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Budget Focuses On Education, Infrastructure

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STATEHOUSE - The state budget is heading to the House floor after being approved by the House Ways and Means committee on Tuesday. The committee released Indiana's 2014-2015 budget last Friday. Some of the goals of the introduced budget were to protect Hoosier taxpayers, prioritize education funding, and build and maintain infrastructure. "Overall I believe the budget must be balanced while still being committed to fiscal integrity and maintaining the best interests of Hoosiers," said Rep. Rebecca Kubacki (R-Syracuse). "I am very pleased that both were accomplished by the Ways and Means Committee while still pledging to improve education and infrastructure in Indiana." Building and maintaining infrastructure is another goal in the House budget with an increase in funding. The budget dedicates 20 percent of the state sales tax on gas to go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Account in addition to eliminating "off-the-top" expenses from the MVHA, which will increase road and bridge funding by \$140 million. Together these proposals will permanently increase road and bridge funding by \$250 million per year.

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Goshen Company Awarded INDOT Contract

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Fishers, Ind. -- The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is awarding a contract to Rieth-Riley Construction Company to add travel lanes on Interstate 69 between 116th Street and I-465. This second Operation Indy Commute - I-69 contract will rebuild the median shoulder to add a southbound travel lane between 116th Street and I-465. The contract also calls for Rieth-Riley to construct auxiliary lanes to connect interchange ramps between 82nd, 96th and 116th Streets. Moveable barrier wall will be used during construction to restrict traffic lanes during non-peak hours. Between I-465 and the 116th Street/SR 37 interchange, I-69 northbound will have four lanes and southbound will have at least three lanes during peak traffic hours. The Goshen, Indiana company's \$11 million bid was the lowest of four competitors. Rieth-Riley will coordinate all construction activities with the ongoing interchange improvement project at Exit 205. Both contracts are expected to be complete by the end of 2013. The first Operation Indy Commute - I-69 project started last spring at the northbound Exit 205 to 116th Street and State Road 37. Improvements to the northbound exit configuration and a new two-lane flyover ramp to State Road 37 are expected to be complete before improvements to the southbound side of the interchange begin this spring.

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Also [RTV6 - INDOT plans \\$11M I-69 improvement between 116th Street, I-465 - Local Story](#)

Also [Goshen's Rieth-Riley lands \\$11M I-69 contract](#)

House amends mass transit bill to let some townships opt out of taxing district

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Some townships could opt out of a Central Indiana mass transit district under an amendment adopted Wednesday by the Indiana House. House Bill 1011, authored by Rep. Jerry Torr, would let Central Indiana voters decide, via a referendum, whether to pay a local income tax to fund a mass transit system. The tax currently proposed is for up to 0.3 percent. Under the proposal, all counties surrounding Marion, plus Madison and Delaware, could choose to participate in the referendum to decide if their county will join the mass transit district. The proposal has split those lawmakers from more urban areas and those in rural areas who fear their constituents would end up paying for a system that they would never use.

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Environmental group backs mass transit

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- Expanding mass transit in Indiana could help reduce the need for cars and allow for cleaner air, the Hoosier Environmental Council's senior policy director said this week. Tim Maloney, senior policy director for the environmental policy organization, said expanding the transit system could help encourage urban development, create jobs and give those who can't drive a way to get to work. Maloney cited changing demographics as another factor in why mass transit could benefit the state. An Indiana House panel last week approved a bill that calls for public referendums intended to help fund mass-transit projects. The bill would allow voters in Marion and Hamilton counties to decide whether to raise local income taxes 0.3 percent to fund their local share of a proposed 10-year, \$1.3 billion mass transit plan that calls for a commuter rail line from Noblesville, Ind., to Indianapolis. Last week, hundreds of people rallied at the Statehouse in support of the mass transit plan, which would get about half of its funding from the federal government. Mass transit supporters have also proposed building a light commuter rail line and doubling bus service in the Indianapolis area. The Indiana Citizens' Alliance for Transit held its Transit Day event at the Statehouse last week to show support for the bill.

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