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New Ramp Opens Along US 31

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CARMEL, Ind. – Another major piece of the new U.S. 31 Hamilton County freeway is complete today—ahead of schedule—as a new flyover ramp opens from southbound U.S. 31 to eastbound I-465. Crews anticipate opening the ramp to traffic this afternoon. The flyover replaces the existing loop ramp at the southwest side of the interchange and provides a safer, more efficient flow of traffic between the two highways. Motorists on southbound U.S. 31 destined for eastbound I-465 will exit just south of 103rd Street and travel on two new bridges over I-465 and Meridian Street before merging onto eastbound I-465. Access to the flyover ramp is located north of I-465 at the same location as the southbound ramp to westbound I-465, which opened to traffic in August. Southbound motorists should be in the right lane before reaching 103rd Street to access I-465. INDOT will continue monitoring the signal timing at the intersection of U.S. 31 and 103rd Street and make adjustments as needed after the ramp opening. Opening the new ramp allows contractors to advance construction on a second flyover from eastbound I-465 to northbound U.S. 31 and the new eastbound I-465 exit to southbound Meridian Street. While segments of the project are complete and U.S. 31 is open to traffic, the corridor remains an active work zone between I-465 and State Road 38. All U.S. 31 freeway improvements in Carmel and Westfield are anticipated to be open to traffic by late 2015.

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Indiana Supreme Court dismisses ‘right to work’ challenge

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The Indiana Supreme Court has dismissed a second challenge to the state’s “right to work” law. The state’s high court unanimously dismissed the case Tuesday — a move that was expected after justices upheld the law in a similar case last month. The law, supported largely by business groups and Republicans, prohibits unions from mandating that nonmembers pay fees to the unions for representing them. Union supporters, who turned out in the thousands to protest at the Statehouse in 2012, say the law allows workers to gain union benefits without paying for membership. The case that justices dismissed Tuesday was brought by United Steel. A Lake County judge had found the law unconstitutional, but the state appealed. In November, the Supreme Court overturned a similar lower court ruling in a case brought by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, paving the way for Tuesday’s procedural order in the United Steel case. “The Indiana Supreme Court has conclusively answered that the statute prohibiting involuntary union dues is constitutional,” Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said in a statement. “It is my hope that people ... with sincerely held different opinions about this statute

will respect the Supreme Court's ruling." The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in September affirmed a federal district court ruling that upheld Indiana's "right to work" law.
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