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US 33 north of Goshen partially closed for construction

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GOSHEN — Commuters will have to watch out for closed lanes along U.S. 33 between Goshen and Elkhart while repairs are made on the road. Parts of U.S. 33 between C.R. 15 and Chicago Avenue are being patched up and crews are closing one of the road's four lanes at a time. Crews from Phend & Brown are doing the work. It's part of an Indiana Department of Transportation project that had been planned ahead and was not a direct result of the winter weather from last year, said INDOT representative Laurel McCurdy. Construction started Monday, Sept. 8, but it is not clear when it will finish, McCurdy said. While patching up the road, crews may only close down one lane at a time. Though the commute may be slower, the road won't be completely closed at any point, McCurdy said. The entire project consists of patching up the stretch of U.S. 33 while also adding ramps on some parts of the curbs to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Resurfacing will begin in the spring, which will mean tearing up the road and repaving. Another part of U.S. 33, from U.S. 20 stretching south about a quarter of a mile, will be repaved later this year. The project, which will cost about \$3,045,000, is expected to be done by July 2015.

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County Approves To Conduct ADA Transaction Plan

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(BEDFORD) - The Lawrence County commissioners voted Tuesday to have DLZ prepare an ADA Transaction Plan for the county to meet the federal guidelines for the American's Disability Act. If the county does not meet the ADA standards and does not have an ADA Transaction Plan in place the Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation could withhold funding for highway and bridge construction. "This has been something we have been dealing with for three to four years," says Commissioner Bill Spreen. "We had dug our feet for as long as we could and now we could see repercussions if we don't do something. And this will keep the Feds off our backs." The commissioners asked Mike Keeven, of DLZ, in December to gather information on the estimated cost and requirements for the project and report back to the commissioners which he did. "Our job is to identify short falls and come up with plans to rectify problems," says Keeven. Commissioner President David Flinn says major problems will be addressed first and then the county will address other issues. "The codes have changed, but none of our buildings have," added Commissioner Chris May. "It's a problem we have to address." DLZ is charging the county \$34,850 to visit 8 county own buildings and to look at the parking lot and sidewalks surrounding those buildings.

Neighbors slam road widening

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Within three years, Lafayette Center Road will look completely different. That's because \$30 million in funding to widen the road was recently approved by the Indiana General Assembly – a decision that has some residents in Allen and Huntington counties steamed. A standing-room-only crowd of about 100 residents from both counties gathered Monday evening at Cornerstone Alliance Church, 5833 E. 900 North, for an open house sponsored by the Indiana Department of Transportation to discuss the project. "It's too big," said Greg Young, who lives on County Road 900, just over the Allen County line. "I've been against the four-lane all along." The project is expected to widen 3.7 miles of road from an existing two-lane format to a large, four-lane road extending east from U.S. 24 to Fogwell Parkway and will include a new bridge over the existing railroad. "From U.S. 24 to just east of the railroad bridge, it'll actually just be four lanes, two in each direction," said Philip D. Beer II, vice president of business development for USI Consultants. "Once you get east of the railroad, we will widen out to have a center lane, which will basically be a left-turn, right-turn lane throughout the rest of the project." USI Consultants, an engineering and land surveying firm from Indianapolis, is tasked with the overall project's design. The current plan also includes 8-foot-wide paved shoulders on each side of the road, to ease traffic from private driveways along the route. However, Beer said that may be one of the first things changed as the project progresses. "Hopefully, from a construction standpoint, we can get everything built, we can buy all the properties and stuff and have enough money left over to still build an 8-foot shoulder," he said.

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