



BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL

Infrastructure Media Summary

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I-69 contract awarded for work in Monroe County

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a construction contract for nearly four miles of Interstate 69 in Monroe County between Harmony Road and a Branch of Clear Creek. The winning bid of \$57.5 million was 16 percent below the engineer's cost estimate. Samuel Sarvis, INDOT's Deputy Commissioner of Major Programs stated, "Another important piece of the I-69 puzzle is set in place with the awarding of this contract. I-69 is a vital connection that will serve as a catalyst for economic growth and will improve safety of the motoring public not just for southwest Indiana but the whole state." E.S. Wagner Company, of Toledo, Ohio, submitted the best and lowest bid among seven companies bidding on this contract. INDOT is required to allow all qualified companies to bid on all contracts, without consideration to their geographical location. Federal guidelines prohibit geographic discrimination when awarding projects developed with federal funds. I-69 is part of Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves highway program, capitalizing on Indiana's strategic location as the Crossroads of America by improving and expanding road infrastructure in support of a stronger economy and greater mobility for all.

[Greene County Daily World: Local News: I-69 contract awarded for work in Monroe County \(10/02/12\)](#)

Also [INDOT Awards Contract For 4-Mile Stretch Of I-69 | News - Indiana Public Media](#)

I-70 project will close SR 39 westbound ramps for resurfacing

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that the resurfacing project on Interstate 70 will close the westbound ramps at State Road 39 (Exit 59) beginning Tuesday evening to mill and resurface the ramps. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley for \$7.7 million. The project will have 11-foot lane restrictions on the interstate in the area the contractor will be working. The project is scheduled for completion by Nov. 15.

[Greencastle Banner-Graphic: Local News: I-70 project will close SR 39 westbound ramps for resurfacing \(10/02/12\)](#)

Kokomo Railroad to Receive New Life

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More than 10 miles of dormant Kokomo area railroad will soon reopen. Mayor Greg Goodnight says the \$5.5 million project will restore a railway which has been inactive since 1997. Kokomo

Grain Co., U.S. Rail Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. (NYSE: NSC) are partnering on the project, which the mayor says will be an important economic development tool.
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On the road to ruin -- or savings?

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Kevin Leininger
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Why would Allen County officials supposedly dealing with a budget crisis object to cutting the cost of road work by \$400,000, with additional savings likely in future projects? Because they fear the short-term "savings" will create unnecessary expenses later on – a bill they say bureaucrats in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., created but will not have to pay. Whether they're right – or simply alarmist – remains to be seen. "To me, it's an unfunded mandate," said County Commissioner Nelson Peters, who with fellow Commissioners Linda Bloom and Therese Brown last week grudgingly agreed to pay engineers thousands of dollars to revise specifications for the widening of Flutter Road between St. Joe and Schwartz Road – a change mandated by new guidelines from the Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The redesign is expected to cut the construction cost from \$1.9 million to about \$1.5 million, according to County Highway Engineer Mike Thornson. But it's the source of the savings that concerns Peters and possibly other local officials here and around the state. As previously designed, the Flutter Road project would have followed the county's usual formula of a 7-inch stone base topped with a 7-inch layer of asphalt. Because of a new computer-driven formula that take traffic, moisture, soil conditions and other factors into account, the contractor will now need just 6 inches of stone and 4 inches of asphalt. INDOT officials say the guidelines are designed to save taxpayers money by prevent "overbuilding" – an especially important consideration given the soaring cost of the petroleum needed to produce asphalt. Peters, however, contends that saving money by lowering the quality of construction could cost more in the long run – a bill his constituents would have to pay without any help from Indianapolis or Washington.

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INDOT allots \$2.1M in federal funds for U.S. 31

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PLYMOUTH, Ind. (AP) - The Indiana Department of Transportation has allocated a \$2.1 million federal grant to build a portion of U.S. 31 in Marshall County near Plymouth to make sure the state doesn't lose the money. The Obama administration announced in August that states have until Oct. 1 to specify how to spend \$473 million in federal dollars that had been earmarked for highway projects between 2003 and 2006. INDOT spokesman Matt Deitchley told The South Bend Tribune that the state had always intended to use that money to rebuild a portion of U.S. 31 between South Bend and Plymouth, but not a specific part. He says the state will hear bids from contractors to begin construction on that stretch of the road early next year.

[INDOT allots \\$2.1M in federal funds for U.S. 31](#)

Road work starts next week by Tippecanoe Mall

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Road work by the Tippecanoe Mall will cut traffic down to one lane in each direction starting Monday. The Indiana Department of Transportation said U.S. 52 will be restricted at Maple Point Drive, in front of Pepe's Restaurant at the mall. The lane restrictions are scheduled to last

approximately three weeks while the contractor constructs a center median. This project was awarded to Crider & Crider, Inc. for \$4,065,740. It's part of the reconstruction of Concord Road and construction of the Maple Point Drive extension from U.S. 52 to Concord. The entire project should be completed by late November.

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Putting region 'on the map'

South Bend Tribune

Jim Meenan

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KINGSBURY -- For the past several years, many people worked long hours to connect the dots on the new Inland Logistics Port project. On Thursday, they connected the spots, namely LaPorte County and northern Indiana with the world, by breaking ground on a 1.1-mile rail line that will connect the CSX mainline with the Logistics Park in Kingsbury. The line might be just over a mile, but it represents more than that. It's going to create a competitive advantage in Kingsbury in LaPorte County, said Don Babcock, director of economic development for NIPSCO. "We are going to put Indiana on the map with this project." It may only be a mile of new track that will be constructed, said Jeffrey Wagoner, manager of industrial development for CSX, "but from that mainline you can reach over 70 ports and you can reach all of the producers and consumers on the eastern half of the U.S. directly on CSX and connect to all other railroads."

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