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Kentucky, Indiana issue RFP for bridges project tolling oversight services

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Kentucky state government, in partnership with Indiana, has issued a request for proposals for toll-integration oversight services for the Ohio River Bridges Project that will link Louisville and Southern Indiana. The two states also released a preliminary schedule for procuring tolling integration services, according to a news release. The project, which will be partially funded through tolling, includes work on three Ohio River bridges: the East End crossing, a new bridge to carry northbound Interstate 65 traffic and a revamped Kennedy Bridge to carry southbound I-65 traffic. The states will use a phased approach during the next year to select firms to provide three elements of the toll integration system, according to the release. First, the states will select a firm to design the roadside and back-office computer systems that will facilitate toll collection. Next, an electronic toll-collection firm will be selected to provide the hardware needed to implement tolling. Finally, an operations firm will be selected to run the system and collect tolls when the bridges are opened to traffic. [Kentucky, Indiana issue RFP for bridges project tolling oversight services - Louisville - Business First](#) Also, [States start process to implement bridges tolling » Clark County » News and Tribune](#)

Nappanee Street drivers, get ready for more road construction

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ELKHART — Drivers, get ready for more construction along S.R. 19 (Nappanee Street). Reconstruction of a two-mile stretch along S.R. 19 will continue south of the St. Joseph River for the 2013 construction season. Traffic will shift to the east side of the road beginning Wednesday, March 13, to allow construction to start on the west side of S.R. 19, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation. Traffic will be limited to one 10-foot-wide lane northbound and southbound between Lusher Avenue and the St. Joseph River. All work is weather permitting. The contractor will close side streets along S.R. 19 in the construction zone as necessary. INDOT expects the west leg of Indiana Avenue to close at the end of March. Meanwhile, work will continue on the east side of the bridge over the St. Joseph River, which will shift traffic to the west side of the road on the bridge with one lane of traffic in each direction. The S.R. 19 reconstruction project will include the replacement of pavement from Lusher Avenue to Beardsley Avenue to allow room for a five-lane concrete roadway with a bi-directional turn lane, according to INDOT. Also included in the road project will be the rehabilitation of the bridge over the St. Joseph River plus the installation of sidewalks, curb and gutter, ramps, a storm sewer system, new traffic signals and pedestrian crosswalks with push buttons at Franklin Street, Indiana Avenue, Lexington Avenue and Bypass Road. One portion of the project, from Beardsley Avenue to the St. Joseph River, was completed last year. Rieth-Riley Construction has been hired for the S.R.

19 project for \$14 million. [Nappanee Street drivers, get ready for more road construction](#)

Transportation funds need both short term and long term solutions

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The Statehouse is looking at the need for more road funding. Both the House and Governor Mike Pence's proposed budget try to restore funding to transportation infrastructure. Pence's budget would pump \$347 million into road repair and infrastructure, but is less than the \$500 million proposed by the House Republicans, and only puts money into the infrastructure if there's a surplus. In the House budget, the entire gas tax will be used, and half of the funds would go to local governments. Currently the tax is also used for the State Police and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. As the discussions for the state budget continue, and new efforts by Pence and outside groups like Americans for Prosperity to push for a 10 percent income tax cut, the amount of money available in the short term is still unknown. While federal funds have stayed relatively level, funds for the state are getting tight, as the Indiana Department of Transportation has cut \$70 million in operation funds to insure they can capture all the dollars available from Uncle Sam. Still, in order to keep up with needed repairs, INDOT expects it needs about \$200 million to meet the needs for the state. "With that, we'd be able to get ahead of the curve of asset management," INDOT spokesperson Will Wingfield said, "it would allow us to get ahead of the deterioration of current infrastructure." [Transportation funds need both short term and long term solutions - Post-Tribune](#)

INDOT says sinking stretch of Interstate 69 will be repaired in April or May

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Repairs are scheduled for late April or early May on a portion of the newly-opened Interstate 69 extension that has already sunk several inches, Indiana transportation officials said. The sinking occurred on the lead-up to the Patoka River Bridge – a 250-foot stretch of highway built atop a recently-mined area near the Gibson and Pike county line. The repairs will take place as the state prepares to close out its contracts with construction companies that built the 67-mile stretch of highway that opened late last year. Though it's not yet clear whether the state or its contractors will foot the bill, the repairs are scheduled for the spring because that's when temperatures will rise enough to allow for paving, said Will Wingfield, the Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman. "By then we'll have a better idea of who will be paying for what," Wingfield said. As the state drew up plans for the 142-mile highway extension, its project team studied soil samples, and construction contractors performed a process called "deep dynamic compaction" that involved dropping a 15-ton weight from 30 feet in the air. Contractors used dark asphalt rather than lighter-colored concrete to pave those sections. [INDOT says sinking stretch of Interstate 69 will be repaired in April or May » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

Promotion Key For 'Critical' Transportation Bills

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As the Indiana legislature enters the second half of this year's session, proponents of transportation and infrastructure bills continue to push for statewide support. Indiana Chamber of Commerce Vice President Cam Carter says a key challenge is communicating to legislators outside the Indianapolis area that their constituents would not be "on the hook" for funding an expanded mass transit system in central Indiana. In this week's Inside the Statehouse segment, Carter says the mass transit bill is in "relatively good shape." The mass transit bill has passed through the Indiana House, and has been assigned to the Local Government Committee in the

Indiana Senate. Carter says if the bill clears that committee, it would likely head to the Tax and Fiscal Policy panel. Carter says he's also encouraged that the budget that passed the House includes dedicating a percentage of sales tax on gasoline to infrastructure and overall funding of \$250 million per year for state and local transportation needs. Carter is the vice president of economic development and federal affairs at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce [Promotion Key For 'Critical' Transportation Bills - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

Bids opened for latest Valpo roundabout

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VALPARAISO | Bids were opened from three companies and a contract could be awarded soon for the construction of the five-points roundabout at North Calumet Avenue, Roosevelt Road and Vale Park Road. Walsh and Kelly, who built the city's first roundabout at Lincolnway, LaPorte Avenue and Sturdy Road and the one at Silhavy Road and Vale Park, was the apparent low bidder at \$2.27 million. All three were below the engineer's estimate of \$2.48 million, and work could start by the end of April or beginning of May. City Engineering Director Tim Burkman said the next step will be for the city's Redevelopment Commission to approve the local match at its meeting March 20. The city is getting federal funds from two different programs for the project. The city has to match 10 percent of the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant and 20 percent of the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality grant. Valparaiso's Utilities Board is paying 20 percent of the cost of installing new water lines through the roundabout, including replacing the original connection to Flint Lake along Calumet. The replacement lines will be bigger and made of ductile iron. Burkman said NIPSCO already is on-site relocating utilities in preparation for the construction while the Indiana Department of Transportation reviews the bids. After INDOT awards the contract and gets the city's share of the funding, a preconstruction meeting will be held with INDOT, the city and the contractor. "We are excited about the improvement that this important project will bring to this heavily traveled intersection," Burkman said. "Over the past three years, there have been 61 accidents at this intersection involving 11 personal injuries." Burkman said the accidents involved head-ons, right angles, disregarding the signal and left turns, all of which will be virtually eliminated with the configuration of the roundabout. "Experience at the Eastgate roundabout has shown that both travel times and accident severity are significantly reduced with roundabouts," he said. "We look forward to the same improvement at five-points with this project." [Bids opened for latest Valpo roundabout](#)

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