



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

**February 14, 2012**

#### **Group continues to seek support for mass transit proposal**

**A mass transit plan for Central Indiana is getting new life, after stalling in the Indiana Statehouse.**

Fox 59

2/10/12

Indianapolis-A mass transit plan for Central Indiana is getting new life, after stalling in the Indiana Statehouse. Leaders of the Central Indiana Transit Task Force sent a letter to the Indianapolis Star saying they'll spend the year trying to help taxpayers and legislators understand the issue. The group wants voters to let municipalities raise a local-option income tax. The move would generate about \$1.3 billion dollars to connect Central Indiana communities. Some businesses welcome the proposal. "More walk-in clientele definitely. Easier access for people to get here, it's not a 20 minute drive across town so more walk-in business which is always good," said Teri Moss, Silver Moon Hair studio. [Group continues to seek support for mass transit proposal - fox59.com](http://fox59.com)

#### **SOUTHERN INDIANA — Let's stop 'studying' the bridges project**

News and Tribune

2/11/12

Another "Impact Study?" Really? How many more "studies" will be done before anybody does anything to actually start the Ohio River Bridges Project? Those "studies" do nothing but cause more delays and puts thousands upon thousands of our tax dollars into the pockets of special interest groups doing these so called "studies" and the politicians who back them. Enough is enough. You don't need a study to figure out that the better the traffic flows the better people can work and spend. [LETTERS: Feb. 11-12, 2012 » Opinions » News and Tribune](#)

#### **Smith: Mass transit referendum becomes a casualty of politics**

The Indianapolis Star

2/12/12

They say it's not over until it's over -- but for now, well, it's over. Legislation to authorize a voter referendum to expand mass transit won't make it through the Indiana General Assembly this year. In a statement issued Thursday, advocates said they will give up for the current legislative session. Instead, they plan to use this year to build more consensus and then return to the Statehouse next year. "We knew that the time constraints of a short legislative session would be challenging, but we were encouraged that this groundswell of support would lead to success this year," the Central Indiana Transit Task Force said in its statement. "Unfortunately, the transit

initiative became entangled in collateral issues." The statement put an official end to what had unofficially stopped days before the Super Bowl. [Smith: Mass transit referendum becomes a casualty of politics | The Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#) Also, [Ride the momentum to loftier heights | The Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

### **ONE WEEK?: INDOT hopes Sherman Minton Bridges opens a few days early**

News and Tribune

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NEW ALBANY — Some traffic headaches in Southern Indiana and Louisville may end a week earlier than expected. The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that the Interstate 64 bridge between New Albany and Louisville may reopen about a week earlier than the contractor's March 1 deadline, according to a press release. Hitting that would put the opening at Feb. 23. The bridge has been closed since Sept. 9 when a critical crack was discovered in a structural support beam. Based upon the progress observed during ongoing construction inspections, INDOT estimates the Sherman Minton Bridge could be open a week early, but an exact date for reopening the bridge is not known, according to the release. [ONE WEEK?: INDOT hopes Sherman Minton Bridges opens a few days early » Homepage » News and Tribune](#)

### **County approves funds for Darlington bridge**

Journal Review

2/14/12

For the last 144 years the white covered bridge that spans Sugar Creek has been a landmark for the small town of Darlington. Completed in 1868 for \$1,585, it is the lone covered bridge left standing in the county —and it is in need of renovation. An effort is underway by the town of Darlington to renovate the structure. Darlington residents Richard Ames, president of the park board and Judy Anderson, town clerk-treasurer asked the Montgomery County Commissioners Monday for money out of the County's Covered Bridge fund to help with the restoration. The commissioners approved the transfer of \$31,423.04 to the town of Darlington to help with the restoration effort. The county receives money from the state on a yearly basis for covered bridge restoration. [County approves funds for Darlington bridge - journalreview.com: Local News](#)

### **Commissioners close book on Phase 2A of C.R. 17 extension**

The Goshen News

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GOSHEN — Another phase of C.R. 17 corridor work came a step closer to completion Monday with the official closeout of C.R. 17 Phase 2A. An announcement of the closeout was made during a meeting of the Elkhart County Board of Commissioners Monday morning, where Elkhart County Highway Manager Jeff Taylor submitted a final change order reduction of \$49,600, officially signaling the project's end. While actual construction work on Phase 2A has been completed since mid-2011, Taylor noted that he was unable to officially deem the project closed until all paperwork was in, bills had been paid, and the final inspection results had been received by his office. "That's the final balance of the change order," Taylor said, "where they go through line by line and tally up what we did use and what we didn't use." [Commissioners close book on Phase 2A of C.R. 17 extension » Local News » Goshen News, Goshen, IN](#)

