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Roundabout Construction Still On Schedule

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. (NBC33) - Road work continues on the new five-way roundabout in downtown Fort Wayne. Construction at Superior, Ewing, Fairfield, and Wells streets is still on-schedule and should be wrapping up by the beginning of October. At that time, traffic flow will flip to the west side of the circle and Ewing will be closed to allow work to be completed on that side of the street. That phase of the project should last until the end of 2014. Once the roundabout opens, city officials think it could change the landscape of the area. "With so many things located in that area, with a change in the way some of the land in that area is being used, people want to be in that area," says Frank Suarez with Fort Wayne City Utilities. "There's a need to improve the circulation for that business exposure and for people to be able to use that area as they want to." The whole project is costing the city slightly more than \$2.8 million, most of which is being paid for with Legacy funds.

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Crews started work Tuesday evening on a yearlong project to resurface Sagamore Parkway through West Lafayette, but the former state highway remains under Indiana Department of Transportation control, not the city's. Unlike an agreement reached about 10 months ago to relinquish other state highways within city limits, INDOT and West Lafayette have yet to reach an accord. In fact, City Attorney Eric Burns noted that he hasn't even reviewed any proposals, suggesting the negotiations are not very far along. "We feel very strongly," Mayor John Dennis said, "that if we're going to take over a road that has the volume of traffic, that has the weight of traffic ... then we need to ensure that road is going to be in the best condition possible. It becomes a quality issue for us." INDOT spokeswoman Debbie Calder spoke with INDOT Deputy Commissioner Alan Plunkett. According to Calder, Plunkett said, "We're still in talks." Back in 2012, Lafayette and INDOT reached an accord for the state to relinquish most of the state highways within the east side's city limits, including Sagamore Parkway from the Wabash River to Teal Road. But on the West Side, INDOT still is responsible for old U.S. 52 from the river to new U.S. 231, most of which falls in city limits. Calder said INDOT will continue to maintain that stretch of road until an agreement can be reached. The project started Tuesday will repair pocks and holes in the road and finish next year with the application of a new surfacing technique, City

Engineer Dave Buck told the board of works Tuesday morning. But the city is nowhere close to taking over the road, Dennis noted.

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