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Draft of Illiana Expressway impact statement now online

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Transportation officials publicly opened a draft environmental impact statement online Wednesday for the proposed Illiana Expressway project. Copies of the study also were released for public viewing at local libraries within the study area and at state department of transportation offices. Transportation departments from Illinois and Indiana plan to build the road as a public-private partnership. Private investors would invest at least part of the money to build the road in exchange for the right to collect tolls. The study discusses the impact on three proposed routes for the expressway and public hearings on the study are scheduled to be held in Indiana and Illinois. Last month a team of consultants studying the Illiana corridor again recommended a route that starts at Interstate 65 just south of 153rd Avenue and runs between Lowell and Cedar Lake before heading almost directly west to Wilmington, Ill., where it would join Interstate 55. That route and two others will be evaluated — one starting at the same point at I-65 and ending more north near Channahon, Ill., and another route starting at I-65 southeast of Lowell, running west toward Wilmington.

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First bids received on east-end bridge project

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INDIANAPOLIS — Bids on the first section of the Ohio River Bridges Project were opened by the Indiana Department of Transportation Wednesday. According to an INDOT press release, six Indiana companies submitted bids to design and build a 3,000-foot extension of Old Salem Road, which includes a 170-foot bridge that crosses over the planned Interstate-265 approach to the east-end bridge. The lowest bidder was Clarksville-based Gohmann Construction Inc. at a price of \$3.19 million. Other local bidders included Jeffersonville-based American Contracting and Service with a bid of \$3.49 million and Jeff-based Mac Construction and Excavating with a bid of \$3.55 million. The highest bid received totaled \$3.99 million. According to the release, the bids are unofficial and INDOT will review the lowest bidder's Affirmative Action Certification and compliance with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals on the contract. An official contract award is expected within two weeks.

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Traffic relief ahead: Rush-hour grind will ease with ramp revamp

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Greenwood resident Greg Riley pattered along on Interstate 465 at 17 mph while driving home Monday evening. Riley ran into the same problem he does every evening: Traffic backs up while drivers try to go south on Interstate 65. He estimates he sometimes spends as much as half of his 40-minute commute from Keystone at the Crossing on the northside crawling along while trying to get onto the I-65 exit, so he can head back home. But Riley and other commuters should have a faster commute in a few years. The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to revamp the intersection of I-65 and I-465, where commuters often face congestion, spokesman Nathan Riggs said. Workers will add a flyover ramp, widen another ramp, expand both interstates and rebuild the Sherman Drive Bridge. The project is expected to cost about \$36 million. The work will be paid for with state and federal money, mainly from gas taxes, INDOT spokesman Will Wingfield said.

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