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INDOT Giving Public First Look At Next Phase Of I-69

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) says it will release initial plans for the phase of Interstate 69 construction that will connect Bloomington to Martinsville in less than two weeks. INDOT is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, at 5:30 pm at which officials will unveil initial plans, including aerial images, of Section 5 of I-69 construction. The route of Section 5 will generally follow the current route of State Road 37 from Bloomington to Martinsville. Work on Section 4, which will connect Bloomington with Crane NSA, has already begun. The meeting will also include a formal presentation at 6:30, followed by a question and answer session. INDOT will then take public feedback on the plans. INDOT Deputy Commissioner of Major Programs Samuel Sarvis, says public input will be taken to iron out some of the finer details of section 5. "We have some important decisions to make in the coming months," Sarvis says. "Public comment and input from local officials will be used to shape those decisions." Media Relations Director for I-69, Cher Elliot says INDOT will look at who will be affected by the new limited access highway.

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Transportation projects gathering steam

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MUNCIE -- Local government officials met Thursday to keep more than \$20 million of federally funded trail, street, gateway, bridge and quiet zone projects on track. Beginning this year, local officials are required by the Federal Highway Administration to meet quarterly with engineering consultants and Indiana Department of Transportation officials to track all federally funded transportation projects. During the first meeting on Thursday, Duke Campbell, the city's street superintendent, expressed Mayor Dennis Tyler's support for the widening of Wheeling Avenue; the reconstruction and beautification of Neely Avenue between Ball State University and Wheeling Avenue; the South Muncie Gateway; new sidewalks near Southside High School and Ball State, and a roundabout at Walnut Street and Riggin Road near the airport. Yorktown's \$1 million White River Road Trail (between Nebo and Morrison roads), the county's \$5.8 million widening of Morrison Road north of Jackson Street and the county's \$3 million bridge replacement project at Delaware County Road 800-E also were discussed, All are moving forward.

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Indiana is Making 'Major Moves'

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In 2005, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels constructed a plan — Major Moves — to lease the Indiana Toll Road (ITR) in exchange for an upfront payment of \$3.8 billion. The Indiana General Assembly approved the plan and in April 2006, the state entered into a 75-year lease with the ITR Concession Company LLC (ITRCC) to operate and manage the Toll Road. ITRCC formally assumed responsibility for all operating and maintenance of the Indiana Toll Road on June 30, 2006. Indiana set aside \$2.8 billion of the toll road lease payment to fund highway construction programs. Major Moves enabled INDOT to launch a comprehensive transportation network construction and improvement program to begin or complete construction on more than 200 transportation projects. Major Moves also forestalled the need to raise state income or gas taxes for transportation improvements and allowed Indiana to avoid future debt incurred by borrowing money for highway funding – which will save Indiana taxpayers millions of dollars in future debt obligations. Additionally, through reinvestment of lease proceeds, using proceeds to match other funding, and coupling Major Moves funding with other revenue streams, INDOT has leveraged Major Moves funding into a more than \$11 billion program through 2015. [Indiana is Making 'Major Moves' | Story ID: 17978 | Construction Equipment Guide](#)

Lake County plans to borrow \$5 million for road repairs

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The Lake County Council has scheduled a public hearing on the issuance of \$5 million in bonds to fund repairs to county roads. The council last week voted 7-0 to approve the long-term borrowing, and set a public hearing on the proposal for its next meeting at 10 a.m. May 15 at the Lake County Government Center. Following the hearing, the council is expected to vote on appropriation of the money. Lake County Highway Superintendent Marcus Malczewski called the need for the money “desperate.” “Once again you’ve come to the rescue of the Highway Department since the state of Indiana refuses to supply the appropriate funding,” he said. To keep from delaying construction by another month, the council suspended the rules that require approval of the issuance of the bonds to be read and approved at two separate meetings. “As soon as we get the money we can start the work,” Malczewski said, adding that even if work begins by June, repairs could stretch into next year. [Lake County plans to borrow \\$5 million for road repairs - Post-Tribune](#)

Results of bridges study positive

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A study required in order for Indiana to finance its portion of the Ohio River Bridges Project was released Monday and offered that the economic impact will include nearly 18,000 jobs annually, result in \$27.3 billion in personal income and \$78 billion in economic output for the region. The study was conducted by the Boston-based Economic Development Research Group in about seven weeks. Jim McGoff, general counsel for the Indiana Finance Authority, said during a public hearing that an economic impact and preliminary feasibility study are required by Indiana statute in order to enter into a public-private agreement, which the state identified as its preferred financing structure for the project. Although the state is only responsible for financing the \$1.3 billion east-end portion of the bridges project, the study included a regional impact of the five counties — Clark and Floyd in Indiana, as well as Bullitt County, Jefferson County and Oldham County in Kentucky — modeled in the environmental documentation. [Results of bridges study positive » Clark County » News and Tribune](#) Also, [Study: Ohio River bridges will be a boon | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

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