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Syracuse, Elkhart County Oppose INDOT Plan

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Elkhart County Surveyor Blake Doriot came before the Syracuse Town Council during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night to discuss the proposed bridge at the intersection of U.S. 6 and CR 29. Doriot explained he has been working with the state to find an alternative to the proposed “fly over” that would prevent access from CR 29 to U.S. 6. Doriot said he learned the Indiana Department of Transportation will receive an 80 percent match in federal money for the project. However, Doriot and his staff have come up with a number of other less expensive options as has the Elkhart County Highway Department. The options range from realigning the intersection and having a four-way traffic light to having a two-way access ramp to allow access with a passing blister. “We found a deaf ear from INDOT,” Doriot told the council. “I found a lot of times you have to be forceful with them.” Doriot has spoken to State Rep. Bill Friend and other state legislators telling them cross access at the intersection is necessary. He also read a letter to the council he wrote and was signed by five of the seven Elkhart County councilmen, two county commissioners, as well as other officials in Elkhart County. The letter will be sent to INDOT, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, Gov. Mike Pence, Senate Pro Temp David Long and Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann. “I guess the only way to get INDOT to change its mind is with political pressure,” Doriot said. He suggested the town of Syracuse send a similar letter.

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INDOT to Transfer Roadway to Towns, County

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HENDRICKS COUNTY, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Avon, Brownsburg and Hendricks County officials have signed agreements to transfer responsibility of 9.65 miles of State Road 267 (S.R. 267). In exchange, INDOT has agreed to pay a total of \$16.4 million. The cash payments include \$1.4 million to Avon, \$250,000 to Brownsburg and \$14.7 million to Hendricks County. The transfer will be effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013. INDOT Crawfordsville District Deputy Commissioner Alan Plunkett, Avon and Brownsburg Board members and Hendricks County Commissioners have been negotiating this transfer for the last several years. The 9.65 miles of S.R. 267 relinquished is from County Road 300 South just north of Plainfield to County Road 700 North in Brownsburg. Avon will take over responsibility of 2.48 miles of the roadway from the C.R. 150 South to south of Karyn Drive. Brownsburg will take over of 4.34 miles of the road from the southernmost corporate limit of the town to C.R. 700 North. Hendricks County will take over 2.83 miles of the roadway beginning at the northernmost corporate limit of Plainfield and continuing to C.R. 150 South and then from just

south of Karyn Drive to the southernmost corporate limit of the town of Brownsburg. Hendricks County will assume responsibility for all the bridges along this stretch of roadway. "Transferring S.R. 267 allows Avon, Brownsburg and Hendricks County to develop and enhance this roadway as they so desire," said Deputy Commissioner Plunkett. "INDOT wants to thank all parties involved for making this a positive solution for everyone." Relinquishment means that INDOT hands over control of the road to the local government. Once a road is relinquished, the local government has the opportunity to plan and build construction projects along the corridor, issue permits for roadway access and conduct all maintenance on the roadway, including pothole patching and snow and ice removal. INDOT provides one-time funding to the local government at the relinquishment to offset some of the expenses the local government assumes when it takes over control of the roadway.

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