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Survey Estimates Annual Ohio River Bridges Toll Revenue

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The Ohio River Bridges Project could mean millions of dollars per year in toll revenue for Indiana. A survey released by the Jeffersonville-based Paul Ogle Foundation estimates Indiana drivers will pay \$8.6 million in tolls per year while using the bridges. The research also shows the majority of respondents support the project, but half oppose using tolls to help pay for it. Key Findings of Ohio River Bridges Poll:

1. Nearly seven out of ten adult residents of the area (69%) believe the Ohio River Bridges Project is an important community priority, even considering all other priorities and concerns facing the region. Frequent Commuters are even more likely to say the project is important (80%).
2. Whether or not they agree with the specifics of the current plan, two-thirds favor the concept of building new bridges across the Ohio River in general.
3. When considering the specific components of the Ohio River Bridges Project, residents as a whole are most supportive of the East End bridge (69%), followed by the reconfiguration of Spaghetti Junction (58%) and the downtown bridge (47%). All three components are more strongly supported by the Frequent Commuters. [Survey Estimates Annual Ohio River Bridges Toll Revenue - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

State's error leads to windfall for Indiana counties

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INDIANAPOLIS — Local governments throughout Indiana have been shortchanged almost \$206 million in tax revenues since January 2011 due to a computer error at the state revenue department. The costly mistake, announced Thursday by state budget director Adam Horst, is the second multi-million dollar error that state revenues officials have revealed in less than four months. For local units of government, discovery of the error means a windfall of money. Horst said Indiana counties will be repaid the \$206 million, with interest, beginning as soon as April 5. A share of that money will then be distributed to cities and towns by county treasurers. "I think it's great," said Steve Bush, president of the Floyd County Commissioners. "It will give us some money for bridges and roads, and will give us some extra money to do some things." [State's error leads to windfall for Indiana counties » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#) Also, [Area Counties React To \\$205M State Tax Mistake - Indiana News Story - WRTV Indianapolis](#)

INDOT Proposes Solution For I-465, I-65 Traffic Woes

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INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indiana Department of Transportation is proposing a major construction project on the city's south side to give drivers some relief during rush hour. INDOT officials said they want to completely revamp the Interstate 65 to Interstate 465 interchange, a sore spot for drivers that often becomes a commuting bottleneck. INDOT crews said they want to replace the on-and-off ramps and widen I-465's shoulder from I-65 to Emerson Avenue. They also want to widen I-65 from I-465 to the Southport Road exit and replace the Sherman Drive bridge. It's a project that could take more than two years to complete, and traffic in this area might get worse before it gets better. The construction proposal is part of a bigger INDOT project called Operation Indy Commute and officials are also looking to revamp a bottleneck on the city's north side at I-69 and State Road 37. [INDOT Proposes Solution For I-465, I-65 Traffic Woes - Indiana News Story - WRTV Indianapolis](#)

SW. Ind. road's closure for I-69 work creates public safety concerns

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WASHINGTON, Ind. — Southwestern Indiana officials are urging the state's highway department not to temporarily close a county road for work on the Interstate 69 extension amid fears it could hamper fire and ambulance service. Daviess County Commissioner Tony Wichman tells the Washington Times-Herald it takes seven to eight minutes to drive around the construction zone at regular speed and "seven to eight minutes is a lifetime when you are having a heart attack." INDOT is closing parts of one north-south county road along the construction zone Monday in an area next another road that's already closed. INDOT spokeswoman Cher Elliott says the agency will be working with county officials on the situation. Wichman is asking residents to attend Monday's commissioners meeting to voice their concerns about the road closures. [SW. Ind. road's closure for I-69 work creates public safety concerns | The Republic](#)