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South side construction at I-65 and I-465 coming to an end for 2017

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INDIANAPOLIS – South side drivers can now rejoice. Thursday, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced that both directional ramps from I-465 ramps to I-65 North are now open, and the southbound lanes of I-65 South are now open to three lanes in its permanent configuration, as bridge construction at the south side interchange reaches substantial completion on schedule. The I-465 East ramp to I-65 North has been closed since construction started in March. The I-465 West ramp to I-65 North was closed in late August while crews rebuilt the I-65 North bridges over I-465 and Lick Creek. Superior Construction rebuilt six bridges in less than nine months as part of a \$19.6 million contract.

<http://fox59.com/2017/11/30/south-side-construction-at-i-65-and-i-465-coming-to-an-end-for-2017/>

Where Going Places Is Going: The New Age of Transportation

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There are over 40 companies currently working on autonomous vehicle programs, many of them neighboring my state of Indiana. Ohio State partnered with Intel to accelerate the adoption of autonomous vehicles and secured \$6 million in grant money to develop a 35-mile stretch of highway that is outfitted with fiber optic cables, enabling live data collection as vehicles move. In Ann Arbor, Michigan, Domino's Pizza and Ford teamed up to pilot a fully automated pizza delivery program. A self-driving car will drive your Domino's order to the front of your house; you will receive a text alert and proceed to retrieve your dinner. Pair this venture with the self-driving buses that will shuttle University of Michigan students around campus, and you have the makings of large-scale adoption. These projects illustrate an important point: The transportation industry isn't going away. It is evolving because the very reasons we go places are changing.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2017/11/30/where-going-places-is-going-the-new-age-of-transportation/#48d0ea351f5f>

Commissioners review bids for Tipton County road projects

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Tipton County residents received a hint at how the \$720,000 from the state's Community

Crossing Grant would be divided among local roadways during Monday's Board of Commissioners meeting. The money, along with \$333,333 contributed locally, will be used for three separate road projects in the county, said Tipton County Highway Superintendent Bret Morris in an email. They include a micro-seal project on Division Road from U.S. 31 to 1200 West, a cold in-place recycling project on 200 West from 300 North to 700 North, and a full depth reclamation project on 450 North from U.S. 31 to 900 West. Cold in-place recycling projects and full depth reclamation projects are both methods of recycling existing pavement. Bids were opened during Monday's meeting, and Morris took the bids under advisement, to return to the commissioners during their next regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 11 with a recommendation. For the Division Road project, the county received two bids, one from Pavement Solutions Inc. for \$327,585, and the other from Micro-Surfacing Contractors LLP for \$427,790. For the 200 West project, they received a single bid from Dunn Paving for \$353,803. Additionally, officials also received a single bid for the 450 North project from Milestone Contractors LLP for \$754,400. http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/commissioners-review-bids-for-tipton-county-road-projects/article_2924df6c-d3b8-11e7-97bc-b7785c29f8fd.html

Improving Roads in Indiana

MyWabashValley.com

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As we get close to the end of the year, some road work and construction is beginning to wrap up. But local and state officials are looking forward to more projects. That's happening because of new grants and plans which will provide for more resources for cities and towns. You've been paying more at the pump for the last few months, now the increase in gas tax is paying off here locally. The recent project on 7th Street and the second part of the project on South 7th starting next year are covered by the tax. Officials say projects being funded by the tax frees up more space in their budget to do extra projects like the work off of Fort Harrison. As work gets underway on local city streets Governor Eric Holcomb is now looking at highways and interstates including I-70. "There is a need on I-70 to make sure the transportation as both safe and swift as possible. We know that potential third lanes are needed not just on I-70 to satisfy those two requirements but probably on I-65 in some other stretches around the state of Indiana that will get that same attention." While the state has implemented new ways to increase revenue to work on these projects, Governor Holcomb is looking ahead to how the state can continue to fund those bigger projects. One of those ideas the state wants to look into is toll roads. Now Governor Holcomb said the possibility of tolls on I-70 is still in the far future, and that there are other options the state has in finding ways to continue increasing revenue for the state and local areas.

