



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Unforeseen bridge repairs are creating a domino effect**

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Two unforeseen complications to repair work on the Kennedy Bridge have had a domino effect resulting in this week's traffic nightmare at Spaghetti Junction. When the \$18 million project was planned last spring, the state set it on a tight schedule, aiming to begin work after Memorial Day and to wrap up before mid-August with the Kentucky State Fair opening and school restarting, she said. "We wanted to get the work done in a small time frame because it minimizes the impact to the motorists," Clifford said. But now phases of work on different ramps in Spaghetti Junction are already in progress and overlapping because repairs on the corroded steel on the Indiana approach to the Kennedy are taking longer than planned. [Unforeseen bridge repairs are creating a domino effect | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

#### **Indiana highway agency says first section of I-69 extension on pace to open by year's end**

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WASHINGTON, Ind. — Work is progressing fast enough on the first major stretch of the Interstate 69 extension through southwestern Indiana that state highway department officials are confident that contractors will meet the target of having it open by the end of this year. Construction is under way on a nearly 70-mile stretch of the highway's route from near Evansville to just outside the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, southwest of Bloomington. "Every contractor has recommitted to us that their portion of I-69 is going to be done by the end of 2012," Indiana Department of Transportation spokeswoman Cher Elliott told the Washington Times-Herald for a story Wednesday (<http://bit.ly/NyYXiy>). "We feel very confident we will hit that target." Most of the \$600 million section is 50 percent to 75 percent completed, Elliott said. The long dry spell this spring and summer has led to few weather delays for the contractors, although Elliott said the agency will have to talk with water providers if the drought continues because of the large amount of water needed for the highway's concrete. [Indiana highway agency says first section of I-69 extension on pace to open by year's end](#) Also, [I-69 contractors confident of hitting target of year-end opening » Evansville Courier & Press, I-69 contractors confident of hitting...](#)

#### **Jeffersonville mayor pitches 10 projects totaling \$38 million**

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Ten projects, over the course of six years, at a total of \$38 million. That was the plan presented by Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore at the Jeffersonville City Council

meeting Monday night. Moore offered up the plan to use the city's Tax Increment Finance — or TIF — revenue over the next six years to complete a series of projects throughout the city. "This is my goal — this is where I want to see Jeffersonville going in the next six years and I'm going to do it through the use of the various TIFs throughout the city," he said. The list of projects Moore presented included the development of Big Four Station — the landing area for the Big Four Pedestrian bridge — and Chestnut Street reconstruction adjacent to the proposed landing for which the city is seeking matching grant funds. Other projects include the revitalization of 10th Street; reconstruction of Veterans Parkway and Holmans Lane; improvements to Vissing Park; the construction of Allison Brook Park — between Allison Lane and Middle Road; construction of a 23-mile bike-and-hike trail around the city; and The Preserve, a 28-acre parcel that would be retained as a wildlife preserve between Kingsfield and the Meadows subdivisions. Also on the list is a proposed \$2.5 million Falls Landing Park project, which Moore offered would be constructed on 4.8 acres near the former site of Frank's Steak House and would include a lake that would also serve as drainage retention. [Jeffersonville mayor pitches 10 projects totaling \\$38 million » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

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