



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **November 19, 2013**

#### **States want disadvantaged businesses for Illiana Expressway**

NWI Times  
Keith Benman  
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Indiana and Illinois are putting out a call for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises that are interested in working on the Illiana Expressway project. The Illinois Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Finance Authority will host a meeting Dec. 4 for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and other industry firms interested in bidding on Illiana Expressway work. It will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 411 S. Larkin Ave., in Joliet. State transportation representatives will explain contracting opportunities on the Illiana Expressway project from 1:30 to 2 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., Disadvantaged Business Enterprises can connect with project proposers and industry firms. Check-in begins at 1 p.m. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program is federally mandated and provides contracting opportunities to small businesses owned and managed by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The Illiana Expressway would run 47 miles from Interstate 65 just northeast of Lowell to Interstate 55, near Wilmington, Ill. IDOT issued a request for qualifications for the Illiana Expressway on Nov. 8 for the Illinois portion of the project. INDOT and the Indiana Finance Authority issued a similar request for qualifications on Nov. 12 for the Indiana portion, along with a project to widen Interstate 65. Both states are seeking qualifications by private industry partners to develop, design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Illinois and Indiana portions of the Illiana Expressway. [States want disadvantaged businesses for Illiana Expressway](#)

#### **Yellowwood Lake Road resident wants promise of input kept**

The Brown County Democrat  
Kevin Lilly  
11/18/13

INDOT, through an agreement with Brown County and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, intends to spend roughly \$6 million to install a larger bridge over Salt Creek and apply a chip-and-seal surface to a majority of the 6.5-mile stretch of Yellowwood and Yellowwood Lake roads. Parts of them are now gravel. "I want the input that was promised to everybody, and this is about input. This is not necessarily telling them what to do," said Cole, who for 30 years has lived on one of the roads being prepped for upgrades. The plan is to use mostly the existing road path for 4.2 miles of the road. The remaining 2.3 miles will be widened and raised several feet to make way for bigger culverts to reduce flooding, and to accommodate recreational vehicles and trailers. The stated purpose of the project is to improve access from State Road 45 via Lanam Ridge Road and State Road 46 to Yellowwood State Forest -- more specifically, the 133-acre lake and campgrounds. In response to Cole's desire to be involved, Will Wingfield of INDOT's media

relations department said public input and involvement is a key part of INDOT's decision-making process, but time must be considered. "Eventually, decisions must be made to keep a project on schedule and budget, so it's crucial that we receive input as early as possible in the project development," Wingfield stated. "We balance the input and needs of all the different stakeholders, including DNR, which is this project's owner and requested that the work be done."

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### **INDOT to Rename Interstate Stretch**

Inside INdiana Business

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) today joined community leaders at the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana to announce plans for Evansville to become part of the national I-69 corridor in 2014. INDOT plans to rename the nearly 21 miles of the existing Interstate 164 in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties to Interstate 69. Pending final approval from the Federal Highway Administration, the new signage will be installed during a transition period over a few months during the fall of 2014. More information about the schedule will be announced as the dates approach. Businesses are encouraged to begin planning now to update signage, maps and the directions they provide for customers. The conversion will require updating approximately 70 large, green interstate signs at or near exits and the smaller, blue signs posted at bridges and every two tenths of a mile. When the new 67 miles of I-69 opened between Interstate 64 and Crane a year ago, the existing I-164 mile markers and exit numbers were continued northward and will not be affected. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials approved INDOT's request to rename I-164 at its Annual Meeting in October. The new Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwest Indiana, and connects an entire region of our state with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare. Sixty seven new miles opened for business in November 2012, under budget and years ahead of schedule, saving motorists more than 30 minutes of travel time between Evansville and Crane. Construction is underway on all 27 miles of I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington, which is expected to open to traffic in phases during late 2014 and early 2015. [INDOT to Rename Interstate Stretch - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

### **US 31 restrictions will begin Monday north of State Road 32**

Indianapolis Star

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The work, expected to end before Thanksgiving, will require closing the left lane of northbound U.S. 31 from Ind. 32 to 203rd Street. The southbound left lane near 203rd also will be restricted. Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Rieth-Riley Construction is widening the pavement to minimize the possibility of weather delays in the spring, when both directions of traffic will be shifted to share the northbound side of the highway. The \$63 million contract spans four miles between 169th Street and 203rd Street and includes a new single-point urban interchange at Ind. 32, a roundabout interchange at 191st Street and underpasses at 169th Street and 181st Street. Construction is expected to continue through 2014. The U.S. 31 Hamilton County project to upgrade 13 miles of existing highway to freeway standards — including nine new interchanges — between I-465 and Ind. 38 is part of efforts to upgrade or bypass congested sections of U.S. 31 near Indianapolis, Kokomo and South Bend. The three U.S. 31 corridor projects in Indiana are intended to reduce congestion, improve safety and provide easier commerce and regional travel. [US 31 restrictions will begin Monday north of State Road 32 | Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

## **Kentucky approves its bond sale for bridges project**

News and Tribune

Braden Lammers

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Kentucky approved its plan to finance the remaining costs for the Ohio River Bridges Project by selling more than \$750 million worth of bonds. The state's finance and oversight agency for the project, the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority (KPTIA), approved a series of resolutions in Frankfort Thursday that will allow it to move forward with selling the bonds. Indiana is financing the east end portion of the project that will connect Interstate 265 in Utica to the Gene Snyder in Prospect. Indiana is financing its portion of the project through a public-private partnership that relies on private companies to pay for some of the upfront costs that will be repaid through concession payments over a 30-year term. Kentucky's toll revenues — which are being split evenly by the two states — will go toward covering its bond payments. The Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Finance Authority took the initial steps to find out who will be the tolling operator for the project once it's completed. The state advertised two separate procurements for a toll-collection system, which will ultimately be determined by a joint tolling board comprised of the finance and transportation leaders from each state.

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