



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **November 17, 2015**

#### **Invest more heavily in clogged, hemorrhaging highways**

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Our state's collective brain and muscles are being fed by a circulatory system that is clogged and hemorrhaging. Debates about the future mean less when we ignore the basics of today. People have to get to work on time. Trucks have goods and services to move. Police must get to the scene. Families must know the ambulance is on the way. Indiana's infrastructure is at best unbecoming of the Crossroads of America distinction and at worst dangerous. Either way, it is a millstone around our future economic prosperity. Over 1,000 Indiana bridges are deemed "structurally deficient." Some local streets are as much pothole as pavement. The vital Cline Avenue Bridge in Northwest Indiana has been closed for years. Ind. 156 in Southern Indiana just slid into the Ohio River. This summer, our state's aorta — I-65 — was closed from Lebanon to Lafayette for over a month. Trying to take shortcuts, Gov. Mike Pence's administration just squandered \$71 million on slipshod asphalt that fell apart. With 10 years passed and 65 more to go on the lease, it is time to pronounce Major Moves a shortsighted failure. Except for some trust fund dollars, Major Moves is done until our grandkids are drawing Social Security. [Invest more heavily in clogged, hemorrhaging highways](#)

#### **Fishers will waive more than \$1.6M in fees for Ikea**

Indianapolis Business Journal  
Lindsey Erdody  
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The city of Fishers is offering to waive more than \$1.6 million in fees for Ikea's planned store near 116th Street and Interstate 69. The economic development agreement between the city and the Swedish home furnishing company requires the city to cover the costs for road, park, bridge, permitting, development and sewer impact fees. The total savings for Ikea is estimated to be \$1.66 million. INDOT is coordinating with Fishers and Hamilton County to construct a new exit at 106th Street on I-69, which would provide another access route to the Ikea store. The project is expected to cost \$34 million and would create a two-lane, oval-shaped roundabout on 106th Street over the interstate with ramps to and from both directions. Fishers has already allocated \$9.52 million for the new interchange. Fishers is also working on a \$6 million project to add a new eastbound lane on 116th Street from I-69 to Cumberland Road and remove the traffic signal at USA Parkway. A new traffic signal will be installed at 116th Street and Exit Five Parkway with double left turn lanes from eastbound 116th Street onto Exit Five Parkway and at Oak Drive onto 116th Street westbound. Oak Drive also will be widened and extended south to intersect with USA Parkway. The agreement requires the road construction to be finished by the end of July 2017 so it doesn't interfere with the store opening, which is projected to be in fall 2017. "It's an incentive for us to get our road projects done," said Tim Gropp, assistant economic development

director for Fishers. [Fishers waiving more than \\$1.6M in fees for Ikea | 2015-11-12 | Indianapolis Business Journal | IBJ.com](#)

### **Council clears way for bridge project**

Washington Times Herald

Mike Grant

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The Daviess County Council has approved one of the final pieces of funding for a long-awaited repair project to an historic bridge. Daviess and Knox County officials have worked for almost a decade to get some major repairs done to the bridge over the White River on the Old Vincennes Road. Now the project appears to be ready to go. During Thursday's meeting, the Council approved a \$100,000 appropriation from the county's cumulative bridge fund for the project. "After years of trying to get something done, Knox and Daviess County have finally agreed on how that bridge will be rehabbed," said County Council President Mike Sprinkle. "The \$100,000 is Daviess County's portion of the matching funds for the grant." Work on the bridge will be extensive. The total price tag is expected to run \$1.8 million. "Actually the project involves both the bridge and the approaches from both sides," said Daviess County Highway Department Engineer Jason Heile. "The work on the bridge will be to repair and replace the broken and missing steel. It will also include straightening out a curve on the approach on the Daviess County side and changing the approach from the Knox County side." [Council clears way for bridge project - Washington Times Herald: Local News](#)

### **INDOT set to add lanes to I-69 through Fishers, Noblesville**

Indianapolis Business Journal

Lindsey Erdody

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Interstate 69 is about to get a little wider northeast of Indianapolis. The Indiana Department of Transportation has selected Columbus-based Milestone Contractors LP and Indianapolis-based United Consulting Engineers and Architects for an \$85 million project to widen the busy interstate through much of Hamilton County. INDOT officials presented the plan Thursday night to residents at Noblesville City Hall. The project will add another travel lane in both directions along I-69 for 15 miles, from the 116th Street exit in Fishers to State Road 38 near Pendleton in Madison County. Plans also include adding a southbound lane between 116th Street and the future 106th Street interchange, reconfiguring exit 210 at Campus Parkway into a diverging-diamond design and widening the Campus Parkway bridge over I-69. The project is part of the Major Moves 2020 initiative, which is Gov. Mike Pence's plan to spend \$400 million to rehabilitate existing highways. Construction is expected to start in the spring and continue through fall 2017. It's the third road project scheduled for the area near I-69 in Fishers with overlapping construction timelines. INDOT introduced designs for the \$34 million new interchange at 106th Street and I-69 in September. The project would create a two-lane, oval-shaped roundabout on 106th Street over the highway with ramps to and from both directions. [INDOT set to add lanes to I-69 through Fishers, Noblesville | 2015-11-12 | Indianapolis Business Journal | IBJ.com](#)

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