



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **November 14, 2013**

#### **Contracts approved for new phase of Maplecrest widening**

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The city's Board of Works on Wednesday approved \$12.7 million in contracts for the widening of Maplecrest Road from Lake Avenue north to Stellhorn Road. The \$31 million widening and extension of Maplecrest from Lake south over the Maumee River to Indiana 930 opened last year, clearing the way for the northern part of the project. The city's \$4.6 million contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation is for widening Maplecrest from Lake to State Boulevard, and an \$8.15 million agreement with INDOT will cover work between State and Stellhorn. Both projects will be 80 percent federally funded. [Contracts approved for new phase of Maplecrest widening - News-Sentinel.com](#)

#### **More inconvenience ahead on West Lafayette roads**

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"We're going to get real busy going forward," West Lafayette Engineer Dave Buck said to the Board of Works as he described the offseason tasks that foreshadow a \$10 million to \$12 million investment in roads. "Next week begins an onslaught of projects for our city over the next year and a half." First up will be the stretch of Salisbury Road from Sagamore Parkway south to Rainbow Drive. Salisbury will be resurfaced, and the intersections will be redesigned. The bids for that project will be opened next week, Buck said. Indiana American Water also plans to replace a main under that stretch of road, Buck said, indicating that work will likely begin in February or March. The reconstruction of the road will begin in earnest in May. "We're starting our seventh year with infrastructure work within our city," Mayor John Dennis said as he recalled the capital project plan created in 2008. "We're getting real close. We're just about done. "Some of these roads, they can't go on in their current condition." About the time that the baseball season begins and before Cubs fans' hopes are dashed — again — the attention will turn to Happy Hollow Road. "In April or May, we're going to open bids on Happy Hollow (Road), which is a major reconstruction project — \$5 million to \$6 million in scope," Buck said, indicating that this is a federal-aid project, which means that the bidding process is done through Indiana Department of Transportation, and West Lafayette is responsible for funding 20 percent of the project. [More inconvenience ahead on West Lafayette roads | Journal and Courier | jconline.com](#)

#### **Indiana kicks off investor search for Illiana Expressway**

NWI Times

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The state of Indiana on Tuesday issued a call for investors for its 12-mile portion of the Illiana Expressway, following a similar call Friday by Illinois for its 35-mile portion of the toll road. The request for qualifications issued by the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Finance Authority on Tuesday also includes as part of the project the widening of Interstate 65 between U.S. 30 and Ind. 2. However, there are no plans to add tolls to that portion of I-65, according to INDOT spokesman Jim Pinkerton. Although tolls will be used to pay for the building and upkeep of the Illiana Expressway, the I-65 widening would be funded by traditional state and federal appropriations, Pinkerton stated. But INDOT wants whoever builds the Illiana Expressway to also undertake the I-65 widening, Pinkerton stated. In other respects, the Indiana request parallels the one issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Illinois portion of the Illiana Expressway last week. "We have had great success in Indiana with the innovation and cost savings that the private sector has brought to other P3 (public-private partnership) projects," Jim Stark, INDOT Deputy Commissioner of Innovative Project Delivery, said in a statement Tuesday. "We're anticipating similar successes with the Illiana Corridor." The Illiana Expressway would run from I-65 just northeast of Lowell to Interstate 55, near Wilmington, Ill. The Indiana and Illinois portions combined have an estimated \$1.3 billion price tag. INDOT and the Indiana Finance Authority want proposals from investors for financing the road through availability payments. [Indiana kicks off investor search for Illiana Expressway](#)

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