



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **March 6, 2012**

#### **Commerce group meets with Pence**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (WLF1) - Members of the Lafayette Delegation met with Congressman Mike Pence late in their day Wednesday, and the underlying message was jobs, jobs, jobs, and how the congressman is going to help Indiana and Tippecanoe County in that area. With a highway bill set to be heard before Congress next week, the conversation soon ran to transportation and infrastructure. Many in the group are hoping to see continued funding for transportation in order to continue to bring jobs to Indiana, and ensure Hoosiers are getting their fair share of federal funding. [Commerce group meets with Pence | WLF1 - Washington, D.C.](#)

#### **Indiana tells bridge contractors about speedy bidding schedule**

Louisville Courier-Journal

3/2/12

Representatives of about 350 contractors, financial companies and others hoping to get part of the \$1.3 billion eastern Ohio River bridge project and its approaches took part in a meeting Friday sponsored by Indiana agencies. The Industry Day for the East End Crossing was intended to provide information about the process Indiana will use to select construction and financial partners for the bridge between Prospect, Ky. and Utica, Ind., Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman Will Wingfield said. A large conference room in the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville was full as Indiana officials, including transportation Commissioner Mike Cline, explained the fast schedule and unconventional financing method the state plans to use to build the eastern bridge within five years. [Indiana tells bridge contractors about speedy bidding schedule | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

#### **Indiana Receives Rail Repair Money**

Inside Indiana Business

3/2/12

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced that twelve cities and states will share \$16.9 million to relocate, replace, and improve segments of railroad track under the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)'s Rail Line Relocation and Improvement competitive grant program. The FRA received more than \$67 million in state and local government requests for these funds, which will be used to enhance safety, livability, and economic development in American communities. The department has awarded funding to projects in Indianapolis and Daviess County. [Indiana Receives Rail Repair Money - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

### **New INDOT system tracks crash damage culprits**

Evansville Courier & Press

3/3/12

INDIANAPOLIS —The Indiana Department of Transportation is taking steps to track down motorists who damage state property in crashes so it can collect payments from those responsible. Under INDOT's new system, police officers have kits containing tags that can be tied to a damaged fixture. The officer writes the accident number and date of the crash, and INDOT officials can call up the report to identify the motorist responsible for damaging a guardrail or other state-owned object. State highway infrastructure is damaged an average of 4,000 times a year. Repair costs can range from \$2,500 for a small section of guardrail to more than \$600,000 for a bridge support that has been struck by a semi. [New INDOT system tracks crash damage culprits » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

### **Hazardous waste money to help fund roads**

Greencastle Banner-Graphic

3/5/12

INDIANAPOLIS -- Counties can now use a part of their hazardous waste disposal tax revenue to pay costs associated with the maintenance or repair of county roads following action by the Indiana General Assembly. District 44 Rep. Jim Baird (R-Greencastle) authored legislation, House Enrolled Act 1060, which authorizes hazardous waste disposal tax revenue to pay costs with the maintenance or repair of county roads. The bill was signed into law on Wednesday. "This bill deals with counties that have a hazardous waste landfill," Rep. Baird said. "This allows the host county to use a portion of the tipping fees for local road maintenance and repair." The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Connie Lawson (R-Danville). Currently, the money from hazardous waste disposal tax can be used for things such as monitoring wells, conducting testing of contamination and paying associated costs of construction and rehabilitation. This legislation adds county roads as a use of the money, but is limited to only 10 percent of the balance of each year. [Greencastle Banner-Graphic: Local News: Hazardous waste money to help fund roads \(03/05/12\)](#)

### **Bridges financial plan set, with \$1 tolls for frequent users**

#### **Governors sign agreement to pay for Ohio River Bridges Project**

News and Tribune

3/6/12

LOUISVILLE — Frequent commuters will pay \$1 every time they cross designated bridges over the Ohio River after a plan to pay for the construction of an east-end bridge, a downtown bridge and to reconstruct Spaghetti Junction was agreed to Monday. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels and Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear signed a memorandum of agreement Monday morning to finance the construction of the \$2.6 billion Ohio River Bridges Project. The agreement solidified the plan that had been previously presented by project planners to split the project's financing between the two states, each being responsible for half of the project cost. [Bridges financial plan set, with \\$1 tolls for frequent users » Clark County » News and Tribune](#) Also, [Authority's vote sees \\$1 to \\$10 in Ohio River bridge tolls per vehicle | The Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

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