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Fishers to take control of State Road 37 during construction

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The city of Fishers has agreed to take control of part of State Road 37 during the design and construction phases of a \$124 million project designed to relieve congestion on the busy highway, local and state officials announced Thursday. An updated plan was officially revealed Thursday morning at the Delaware Township Community Center. The project is expected to turn S.R. 37 a free-flow parkway with roundabout-style interchanges at 126th Street, 131st Street, 141st Street, and 146th Street. Instead of turning the intersection at 135th Street into a roundabout, the new plan calls for converting it into a right-turn-only intersection with S.R. 37. Mayor Scott Fadness said the Indiana Department of Transportation will relinquish control of the roadway in Fishers before construction bids are issued, similar to the way Carmel took over Keystone Parkway during its recent reconfiguration. But, unlike in Carmel, the state will regain control of the road after construction is complete. Fadness said he wanted the city to be directly involved with the contractors so local officials can resolve any issues that nearby businesses and residents experience during the process. "We can mitigate the impact on them," Fadness said. [Fishers to take control of State Road 37 during construction | 2015-12-10 | Indianapolis Business Journal | IBJ.com](#)

Should we have more toll roads?

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Most people agree Indiana has an infrastructure problem, but there isn't a consensus on what to do about it. Gov. Mike Pence has proposed a \$1 billion spending plan for the state's highways and bridges. House Democrats have a competing \$2 billion plan that would include county highways. Both are temporary solutions, relying on one-time money spent over four years. What is needed is a long-term solution that is built on a permanent source of funding. House Transportation Committee Chairman Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, thinks he has at least part of the solution: Turn interstate highways going through Indiana into toll roads. Initial estimates project Indiana could collect \$365 million a year by tolling Interstate 65 and Interstate 70 across the state. A recent study commissioned by the General Assembly concluded Indiana needs about \$1 billion a year to maintain state roads and bridges. Local governments annually need to come up with \$580 million to keep their highways in fair shape. There are a lot of things that are attractive about toll roads. They guarantee that the people who use the roads the most pay the most to maintain them. They make sure out-of-staters who drive through Indiana pay their fair share of the upkeep. They provide a steady source of income for maintenance and repairs. [Should we have more toll roads? - Opinion - News-Sentinel.com](#)

5 things to know about the I-69 project now that it's halfway done

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When Gov. Mike Pence on Wednesday took a spin on a recently completed 27-mile stretch of I-69 in Southern Indiana, the trip signaled that the long-term project is more than halfway over. The Interstate is being built from the south to the north in stages, from Evansville to Indianapolis. Pence rode along Section 4, from U.S. 231 near the Naval Support Activity Crane military installation to Ind. 37 near Bloomington. Section 5, Bloomington to Martinsville, is under construction. "Interstate 69 construction continues to progress north at a steady clip," said Kevin Brinegar, chairman of the Hoosier Voices for I-69 Board of Directors. "Today's opening of I-69 Section 4 is the first, important link in establishing a direct, four-lane that connects Evansville and Indianapolis with the global economy." Although Section 4 is now open to motorists, construction continues, which could cause some delays. Here are five other things to know about the entire I-69 project. What is it? A 142-mile extension of I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis with an estimated price tag of \$3 billion, part of former Gov. Mitch Daniels' huge transportation initiative called Major Moves. When the extension is completed I-69 will run continuously from Evansville to Port Huron, Mich. [5 things to know about the I-69 project now that it's halfway done](#)

Pence Announces Plan to Widen I-65 in Lake County

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MERRILLVILLE - Governor Mike Pence announced plans Tuesday to widen Interstate 65 in Lake County to three lanes in each direction from Merrillville south to at least State Road 2 near Lowell. The \$70 million project is part of Pence's Major Moves 2020 highway program. Funding for the project will come from the Major Moves 2020 program which was increased by \$200 million in the most recent two-year state budget. The Indiana Department of Transportation will seek approval from the State Budget Committee on December 17 to use the funds and publish an initial request for contractor and designer qualifications. "As Governor, I've set out to ensure that Indiana remains the Crossroads of America, and today's announcement to expand Interstate 65 is another positive step in our efforts to ensure that our transportation infrastructure can support the economic and employment growth our state has seen over the last decade," said Governor Pence. "Hoosiers can rest assured that my administration will continue to prioritize our roads and bridges in a responsible and aggressive manner." Tuesday's announcement is the latest in Major Moves 2020 projects. In October, new I-65 lanes were opened between Southport and Greenwood while construction continues on a nine-mile stretch of I-65 between Greenwood and Franklin. Construction is also underway on a seven-mile stretch of I-65 near Lafayette and another seven miles of I-65 in Clark County. Governor Pence announced in October his \$1 billion 21st Century Crossroads proposal. Democrats in the Indiana General Assembly have called for \$2 billion in total spending.

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