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Infrastructure Media Summary

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New U.S. 31 interchange planned at S.R. 28

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) today announced plans to build a new U.S. 31 interchange at State Road 28 near the future Chrysler Tipton Transmission Plant. "We will make Indiana the state that works by supporting economic development through infrastructure improvements," Governor Pence said. "The new U.S. 31 and S.R. 28 exit will accommodate increased commuter and truck traffic while advancing ongoing efforts to remove stoplights on the highway between Indianapolis and South Bend." In late February, Governor Pence and Chrysler Group executives announced plans to invest \$162 million in the former Getrag facility at the northeast corner of U.S. 31 and S.R. 28 in Tipton County. The site will assemble nine-speed transmissions for Dodge and Jeep models, creating up to 850 new positions. The nearly 800,000-square-foot site is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2014. The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to begin construction of the new interchange in 2015 at an estimated cost of \$17 million.

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[Also, INDOT Plans Interchange Near Future Chrysler Plant - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

Ending gridlock at Calumet Avenue/45th Street still years away

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MUNSTER | Beginning to end the traffic gridlock on Calumet Avenue at the Canadian National railroad tracks is still three or four years away, but progress is being made on the first phase of the project, said Town Manager Tom DeGiulio. "The engineer's report, laying out the options and the environmental impacts, is completed," DeGiulio said. "We have a meeting Monday in Indianapolis to lobby for construction money for the first phase." Town officials, including DeGiulio and several members of the Town Council, will meet with Indiana Department of Transportation officials seeking that funding for Phase 1 of the Calumet Avenue/45th Avenue grade separation project. "There's been a change in administration (in Indiana) and a new biennial budget," DeGiulio said. "What we plan is to get INDOT on board and to provide the state funding portion." The underpass/overpass project already has federal backing, some financing from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and money being set aside from Munster's tax increment financing district redevelopment fund, he said. "We are also meeting with the RDA (Regional Development Authority)," DeGiulio said. "And we're working with the Centennial Village developer." Phase 1 is expected to cost \$20 million and will involve building the east-west route for traffic. Key to that portion of the project is moving Munster Steel to its new Hammond location and demolishing that longtime Munster building. A road then can be built that will take traffic from

45th Street west of Calumet Avenue on a curved road past Calumet Avenue. That road, 45th Street, must come first because Calumet Avenue eventually will be closed to traffic, as a temporary track will be built so trains still can run while an rail overpass is built.

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