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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Economic Group: Bridges are 'Lifblood' of Business

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Economic development agency One Southern Indiana has reaffirmed its support of the Ohio River Bridges project. Interim Chief Executive Officer Matt Hall says southern Indiana and Louisville are "semi-paralyzed" economically because of aging bridges in the area. He believes tolls that may be imposed as part of the project aren't ideal, but may be necessary to finance the initiative. The Kennedy Bridge was designed to accommodate 80,000 vehicles a day. Today it is carrying 120,000 to 130,000, accelerating the aging process as the structure nears the final third of its estimated life. [Economic Group: Bridges are 'Lifblood' of Business - Newsroom - Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick](#) Also, [NASH: Who is paying for 1st endorsements? » Opinions » News and Tribune](#)

Task force works to connect I-69 to Roanoke

The Journal Gazette

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The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana today announced a unique collaborative effort to improve access between I-69 and US 24 at Roanoke, Indiana in eastern Huntington County. The effort includes establishment of a multi-county, public-private taskforce that will serve as the chief advocate and public voice of the proposal. Its goal is to enhance infrastructure along four miles of county road between I-69 at the General Motors cloverleaf and US 24 at the town of Roanoke. "Northeast Indiana leaders in both the public and private sectors unanimously agree that improving critical infrastructure is vital to economic development that supports sustained job growth," Matt Bell, Executive Director of The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana said. "We have consistently heard that creating expanded access from I-69 to US 24 in Roanoke is a top regional priority. <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20110826/BLOGS01/110829677>

State hasn't changed its plans for I-64 work

Evening News and Tribune

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NEW ALBANY — The slow going during the morning commute on Interstate 64 eastbound due to work on the Sherman Minton Bridge may not be improving soon. New Albany Police Chief Todd Bailey said Thursday he had been informed by the state work patterns would likely be adjusted beginning Monday so that construction could begin after the morning rush hour. But INDOT spokesman Will Wingfield said "there are no firm plans in regards to Monday" concerning a change in construction hours, as he said the bridge work is being done during the day due to

lighting. "There's a certain amount of time involved in mobilizing and then demobilizing the work zone, and getting the project done in a timely manner," Wingfield said.

<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x2134987638/State-hasn-t-changed-its-plans-for-I-64-work>

No decision yet on 10th Street medians in Jeffersonville

Evening News and Tribune

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Remember the debate over whether to put turning lanes or a grassy median down the middle of 10th Street? There's no decision just yet. The debate was sparked as the city was developing plans for resurfacing and widening the busy thoroughfare. In December, following a meeting with the 10th Street Area Business Association, city leaders and business leaders came to a consensus to install the medians. A few weeks later, however, several other business leaders argued that too few people made the decision and that putting medians down the middle of the street would restrict access to businesses.

<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x975853399/No-decision-yet-on-10th-Street-medians-in-Jeffersonville>

Portions of Interstate 69 ready for traffic by end of 2012

Evansville Courier & Press

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Interstate 69 from Evansville to Crane is on time and under budget, say Indiana Department of Transportation officials who hope to soon say the same about the stretch from there to Bloomington, Ind. With a decision from the Federal Highway Administration expected Friday, contractors may proceed with construction on the Crane to Bloomington corridor, known as Section 4, said Cher Elliott, spokeswoman for INDOT's Vincennes District. The highway I-69 route roughly parallels Indiana 57 northeast from I-64 to U.S. 50 at Washington, where it bypasses the town to the east and extends north to U.S. 231 and Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center and then to Bloomington, Ind. [Portions of Interstate 69 ready for traffic by end of 2012 » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

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