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Construction on Greenwood's diverging diamond interchange could begin in 2014

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Construction on Greenwood's diverging diamond interchange is scheduled to start in spring 2014, a state transportation official said Tuesday. The state will start seeking construction bids in December and construction would likely begin when the weather warms in March or April 2014, Indiana Department of Transportation Engineer KimberLee Peters said during a meeting of the Greenwood Redevelopment Commission. The diverging diamond highway ramp transfers traffic to opposite sides of the road for a short distance to allow vehicles to make direct turns onto the highway. Seven states, including Kentucky, New York and Tennessee, have built diverging diamonds. "This interchange is going to be one of the safest designs they make" Mayor Mark Myers said. The new highway ramp, Myers said, fits with Greenwood's other projects designed to make Worthsville a major east-west thoroughfare. The new interchange, according to state officials, will reduce crashes and traffic jams on I-65 and will decrease traffic on nearby Main Street by 30 percent. The Worthsville ramp will cost up to \$22 million. The state is picking up half the bill. The city is funding its portion with tax-increment financing district money.

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Commissioners may sponsor measure requesting local businesses receive tolls relief

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Floyd and Clark County commissioners said Wednesday they would consider sponsoring a joint resolution requesting that local contractors and manufacturers receive relief when it comes to tolls and the Ohio River Bridges Project. The new bridges were among the focal topics of a luncheon held by One Southern Indiana at Kye's in Jeffersonville featuring the county commissioners. One person in attendance asked the commissioners what they could do on a local level to limit the costs to area businesses that send freight and products across the bridges each day. Clark County Commissioner John Perkins simply stated there's not much the bodies can do, as a bi-state group in charge of financial matters for the bridges project has the final say on what the tolls will be. However, Perkins said Clark and Floyd counties could sponsor joint resolutions requesting that local contractors and manufacturers "get a break" when it comes to the tolling amounts. Floyd County Commissioner Chuck Freiberger said he would sponsor such a resolution. "I was against tolls to start with," he said. Kerry Stemler, a member of the Indiana Finance Authority which will help determine the toll rates, said last month no timeline has been set for establishing those costs. It has been suggested that a \$1 frequent-user rate and a special rate for frequent commercial users could be set.

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Auburn Road Transportation Project Improves Safety

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. (www.incnw.tv) -- Mayor Tom Henry and other community leaders gathered Thursday to celebrate the completion of the Auburn Road transportation project at a ribbon cutting ceremony. Joining Mayor Henry were neighborhood presidents, representing neighborhoods connected by the new sidewalk and trail, Shawnee Middle School Principal, Matt Scheibel and Fort Wayne City Council members Tom Didier and Russ Jehl, Jason Spreen from INDOT and representatives from contractors DLZ Inc., VS Engineering and Fleming Excavating. This comprehensive transportation project improves Auburn Road for vehicles, bicyclists, joggers and walkers. It offers important, safer, connectivity for the Auburn Farms and Concordia Gardens neighborhood students to walk to Shawnee, Northrop and Holland. It also connects pedestrians in eight neighborhoods along Cook Road. "This intersection has been plagued by congestion and unsafe conditions for many years. With this new design traffic will flow more smoothly and safely in this very busy area" said City Engineer Shan Gunawardena. The project includes two traffic lanes in each direction, a center turn lane, a traffic signal, new gutters, curbs and storm sewers, a trail on the north side of the road, a sidewalk on the south side, both connecting to Cook Road and allowing safe crossing of I-69. 125 trees were planted to replace vegetation cleared for the project. "The project looks good and it is very much appreciated by the residents in the area. I think the traffic signal is going to improve safety as we come in and out of our neighborhood," said Jeryl Cook, Concordia Gardens Neighborhood President.

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