



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **June 25, 2013**

#### **Illiana Expressway investors conference kicks off Monday**

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An industry forum that is part of a campaign to entice private investors to build the Illiana Expressway kicks off at 10 a.m. Monday at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn will pitch the project to investors at noon Monday, with backup provided by top officials from each state's department of transportation. More than 400 investors, contractors and others are expected at the two-day event, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation. Both states have passed privatization legislation to pave the way for private investors. In late May, a request for information was distributed to solicit their ideas. That was due back on Thursday. On day two of the conference, respondents will be able to sit down with officials from the two departments of transportation to discuss their proposals, according to the request for information. The hope is that private investors will want to pay the estimated construction price tag of \$1.3 billion in exchange for a share of, or all of, the toll revenues generated by the expressway. The proposed Illiana Expressway would be 46.8 miles long, running from Interstate 65 in Indiana to Interstate 55 in Illinois.

[Illiana Expressway investors conference kicks off Monday](#)

#### **Commissioners commit \$2.4 million to heavy-haul road**

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JEFFERSONVILLE — The Clark County Commissioners unanimously approved a motion to commit \$2.4 million toward the construction of a new heavy-haul road connecting the Port of Indiana — Jeffersonville to the River Ridge Commerce Center. Of the \$2.4 million committed, \$2 million comes in the form of credits the county received in exchange for taking over 18 miles of roads and bridges from the Indiana Department of Transportation last year. INDOT allowed the commissioners to change the allocation of the funds from the proposed road connecting River Ridge to Clark County Regional Airport, Commissioners President Jack Coffman explained, as the heavy-haul road is considered a top priority of numerous top state officials and agencies. At the outset of the meeting, several officials spoke in support of the new road, including One Southern Indiana President and CEO Wendy Dant Chesser, Port of Indiana — Jeffersonville Director Scott Stewart and Pam Fisher, the director of regulatory affairs with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The county's \$2.4 million contribution will also include \$250,000 contributed by the Clark County Redevelopment Commission, which approved the spending at another meeting Thursday. The remaining \$150,000 must be paid over the next three years. Coffman said the remaining cost will likely be paid out of the county's highway fund. The \$2.4 million is the county's contribution to a total of \$11 million needed from local sources for the

project as part of a 50-50 split with the state government. The Port of Indiana — Jeffersonville, the River Ridge Development Authority and the city of Jeffersonville will supply the rest of the funds as part of a deal brokered between the entities. The financial obligations of the other three local parties involved in the project were not immediately made available to the public.

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### **Former Cline Ave. bridge land transferred for private toll bridge project**

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EAST CHICAGO | The former Cline Avenue bridge is now in the hands of a private company that plans to turn it into a private toll bridge, state officials announced early Tuesday. The Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of East Chicago in 2012 transferred the right of way to Cline Avenue Bridge LLC, a team from United Bridge Partners of American Infrastructure MLP Funds, FIGG Bridge Companies and Lane Construction Corporation. The group plans to build a new toll bridge with private funds. As part of the deal, sections of Cline Avenue connecting the new bridge will receive approximately \$3 million in resurfacing and paving work. The new bridge will feature a non-stop, all-electronic toll collection system, INDOT representatives said in a statement issued Tuesday. Transponders already used for regional toll systems will be used as well as a "pay by plate" system that will send a bill to drivers without transponders based on license plate information. "United Bridge Partners is excited to be a part of the East Chicago community," Bob Hellman, chairman of United Bridge Partners and CEO of American Infrastructure MLP Funds, said in a statement issued Tuesday. "We look forward to providing a remarkable new modern bridge that is a solution to traffic congestion and will lead to a growth in jobs and opportunity for people and businesses throughout the region." Cline Avenue Bridge LLC representatives are performing land surveys, design and traffic studies. Permit application materials are also being prepared and assembled for regulatory agencies. Once permitting is completed, bridge construction is anticipated to last anywhere from two to two and a half years, INDOT representatives said.

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### **Have A Say In Replacement Of US 50 Bridge**

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(Lawrenceburg, Ind.) – You can have a say and learn more about the proposed replacement of a bridge in Lawrenceburg. The Indiana Department of Transportation is considering replacement of the bridge carrying U.S. 50 eastbound over Tanners Creek. There is a public meeting hosted by INDOT at the Lawrenceburg Fire Department on Tuesday, June 25 starting at 5:30 p.m. Westbound traffic on U.S. 50 uses the new flyover bridge completed in 2009, however, eastbound vehicles are still using the old bridge built in 1936. The bridge, which handles an estimated 42,000 vehicles per day, has been categorized as structurally deficient in the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory. A proposed new bridge would have four 12 foot lanes, a 6 foot shoulder, and a 13 foot wide sidewalk. Repaving on the highway approaching the bridge would accompany the project. Engineers say there will be no displacement of residents or businesses. The plan is to maintain traffic flow on the bridge during construction. According to INDOT, the old bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to its location on a significant route and because it represents the Indiana State Highway Commission's early development of the US Highway system. However, simply being eligible doesn't completely protect the bridge from being replaced. During Wednesday's public hearing, INDOT will give tentative timetables for right of way acquisition and construction. Public statements for the record

will be taken after the engineers make a presentation. Individuals interested in participating in the public statement session may sign the speaker's schedule prior to the meeting. INDOT says the comments gathered at the hearing and during a two week period afterwards will be considered in the project's final design study.

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