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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Valpo culvert work proceeds despite higher cost

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VALPARAISO | The city's Utilities Board awarded the contract for replacing the West Street culvert on Tuesday despite the fact the low bid was almost \$28,000 higher than the engineer's estimate.

City Deputy Engineering Director Adam McAlpine said his estimate of the cost was \$92,095. G.E. Marshall's low bid was \$119,784. Bids ranged up to \$564,795. McAlpine told the board Marshall's bid was still within the budget, and the project is a high priority component of the Union Street projects. He said \$250,000 was budgeted for the culvert replacement, expansion of the Franklin Street detention basin and construction of an energy dissipater. The dissipater, which reduces the force of the water flowing into the basin to prevent erosion, is designed, but McAlpine said work done by the property owner is sufficient for now. [Valpo culvert work proceeds despite higher cost](#)

Portage OKs street paving work

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PORTAGE | The Board of Works has awarded the city's 2011 street paving project to Rieth-Riley Construction of Gary. The company's bid of \$280,940 beat a bid of \$284,173 from Walsh & Kelly of Griffith, the only other bidder on the project. The paving work will be done on portions of 10 roads, including several that are north of U.S. 20. The roads include: LaPorte, Schiller, Stagecoach, Lenberg, Eisenhower, McCasland, Lois, Willowcreek, Irving, and the north and south ends of the Midwest Steel Highway Bridge. Portage Director of Public Works Craig Hendrix said funding for the project will come from the city's Redevelopment Commission and the stormwater program. http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage/article_10bd5a23-b9e0-5b54-b7d1-8b1b821db0ca.html

Southside to see more road repairs

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Road repair and improvement work on I-65 on the Far Southside will affect motorists for the next several months. Much of the work will be done at night or on other off-peak traffic times. Indiana Department of Transportation crews will close the ramp from Southport Road to southbound I-65 at 7 p.m. today. The ramp will be closed all weekend and is expected to reopen before 5 a.m. Monday. Separately, a 2.4-mile resurfacing of I-65 between I-70, known as the "south split," and South Keystone Avenue is to begin Monday and be finished by Nov. 4.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20110812/LOCAL1801/108120361/Southside-see-more-road-repairs?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CCommunities>

Four Borman Expressway lanes now available, INDOT says

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The Indiana Department of Transportation is nearly done with work to rebuild the Borman Expressway between the Indiana-Illinois state line and Interstate 65. Traffic on eastbound Interstate 80/94 began using all four of the new travel lanes Saturday. Westbound lanes opened to traffic in June. The project began in spring 2007. The new highway is expected to handle traffic volumes for 20 years. INDOT said the new configuration features more lanes, new collector-distributor lanes to help motorists easily enter and exit the highway, longer interchange ramps and new bridges to maximize vehicle flow, and enhanced lighting and improved drainage. Overnight lane and ramp closures will be in effect this week as crews complete the project. The left two eastbound lanes of the Borman will close at 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The ramps from I-65 to the eastbound Borman and from the eastbound Borman to northbound I-65 will close at midnight those nights. All lanes are expected to open to traffic by 5 a.m. daily.

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/gary/article_c6516d0f-a1b8-53f7-8e8c-221016f6c919.html

Daisy Lane remains closed as deadline pushed till Sept. 30

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NEW ALBANY — The deadline for opening Daisy Lane to traffic and completing construction along the New Albany street for contractor Excel Excavating is Sept. 30, two months after the initial target date for work to end. Mayor Doug England's administration faulted heavy spring rains and delays in utility infrastructure relocation for the added time on the final two phases of the Daisy Lane project. The majority of the road has been closed since January, but work started on phases three and four in August of 2010. Features of the final phases include a new bridge over Falling Run Creek, the installation of a roundabout at Schell Lane and the addition of sidewalks on both sides of Daisy Lane. [Daisy Lane remains closed as deadline pushed till Sept. 30 » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

Big plans for northwest site

SouthBendTribune.com

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The heavy machinery you may have noticed recently moving dirt near the northeast corner of Mayflower and Cleveland roads is literally paving the way for a future northwest-side project. Contractors recently began work on the realignment of Mayflower Road between Cleveland and Brick roads. The changes will allow motorists to wind through a mixed-use development called Hutsfield Square, but no existing businesses will be cut off by the roadway move. [Big plans for northwest site - South Bend Tribune](#)

Commissioners declare three bridges in need of repair

Greene County Daily World

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The Greene County Commissioners officially declared by resolution three bridges in need of emergency repairs on Monday morning -- clearing the way for a streamlined process of awarding

contracts for immediate construction. The bridges include: Bridges No. 89 (near Scotland in Taylor Township), Bridge No. 50 (located in Center Township) and No. 149 (northwest of Vicksburg in Wright Township). Highway superintendent Brent Murray told the commissioners that the trio of bridges are structurally among the worst in the county and pose a safety risk for motorists. "They are the top three on our list in our Top 10. That ought to tell you something about their shape and they need to be done as quick as possible," Murray said. "They are just deteriorated...these are the number one priority. The commissioners opened quotes from two firms -- with CRL, Inc. from Vincennes having the lowest quote on all three bridges. [Greene County Daily World: Local News: Commissioners declare three bridges in need of repair \(08/15/11\)](#)

Four Public Meetings on I-70 Construction

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold four Public Informational meetings to give information on the three construction projects that will be restricting traffic from the Indiana/Illinois state line to Plainfield. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in several areas along this route. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes. The Public Informational meetings are set up to begin at 6:30 p.m. as follows: Monday, August 15 Brazil City Hall in the Council Room, located at 203 East National Road, Brazil. Tuesday, August 16 South Putnam High School Cafeteria located at 1780 East US 40, Greencastle, enter the high school on the back side in Door #8. Wednesday, August 17 Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library located at 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield. Thursday, August 18 Girl Scout Office in Fairbanks Park located at 1100 Girl Scout Lane, Terre Haute. [Four Public Meetings on I-70 Construction - MyWabashValley.com](#) . Also, [Brazil Times: Local News: Interstate-70 construction underway \(08/15/11\)](#)

Harrison Street detours greet Purdue's return on south campus

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The Harrison Street widening project on the Purdue University campus will introduce new detours and bus routes this school year. The work, part of the U.S. 231 bypass, remains on schedule, but its multiple phases could induce some confusion in navigating the south side of campus. Harrison Street is being widened to four lanes between Martin Jischke Drive and Sheetz Street. A roundabout, new sidewalks and other improvements also are planned. "It may be hard to keep on top of if you aren't working on it," said Dave Garwood, project manager with Indianapolis' Butler, Fairman & Seufert Civil Engineers. "We are continually moving openings and closings, and it really is a puzzle to make it all fit together." [Harrison Street detours greet Purdue's return on south campus | Journal and Courier | iconline.com](#)