



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Ohio River Bridges Poll Yields Mixed Results**

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A new poll shows nearly three quarters of respondents believe the Ohio River Bridges Project is an important initiative, but are nearly evenly split on whether tolls should be used to help pay for it. The survey conducted by the Paul Ogle Foundation in Jeffersonville shows at least 85 percent of those asked believe the nearly \$1 billion project will have a positive impact on the economy in Louisville and southern Indiana.

[Ohio River Bridges Poll Yields Mixed Results - Newsroom - Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

#### **Lake County roads could get much-needed repairs**

Merrillville Post-Tribune

Rich Bird

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CROWN POINT – County officials have started the ball rolling on a \$5 million bond issue to pay for repairs to county roads. Lake County Councilwoman Elsie Franklin, D-Gary, told the council during its Thursday study session that she intends to introduce and ask for initial approval on an ordinance to authorize the sale at the next council meeting. The ordinance would need two readings before it can be passed. Lake County Highway Superintendent Marcus Malczewski said his office has a preliminary plan for repair work; however, he and his staff are working to review that list with various schools and emergency service providers that use county roads, before finalizing the details of that priority list.

Malczewski said the state gas tax has not been increased since 2003, yet in that time, his department's costs for materials has risen 128 percent.

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#### **Council Dems look to shift Rebuild Indy funds to public safety**

WTHR 13 NBC

Mary Milz

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INDIANAPOLIS - City-County Council Democrats are looking at whether some money earmarked for neighborhood improvements should go to public safety instead. The police and sheriff's departments face a combined budget shortfall of \$32 million. While those departments search for ways to cut costs, Democrats are reviewing [Rebuild Indy](#) funds. Rebuild Indy is the mayor's initiative to fix sidewalks, roads and bridges across the city with proceeds from the sale of the

water company to Citizens Gas. That sale netted the city \$425 million. Of that roughly, \$230 million is left. "We are looking at Rebuild Indy. We're looking at all funds. We need a large pot of dollars that will offset the shortfall," said Council President Maggie Lewis. "The mayor would strongly oppose that," said mayoral spokesman Marc Lotter. Lotter said the Rebuild Indy money has already been earmarked for scores of projects. "If the council thinks it's going to use money for something other than infrastructure, they're going to have to tell neighborhoods which projects will not get done," he said.

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### **No north Y: New Albany intersection closure needed for railroad repairs**

Jeffersonville News and Tribune

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NEW ALBANY — The intersection known as the North Y at Eighth Street and Grant Line Road in New Albany will be closed for at least two days next week so that CSX Railroad Corp. can replace its tracks in the area. "I've inspected [and] they are in bad shape and in need of repairs," said CSX branch manager Gary Reynolds of the railroad tracks Tuesday during a New Albany Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. CSX will actually be removing a sidetrack railroad spur near the intersection and reconfiguring the crossing at Eighth Street. "We're pretty much going to have to close the street" for the work, Reynolds said.

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### **INDOT plans 2013 project to revamp Indianapolis south side interchange**

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INDIANAPOLIS -

It's one of the busiest interchanges and worst bottlenecks in Indianapolis. It's soon going to be rebuilt to make the commute smoother and faster. The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to reconfigure the I-465/I-65 interchange on the southeast side of the city to accommodate growth and cut back on congestion. Will Wingfield with INDOT said more than 100,000 vehicles pass through the interchange each day. Those who use it regularly say it's a mess during rush hour. "It can be stop and go from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, depending on when you go through," said Randy Badgero. Thomas Walker called it a "parking lot" and Crystal Sutherland said it's "very dangerous with a lot of people trying to cut around." Wingfield said INDOT plans to spend \$36 million to reduce the bottleneck. Most of that money comes from federal funds

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### **Gregg to propose lifting state gas tax**

WISH 8

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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) - We won't know the details for a couple of weeks, but Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg plans to copy what Frank O'Bannon did in 2000. The last Democrat to win a race for governor of Indiana lifted the state sales tax on gasoline. "When gas gets to \$4 a gallon, it crimps Hoosiers' pocketbooks, and it's resulting in a windfall to the state," said the former Indiana House speaker. "We're going to be announcing something in about 10 days as to exactly what we're going to do." Outside the hall, Gregg made it clear that he will propose lifting the 7 percent state sales tax on gasoline. It would save you about \$3.50 on a \$50

fill up. It's something Frank O'Bannon, the last Democratic governor, did by executive order during his re-election bid 12 years ago.

[Gregg to propose lifting state gas tax](#)

### **Limited access restored to Lincoln Avenue, Green River Road intersection**

Evansville Courier & Press

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EVANSVILLE — After about a week of navigating detours, motorists delayed or confused by construction at the intersection at Lincoln Avenue and Green River Road on Evansville's East Side now have limited access to travel through the work zone. City Engineer Pat Keepes said traffic restrictions near the work site were lifted about 4 p.m. Tuesday, reopening some portions of the two streets. "This was the only phase that we had detours set up on," Keepes said. "From here on out, we should have at least one lane in each direction open at all times." Improvements to the intersection at Lincoln Avenue and Green River Road are part of a \$1.3 million project designed to reduce vehicular emissions and improve the overall efficiency and safety of the intersection, a news release said. The project is funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.

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