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Grant will fund E.C. South Shore train station upgrade

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The Federal Railroad Administration has awarded a \$2.7 million grant to the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District to aid its plan to add a second access point to the East Chicago South Shore train platform. "This is very welcome news to the South Shore's 3,500 daily passengers that use the East Chicago train station," NICTD General Manager Michael Noland said. "It's extremely important that we find a solution to the single access way to the platform." The East Chicago station is the most-used among the South Shore Line stations. The Railroad Safety Infrastructure Improvement Grant will be applied toward a new entry and exit on the east side of the existing platform access, NICTD officials said. The railroad will begin planning and engineering work after receiving the grant funds. It could award a contract in fall 2017 for construction in 2018, Noland said. Access to the East Chicago platform currently is through the station, via a two-flight staircase or elevator. The staircase becomes particularly crowded after rush-hour passengers disembark from evening trains. "When you're boarding the train, everyone doesn't arrive at the same time," Noland noted. "But everybody unloads the train at the same time — that's where you get clogged up. There's nothing that's going to resolve that except a second point of access." http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/grant-will-fund-e-c-south-shore-train-station-upgrade/article_e49c1e04-3a7a-5a99-a78c-c356bda814af.html

County ready for multi-million dollar improvements to start

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The Daviess County Highway Department is ready to see some improvement projects get going. The county has \$2 million in work ready to go under the Community Crossings Program and has given the contractor on the project, E&B Paving, a notice to proceed. The county had bid the projects before the Indiana Department of Transportation had even awarded to 50-50 matching grants under a new program approved by the Indiana General Assembly in the spring. Daviess County officials had hoped that by bidding the projects early that they would be among the first in line to see the work done this fall. "The contractor tells us we are first on their list once they complete some work they already had scheduled," said Daviess County Highway Supervisor Phil Cornelius. "They have CR 650E first on their list to get that done this year. I'm excited by that." The CR 650E project calls for patching and a fresh overlay of pavement from U.S. 50 in Montgomery to CR 800N. A second project for the county, the paving of CR 550N, may have to wait. The paving company is indicating that because of other projects that surfaced when the state turned loose millions of dollars for road improvements this fall that it may not be able to get

to the second part of the Daviess County project. The CR 550N project calls for converting the gravel road to hard surface from CR 900E east to CR 1200E. Officials say the preparation work the county is doing on the road has been slowed by the wet summer. "This project really got slowed down," said Cornelius. "It's disappointing. Our best month for dirt work turned out to be June. We told people we would do the dirt work in July and August and those turned out to be the wettest months of the construction season."

http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/local_news/county-ready-for-multi-million-dollar-improvements-to-start/article_8360a140-c62b-56ed-bb18-80ef52a8fc9e.html

Greenwood Celebrates Major Road Project

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GREENWOOD - Greenwood city, business and community leaders are celebrating the completion of a \$17 million, eight-year project. Mayor Mark Myers says the Worthsville Road project will ease traffic congestion, improve interstate access and attract new business to the area. The project, which began in 2008, provides a four-lane road stretching from I-65 to U.S. 31 with no stops. There are also multi-path trails on the north and south sides of the road, as well as minimal lighting which the city says will preserve the area's rural atmosphere. The corridor is designed to provide improved access to White River Township, I-65, I-74 and eventually I-69. In a release, Myers said, "The completion of Worthsville Road eases traffic congestion throughout the city and particularly downtown. "We're also providing area businesses, including Endress+Hauser and Nachi, two of the City's largest employers, improved access to both I-65 and U.S. 31. We've created an immediate benefit for residents and visitors while also improving future economic development potential. It's a win-win for Greenwood." Johnson County is planning to do additional work in the area, extending Worthsville road to connect with Fairland Road and I-74 to the east and west, as well as a planned interchange for the proposed I-69 extension.

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