



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**February 9, 2012**

#### **GPTC delays cooperation pledge, wants details**

NWI Times

2/7/12

The Gary Public Transportation Corp. board continues to study a regional transit cooperation pledge as another General Assembly session enters the home stretch with little prospect of increased support for mass transit. The pledge was approved by the board of the Northwest Indiana Regional Bus Authority at its Jan. 25 meeting and was on the agenda for GPTC's meeting Feb. 2. However, the GPTC board wanted more clarification on several points and it was not acted on, according to GPTC Planning and Marketing Director David Wright. He said GPTC General Manager Daryl Lampkins could offer further comment but he was not available. The pledge is just one sentence in length and commits signers to "diligently work together to accomplish the goal of producing a seamless and recognizable regional bus system that delivers consistent, dependable and efficient service throughout the region." [GPTC delays cooperation pledge, wants details](#)

#### **Clarksville halts plan to remove overpass**

The Courier-Journal

2/7/12

The Clarksville Town Council has voted to halt plans to remove the overpass on Lewis and Clark Parkway at Browns Station Way to save money and reduce potential disruption to nearby businesses by the \$5 million project. Members who favor keeping the overpass expect to renegotiate the contract for the project with the Indiana Department of Transportation as a less-expensive drainage-improvement program. That would save the town some of the \$1 million it had committed, while eliminating potential traffic risks at the planned street-level intersection. But some council members and business people on Lewis and Clark Parkway view Monday night's 5-2 vote as a mistake, saying it could cost Clarksville some of the \$4 million that the state has committed to remake the intersection. [Clarksville halts plan to remove overpass | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

#### **County earmarks \$1.7M in federal money for Bridge 71**

Greencastle Banner-Graphic

2/8/12

When the Putnam County Commissioners voted not to bypass Dunbar Covered Bridge last fall, it left a pot of federal bridge money unused. If Putnam County didn't use the \$1.7 million administered by the Federal Highway Works Administration (FHWA) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the county risked the funds being revoked and used elsewhere in the state. With this in mind, the commissioners voted Monday to transfer the money from the Dunbar

project and earmark it for Bridge 71 in southern Floyd Township. The iron bridge crosses Clear Creek on the 3000 block of County Road 500 East. County Highway officials reported the bridge to be in grave need of repair.

[Greencastle Banner-Graphic: Local News: County earmarks \\$1.7M in federal money for Bridge 71 \(02/08/12\)](#)

### **Yarossi: Look at ROI on infrastructure \$\$**

Newsday

2/8/12

Our transportation inventory is aging, and the country needs to be more resilient against natural and man-made disasters. We know globalization is driving a need for better intermodal connections to encourage trade -- that our economy is challenged and job creation is paramount - and we must meet these demands or fall behind. The House of Representatives is expected to take action next week on a five-year bill that provides \$260 billion for surface transportation programs. The year-on-year annual investment for highways in this proposal is less than the \$41 billion approved by the Congress in 2010 and 2011. By comparison, the Senate will soon be considering a two-year bill that would provide \$109 billion for the highway and transit programs, and maintain the \$41 billion figure for highways. [Yarossi: Look at ROI on infrastructure \\$\\$](#)

### **Terre Haute road name game**

The Tribune-Star

2/9/12

TERRE HAUTE — What used to be called U.S. 40 from the Wabash River west through West Terre Haute to Interstate 70 needs to be renamed and, probably, get new street addresses, a Vigo County planner recommends. Several miles to the east, a section of Indiana 46 from near Riley Road north to I-70 also will need readdressing in the next couple of years when the 641 bypass is completed, said Jeremy Weir, executive director of the Vigo County Area Planning Department. Weir this week told the Vigo County Commissioners those areas need to be brought into compliance with the county's unified address system. Weir said a public hearing before the Vigo County Plan Commission would be needed to allow public input on a resolution. Because it can no longer be called U.S. 40, the road currently does not have a name — or at least just one name. "We need to figure out what we want to name that section of roadway," Weir said Wednesday. [Terre Haute road name game » News » News From Terre Haute, Indiana](#)

---

[www.buildindianacouncil.org](http://www.buildindianacouncil.org)