



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Finance Authority: Six teams interested in Bridges project**

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SOUTHERN INDIANA — The Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Transportation announced Monday it has received six responses to the state's request-for-qualifications for the Ohio River Bridges Project. A comprehensive list of the respondents should be available sometime this week. "The Finance Authority will undertake a thorough review of all responses over the next two weeks and anticipates announcing a short list of proposers on April 23," said Kendra York, public finance director for the state of Indiana, in a press release. "Short-listed teams will be invited to respond to a final request for proposals that will be due to the Finance Authority in late October." Interested companies were required to submit their qualifications to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the east-end crossing. [Finance Authority: Six teams interested in Bridges project » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

#### **Possible noise pollution raises concern over south side project**

Fox 59  
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Indianapolis-A shortage of lanes and a sharp loop where westbound Interstate 465 empties onto southbound Interstate 65 have made the south side interchange a rush hour nightmare for years. Under a new proposed redesign, both will change by adding a wide sweeping ramp with an extra lane to replace the sharp loop currently there. "This sweeping ramp, this flyover not only will add a travel lane but that motion will keep traffic moving at a more consistent rate," said Nathan Riggs, Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman. A hearing in Beech Grove Tuesday night was a chance for the public to see the preliminary plans, and give input before INDOT moves forward with buying needed land, relocating utilities and choosing a contractor by next summer. "It does get pretty congested. Sometimes it slows to a crawl through there, so yeah I think the project is needed for sure," said driver John Hammond. In fact, you'd be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't think the changes will help traffic flow, but some are upset about the potential for more noise and INDOT's placement of sound walls. [Possible noise pollution raises concern over south side project - fox59.com](#)

#### **Bridge removal a hot topic in Clarksville**

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CLARKSVILLE — Clarksville residents have much to say about a proposal to remove the Lewis

and Clark overpass at Brown's Station Way. Those on both sides of the issue came out to speak Tuesday night as the Clarksville Town Council held the first of four listening sessions planned for this year. The meeting was not unlike a regular council session, except members allowed the visiting public to set the agenda. The bridge quickly became the hot topic of the night. "If you level it out (by removing the overpass,) make it appealing it'll help develop business down there," said Jerry Clapp, of Clapp Volkswagen along Lewis and Clark Parkway. "Just improve what's there," said Joel Weber, who lives in the area. "Make it more attractive, put some signage up." Right now, Lewis and Clark Parkway and Brown's Station Way are connected with a cloverleaf overpass intersection. However, the project that's been discussed during the last few years aims to remove the overpass in favor of a level, or at-grade, intersection. [Bridge removal a hot topic in Clarksville » Clark County » News and Tribune](#)

### **INDOT responds to road closing complaints**

Washington Times-Herald  
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WASHINGTON — The state Department of Transportation responded to criticism leveled by residents and county officials Tuesday by explaining their reasoning for closing CR 125E for I-69 construction. In a statement released by INDOT's spokesperson for the Vincennes District, the county did not tell state officials the road should not be closed at the same time as Troy Road. "INDOT held maintenance of traffic meetings at the end of 2010 with each county in (I-69) Sections 1, 2 and 3, to go over the proposed road closures needed for the construction of I-69," the statement said. "Local emergency management agencies, county officials and school corporations were invited to these meetings to discuss the potential impacts to their operations." The statement, which was also provided to the Associated Press, goes on to say no county official had any concerns about closing CR 125E and Troy Road. [INDOT responds to road closing complaints » Local News » The Washington Times-Herald](#)

### **Valpo proposes changes to plan for bridge over Indiana 49**

Post Tribune  
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VALPARAISO — Changing the intersection of Indiana 49 and Vale Park Road/County Road 400N should begin this summer, with the Indiana Department of Transportation requesting bids for the project May 2. It should be "substantially complete" by Thanksgiving, Valparaiso City Engineer Tim Burkman said. Before the bidding begins, though, INDOT will send the city an agreement that states Valparaiso will pay the difference of costs for such things as decorative lighting and other improvements, Burkman told the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission on Wednesday. The upgrading for the intersection includes the bridge, as INDOT originally planned. However, it won't be a cloverleaf entrance and exit to Indiana 49 from a four-lane bridge. Instead, an exit using a roundabout will go in on each end of the bridge, and the bridge will be two lanes over Indiana 49 with a pedestrian crossing. [Valpo proposes changes to plan for bridge over Indiana 49 - Post-Tribune](#)

### **Community eyes highway for job opportunities**

Indianapolis Star  
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CAMDEN, Ind. (WTW) — Former Town Council President Pete Wagoner doesn't want to watch opportunity fly by on the Hoosier Heartland Highway. "We really didn't build it to watch cars and trucks go by," he said to about 150 community leaders. "We've got to get jobs created in these rural areas. The highway can do something like that for this community." The Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor had its regional spring luncheon Tuesday at Camden Community Center.

Wagoner was among the speakers who talked about the highway's potential impact to Carroll County. Among the big concerns is how important completing the Ind. 75 Connection Project would be. It would mean connecting a three-mile stretch of road from Ind. 75 to the Hoosier highway, known now as Ind. 25. "Completing the State Road 75 connection should remain a high priority project," Wagoner said. [Community eyes highway for job opportunities | Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

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