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Our View: Tax cut too good to be true

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When the price of gasoline nears \$4 a gallon, motorists look for relief wherever they can find it. And politicians are all too happy to provide. Such is the case with Democratic candidate for governor John Gregg. Last week, he proposed scrapping the state's 7 percent sales tax on gasoline, saying the move would save Hoosiers between \$5 and \$10 a week, or \$260 to \$520 a year. That's some real savings. Trouble is, we're not convinced the state can really produce those savings. Annual performance audits under Gregg's administration would supposedly save the state \$650 million a year. That's a lot of money seemingly lying around in the state's couch cushions. Gregg has not said whether more budget cuts would be necessary to reach that target. "The real issue is that people do not know where our money is, what our surplus is," he told an Evansville newspaper. "We're solving two problems. We're conducting an efficiency audit so we'll know what money we've got, where it is. And, we're going to immediately cut taxes to all Hoosiers." [Our View: Tax cut too good to be true | The Star Press | thestarpress.com](#)

'Trumpet' Or 'Diamond'? INDOT Wants Your Opinion

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The Indiana Department of Transportation has released the reevaluation documents for section four of I-69. The reevaluation documents are in regards to the portion of the highway that will run through southwestern Monroe County. The biggest change in the reevaluation document is to the originally planned intersection of I-69 and SR 37, just south of Bloomington. While a traffic light had once been proposed, two new options are on the table: a 'trumpet' styled interchange, and a 'diamond'. The 'trumpet' interchange would allow traffic to move through the interchange the fastest. It is also the most expensive, and takes up more land than the 'diamond'. The 'diamond' interchange would force traffic to move slower, as a roundabout would be part of its design. The 'diamond', INDOT says, is about \$1.5 million cheaper than the 'trumpet'. INDOT will take public comment on the two designs at the Section Four Project Office, located on Industrial Blvd. in Bloomington. Additional changes to the original plan for section four include the areas near Carter Road, Burch Road, Harmony Road and Tramway Road. A link to the reevaluation document can be found here. ['Trumpet' Or 'Diamond'? INDOT Wants Your Opinion | News - Indiana Public Media](#)

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