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States to Hold 'Illiana Corridor' Forum

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. and INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have just announced plans for an international industry forum, entitled: Partnering for Progress: Financing through Public-Private Partnerships for the Illiana Corridor project in Will County, IL. and Lake County, Ind. The two-day event will be held on June 24 & 25, 2013, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL. "This project represents a tremendous opportunity for Illinois and Indiana," said Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. "This forum is an important step toward getting a much-needed project off the ground quickly, putting people back to work and keeping the region economically competitive." "This forum is the best way for partners to bring their innovative ideas to the table to inform this project, to help shape it, and perhaps make it an example for future infrastructure projects," said Indiana Governor Mike Pence. Public Private Partnerships (P3) have been used for decades internationally, and have become a key project implementation strategy over the past 15 years in the United States. A P3 is an agreement between a public agency and a private entity to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a project. The private investor may consist of a team of engineering firms, construction companies and financiers. A typical P3 would involve the private party providing the financing, construction services, and potentially operations and maintenance services over an extended period.

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LC paving wish-list at \$5 million

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CROWN POINT — Lake County Highway Superintendent Mark Malczewski submitted a budget to the County Council of \$5,000,466.13 for work to be done over the summer on 137.28 miles of county roads. Malczewski said he believes the department will get about 91 percent of that this year, or \$4,550,424.18. That should leave him enough money to take care of just under 125 miles of roads in 2013. If a vote is delayed in authorizing these funds, the appropriated money can be held over for next year. Some of the work that is necessary has to be done when the weather is optimum for that work. There are currently just over 30 miles of road that require crack sealing. That work needs cooler temperatures to help make the seal last longer. When it gets too hot the crack shrinks together, then when the weather changes the cracks widen again, popping out any crack seal that was put down during the wrong weather. Crack sealing work will now probably have to wait for the fall to be done if the work is not approved soon. Crack sealing is the first step in maintenance of roads. The next level is chip and seal. That is done when the road is still sound

structurally, but requires a sealing top coat or chipping the top of the asphalt and laying a new, thin layer of asphalt and a seal coat.

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Cass County appropriates \$160,000 to highway department

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LOGANSPOUR — The Cass County Council approved an appropriation of \$160,000 to help ease budget cuts to the county's highway department brought on by a state mandate. In February, the council reluctantly voted to make significant budget cuts in accordance with a mandate issued by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. The highway department took the hardest hit after its local roads and streets fund was reduced from the originally budgeted amount of roughly \$500,000 down to about \$150,000, nearly a \$350,000 hit. The council also voted to reduce its general fund by about \$300,000, per the DLGF mandate. Cass County Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith said in February he would likely have to seek additional appropriation to keep the road program running in the future and now it would appear that time has come. He formally made the request for an appropriation of \$160,000, at a council meeting Friday. "When I put this request together, I was attempting to recoup some of that cut because we have a cash balance there that would cover it," Smith said, adding he is trying to funnel as many available dollars as he can toward maintenance materials for road repair throughout the summer like chipseal, pug mix and hot mix asphalt. The council voted unanimously to make the appropriation from the county's motor vehicle highway fund. Councilman James David brought up one concern before the vote. "You don't have any outside pressures?" he asked Smith. "That's what I want to make sure you don't have." <http://pharostribune.com/local/x319991525/Cass-County-appropriates-160-000-to-highway-department>

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