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Gregg talks with WANE-TV before Dem. Convention

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. (WANE) - Hours before the Indiana Democratic State Convention kicked off in Fort Wayne, the party's nominee for Governor spoke exclusively with NewsChannel 15 Friday morning on First News. Gregg talked about the excitement of running for office and the honor to possibly represent the people of Indiana. Gregg also spoke about how his time in the Indiana General Assembly will help him represent the entire state, instead of just a specific area of Indiana. And a topic on the minds of many people, Gregg talked about Indiana's gas tax and the higher prices people pay in this area. [Gregg talks with WANE-TV before Dem. Convention](#)

JOHN KRULL: Daniels, staff thin-skinned about Major Moves criticism

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INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels apparently doesn't want anyone to question or criticize the decision to lease the Indiana Toll Road for 75 years. Not long after I wrote a column questioning the toll road lease, the governor sent me a handwritten note chiding me for launching a "broadside" at him. Then, days later, his press secretary, Jane Jankowski, wrote a response to The Evansville Courier & Press (where the column appeared) in which she accused me of a "sloppy effort" and concluded by saying that I must not be serving my journalism students well. Before this goes any further, there are a couple of things that I need to make clear. The first is something that I have written in this space several times: Mitch Daniels has been the most transformational governor I have seen. I have tremendous respect for the seriousness of purpose with which he has approached the duties of his office — and the creativity he has shown in his leadership. In fact, not long ago I wrote a column lamenting his decision not to run for president because I said it deprived this country of the grand debate for which it has hungered for at least a generation. That does not mean that I agree with everything that the governor has done or proposed.

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Indiana push under way to change the way local road and bridge maintenance budgets are funded

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INDIANAPOLIS — A growing drop in revenue from Indiana's gasoline tax is fueling a push for

state lawmakers to rethink how local road and bridge maintenance is funded. Officials with Indiana's cities, towns and counties are struggling. The state gas tax receipts are less than what they received in 2000, and the cost of maintaining roads and bridges has only gone up. State lawmakers have shied away from the problem in recent years, but now that Indiana has built up a budget surplus and is preparing to send tax dollars back to Hoosiers, the discussion is likely to change, The Journal Gazette reported Sunday. Matt Greller, executive director of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, said studies show that Indiana's infrastructure, particularly local roads and streets, "are woefully underfunded." "The inadequate funding has been a problem for a long time, and it's time to have a difficult conversation," he said. Each side has its own views on the issue, and the only fact all parties seem to agree on is that the current system is unsustainable. "The state is eventually going to have to change the way they tax the use of vehicles," said Rep. Jeff Espich, R-Uniondale. "The gasoline tax is wearing out." [Indiana push under way to change the way local road and bridge maintenance budgets are funded](#) Also, [Road work funds low on fuel | The Journal Gazette](#)

State begins \$14.2 million road project in Gary

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GARY — After a couple false starts, the state has finally begun giving a heavily traveled section of 4th and 5th avenues a fresh facelift. The road resurfacing project was bid out three times, said Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman Matt Deitchley. The first two times, INDOT thought the bids were too high for the work. Finally, the third round led to Rieth-Riley Construction winning the \$14.2 million contract. Deitchley said the work encompasses almost 5 miles of heavily traveled stretches of 4th and 5th avenues from Bridge Street to Virginia Street. The work includes road resurfacing, pavement replacement, sidewalks and new traffic signals that will no longer hang above the street. Barricades sealed off the northern traffic lane of 4th avenue Monday from Virginia to Polk streets, as surveyors took measurements at intersections near Polk and Buchanan streets. Deitchley said both streets will remain open during the construction period, but some lanes will be restricted. The first phase focuses on 4th Avenue and is expected to be completed by November. [State begins \\$14.2 million road project in Gary - Post-Tribune](#)

Indiana Chamber officials discuss long-range plans

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EVANSVILLE —The way Kevin Brinegar sees it, Indiana's economic success relies on four factors: a strong work force, an attractive business climate, superior infrastructure and a culture of creativity and diversity. "We must excel in all four areas," said Brinegar, president and chief executive officer of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. To that end, Brinegar and other chamber representatives visited Evansville Monday to gain support for their organization's new long-range economic development plan, called Indiana Vision 2025. The plan was created by a 24-member task force which included two people from Southwestern Indiana: [Vectren](#) executive Ron Christian and James McKinney, president and chief executive officer of Regency Commercial Associates. On Monday the Chamber convened 32 business, education and community leaders from across Southwestern Indiana to discuss the plan, gain their input and come up with strategies for implementation. The gathering was one of six meetings the Chamber is hosting around the state. Indiana Vision 2025 is an update of a similar plan published in 2000. The Chamber saw 65 to 70 percent of that plan's goals partially or totally accomplished, Brinegar said, and the new plan sets out a new slate of goals. The plan includes more than 30 individual goals, including: Finding new ways to fund infrastructure projects as Major Moves funding declines in coming years. [Indiana Chamber officials discuss long-range plans » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

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