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Despite shrinking pot of federal money, Bucshon hopeful for I-69 completion
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EVANSVILLE —U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon said Tuesday the money to complete Interstate-69 from Bloomington to Indianapolis isn't available to him — but he pledged to help state officials any way he can. Bucshon, a Republican and first-term congressman is seeking re-election to the 8th District House seat, made the remarks after a news conference at Evansville Regional Airport during which he lauded the progress made on I-69 to date. Bucshon was accompanied by Rep. Bill Shuster, a Pennsylvania Republican who lavished praise on him while casting him as a leader in Congress on transportation issues. Also present: Sam Sarvis, deputy commissioner of major programs for the Indiana Department of Transportation. The men had just returned from a helicopter tour of I-69 construction from Evansville to an area just south of Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center. "It'll all depend on the next governor and the Legislature," Bucshon said, noting that all three of this year's candidates for governor have said completing I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis is a priority for them. [Despite shrinking pot of federal money, Bucshon hopeful for I-69 completion » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

INDOT agrees on roundabout interchanges along U.S. 31 in Carmel
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CARMEL — It took a while to persuade them, but state transportation officials seem to agree: It's cool to be round, even when it comes to roundabout interchanges on busy U.S. 31. After pressure from the mayors of Carmel and neighboring Westfield, coupled with the success in reducing congestion on Keystone Parkway (and its six roundabout interchanges), the Indiana Department of Transportation seems to be coming, well, around. Wednesday, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard announced that after a year of negotiations, INDOT has agreed to abandon its previous plans for conventional diamond interchanges, and instead build roundabout interchanges along U.S. 31 (North Meridian Street) at 106th and 116th streets – two of the corridor's most congested points. "I am pleased that we were able to reach an agreement that brought many elements to the road plan that will be in the best interests of the taxpayers," Brainard said during his annual State of the City address. The news comes after similar concessions were made for the city of Westfield, where INDOT had previously not planned to build any roundabout interchanges along the highway. [INDOT agrees on roundabout interchanges along U.S. 31 in Carmel | Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

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