's gotten real busy," said driver Dave Davis. "Traffic's a lot thicker than it used to be." Police have noticed the congestion. "A portion of that area has actually been designated as one of our high crash areas or high danger zones that we were actually doing some special patrols on," said Indiana State Police Sgt. Jerry Goodin. INDOT says crews will totally rebuild the road and widen the interstate to a total of six lanes. "This road was originally built in 1958," said Harry Maginity, a spokesperson for INDOT. "Obviously, it's had a lot of repairs and work done on it since then but the road bed is pretty well worn out." Officials say the price tag is \$67 million. The construction is part of the Major Moves 2020 Project funded by the Indiana legislature. [State officials plan to widen stretch of I-65 in southern Indian - WDRB 41 Louisville News](#)

Central Indiana seeks \$30M regional cities grant for mass transit, other projects

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Central Indiana officials are seeking \$30 million from Gov. Mike Pence's new regional cities economic development program to help pay for a proposed rapid transit electric bus line, a Downtown Indianapolis technology district and additional trails and bike paths. The regional spending plan is one of seven from across the state submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Corp. ahead of an Aug. 31 application deadline. A review committee will evaluate the plans and make funding recommendations to the IEDC later this year. The three projects are expected to eventually draw more than \$597 million in investments when other public and private funding sources are included. Mark Fisher, vice president of government relations for the Indy Chamber, said the plan "serves both the immediate needs of transit and workforce mobility, but also the longer-term goal of talent attraction." "We are trying to be very conservative in our ask," he said. Central Indiana is competing with six other regions. Ultimately, the IEDC plans to dole out \$84 million in grants to up to two regions. The grants are being funded with money from a tax amnesty program. "I am truly inspired by the collaboration and action we have witnessed in our Indiana regions during this process," said Pence, who successfully pushed to fund the program during this year's legislative session. "With these tremendous visions for the future of our communities, I am confident that Indiana's dedication and commitment to quality-of-place initiatives will establish our regions as global destinations, attracting top businesses and top talent to fill the jobs we continue to create in the Hoosier state." [Central Indiana seeks \\$30M regional cities grant for mass transit, other projects](#)

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