<http://www.mywabashvalley.com/news/improving-roads-in-indiana/868986668>

Also <http://wibqam.com/news/articles/2017/nov/30/gas-tax-money-helping-fund-road-work/>

Third time's a charm for I-65 study appropriation

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After tabling the request twice, the Lebanon City Council appropriated \$86,900 to get a feasibility study for reorganizing Lebanon's northern Interstate 65 interchange at exit 141. The feasibility study is aimed to determine the best possible configuration of the city's Interstate 65 and U.S. 52 interchange and the best position for an exit to replace the Lafayette Avenue exit. The appropriation for the study was tabled at the council's Nov. 14 meeting after a request from a resident who wished for more time for the community to gather facts. City Engineer Kevin Krulik said no resident that he is aware of came to his office and Mayor Matt Gentry said he met with one resident on the matter. There were fewer residents who spoke against the study on Monday evening, compared to those who spoke to the council on Nov. 14. "We are a long way away from

knowing where, how or when this road will be built and even if it will be built," Krulik said, noting that the study is only the first step in a long road ahead to get an exit change approved for funding by the Indiana and federal departments of transportation. "I can't emphasize this enough: it is only to determine the best path moving forward." Councilman Mike Kincaid noted that the findings will not be binding, but will be something to consider if a project does come about in the future. The study, to be completed by American Structurepoint, will consider many details and many smaller studies within the larger scope of work. Such features will include historical sites in the area, environmental impact, traffic patterns and potential right of way acquisition. The study will even include one or more public information sessions.

http://www.timessentinel.com/news/county/third-time-s-a-charm-for-i--study-appropriation/article_6fb53111-7e25-53e8-bdcd-f346e4cf19b9.html

Letter: More research needed on autonomous vehicles

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Gov. Eric Holcomb recently announced his legislative agenda, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization is excited to see autonomous vehicles mentioned. As the regional transportation planning body for Central Indiana, the MPO is concerned with the potential disruption of fully autonomous vehicles to existing travel patterns, behavior and land use. While no one is sure how fast it will happen, one thing is certain: Autonomous vehicles are coming. Experts predict that autonomous vehicles will usher in a new transportation age, much like the automobile. The technology of driverless vehicles will significantly affect how people travel, how we move freight through our region, and how we design and maintain transportation networks in the future. We need to make sure that those impacts will be positive and not harmful. The MPO is taking steps to be prepared for the arrival of fully autonomous vehicles. On Oct. 26, the MPO hosted an Autonomous Vehicles Summit at IUPUI. We brought in national experts to help local planners and engineers learn what is on the horizon in order to more effectively and efficiently plan for Central Indiana's future.

http://www.dailyjournal.net/2017/11/29/letter_more_research_needed_on_autonomous_vehicles/

Holcomb talks workforce, marketing Indiana

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Making sure Hoosiers have the skills for jobs in advanced manufacturing and improving the safety and capacity of Interstate 70 were among topics Gov. Eric Holcomb addressed during a visit to Terre Haute on Tuesday. Holcomb took part in a question and answer session during a Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by about 200 people from throughout the Wabash Valley. On the subject of increasingly crowded and crash-marred I-70, Holcomb said the state's higher gas tax won't go as far in the future as vehicles become more efficient and many operate on electricity. "As we see autonomous vehicles roaming around the country, we're the Crossroads of America, we better get this right," he said. "We want to have a menu (from) which to select, and then we'll take it to the public and have it digested and then sit us down to sell, sell, sell and (determine) how we're going to pay for it." A feasibility study of tolling has been completed, suggesting a rate of 4 cents per mile on most interstates. Speaking to reporters following the luncheon, Holcomb vowed a "thoughtful, data-driven process" to help determine whether to impose tolls and add lanes on I-70 and other interstates. A strategic plan for the state's interstate highways is due to the governor by Dec. 1, 2018.

http://www.tribstar.com/news/local_news/holcomb-talks-workforce-marketing-indiana/article_9a3dc513-333e-5110-8c78-5328cd8ff6f.html

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