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Lafayette representatives talk funding

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (WLF1) — Representatives from Greater Lafayette Commerce have made the journey to Washington D.C. and, this year, they're ready to talk transportation and funding for on-going projects with their legislators on Capitol Hill. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro is in DC with the group of around 35 representatives from area groups including City Bus, SIA and both Ivy Tech and Purdue.

The group set out position papers last week that outlined what stance they hoping to present to national lawmakers. Both Lafayette Mayor John Dennis and Tippecanoe County Commissioner Tom Murtaugh are hoping to impress on legislators the importance of continued funding for transportation projects in the area. "The federal highway projects have been very, very important to our community. And we want to stress the fact you know that, obviously, we want to see Indiana's gas tax dollars are brought back to Indiana and we're not just continuing to be a donor state," said Murtaugh. [Lafayette representatives talk funding | Indiana | onPolitix](#)

Daniels to Keynote Road School

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West Lafayette, Ind. - Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels will be the keynote speaker for the annual Purdue Road School. The 2012 Road School, the 100th road conference to be held at Purdue, will be March 6 and 7. Daniels will speak during a luncheon on March 7. Daniels last appeared at Road School in 2006, shortly after he launched Major Moves, a 10-year plan to improve and expand Indiana's highway infrastructure. This year, he will give an update on Major Moves and its impact throughout the state. "We are fortunate to have Gov. Daniels here to talk about a program that has affected every corner of Indiana," said Darcy M. Bullock, Road School co-chairman and a professor of civil engineering. "It will highlight two days of information vital to Indiana's counties, cities and towns." Some 1,500 local and state transportation officials from throughout Indiana will participate in the event, sponsored by the Joint Transportation Research Program and the Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program, both housed at Purdue; the Purdue School of Civil Engineering; and the Indiana Department of Transportation. [Daniels to Keynote Road School - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

Madison County Council rescinds wheel tax

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ANDERSON, Ind. — Over the objections of town and city leaders and economic development

executives, the Madison County Council Wednesday night voted along party lines to rescind the county wheel tax.

The vote was split down party lines. Republican councilmen Mike Phipps, Mike Gaskill, Rick Gardner and David McCartney voted to rescind, while Democrats Larry Higgins and John Bostic voted against it. Democrat Buddy Patterson was not at the meeting because of illness. In explaining his vote against the wheel tax, Gaskill said, "I see it as the straw that broke the camel's back." When county residents are struggling with job loss and are living on fixed incomes, the best thing government leaders can do is cut taxes, he said. When town and city leaders said they've been struggling to cope with declining tax revenues for years and need the wheel tax to pay for basic road maintenance, Gaskill said, "I can tell you why tax revenue is down, it's down because people's revenue is down and it's going to get worse." [Madison County Council rescinds wheel tax » Local Business » The Herald Bulletin](#)

Some cash-short Ind. counties go back to paving roads with gravel, instead of asphalt

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NASHVILLE, Ind. — Some Indiana counties short of cash for paving local roads are switching some roads to gravel to cut down on their maintenance costs. The Herald-Times reports that southern Indiana's Brown County is shifting some of its asphalt-paved roads to gravel because it's cheaper to maintain than asphalt. County highway Superintendent Smokey Presseau says his budget this year contains just \$200,000 for road maintenance and repairs. Brown County has about 175 miles of asphalt county roads and about 200 miles of roads with gravel surfaces. Owen County has also switched some roads to gravel. Highway superintendent Joe Pettijohn says his budget this year is \$290,000 and that's far short of what's needed to make roads smooth and drivable. He says three years ago his budget was cut by \$2 million.

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