



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **May 5, 2016**

#### **C.P. to consider lowering wheel tax in second year**

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The wheel tax the City Council will consider at its next meeting would start at \$25 for most vehicles and drop to \$15 in the second year. The council voted for the reduction in the second year as a compromise after a lengthy discussion at Monday's meeting. Mayor David Uran had asked for a \$25 fee for vehicles up to 11,000 pounds and \$40 for larger ones. The council voted 5-2 to consider charging that much in the first year but reducing it to \$15 and \$25, respectively, for the second year. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held before a final council vote at the June meeting. The tax would raise about \$1.6 million in the first year, and the city hopes to qualify for matching funds provided by the state from its budget surplus, which Uran said could add anywhere from \$500,000 to \$2 million. "We've heard the cry from downstate that we have to help ourselves first," the mayor said. "We've got to maintain our infrastructure. A few years ago we had flooding problems and we enacted the stormwater fee. We've seen the stormwater money go to the right places. The \$25 wheel tax is a gallon of gas a month.

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/c-p-to-consider-lowering-wheel-tax-in-second-year/article\\_e1fae202-60a0-5065-83f2-56cae8191ce8.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/c-p-to-consider-lowering-wheel-tax-in-second-year/article_e1fae202-60a0-5065-83f2-56cae8191ce8.html)

#### **Lawrence County Crews To Begin Paving County Roads Wednesday**

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Lawrence County Highway Superintendent David Holmes reported to the commissioners Tuesday morning that crews will begin paving Wednesday. Crews will be working on Moore Lane and Harrodsburg Road from Seiboldt Quarry Road to Monroe County Line. On Thursday crews will pave Popcorn Road from Springville to Popcorn Church Road and on Friday crews will pave Armstrong Station Road from Boone Hollow Road to Fayetteville/Owensburg Road. Holmes also updated the commissioners on the plan to spend Local Option Income Tax on four critical road projects if the county council approves the projects. Holmes suggested investing the extra \$940,000 the county receives this year to mill, resurface and strip Old State Road 37 from the Marathon station in Judah to Washboard Road; mill, resurface and strip Old State Road 37 from Bedford to Oolitic and pave and strip Stars Boulevard from U.S. 50 East to State Road 58; and replacing Bridge 25 on Leatherwood Road near the Otis Park Soccer Complex. Holmes said applications for the state money must be filed in June. Seventy-five percent of the \$940,000 must be used for transportation. The remaining 25 percent can be utilized for other projects. Sheriff Mike Branham has suggested using that portion of funding to repair two ramps at the jail. "These are very expensive projects," Holmes told the commissioners. "Using these funds would only cost us half of the cost. We would struggle to pay for these improvements without these

funds. Another plus is the projects meet the standards to qualify for the funding."  
<http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2016/05/lawrence-county-crews-to-begin-paving-county-roads-wednesday.php>

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