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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Hoosier Heartland bridge contract awarded

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LOGANSPORT — The Indiana Department of Transportation has awarded a contract to build a new bridge as part of the Hoosier Heartland project. Primco Inc. of Fort Wayne was awarded the \$2.1 million contract to construct a bridge to carry the new highway over Kokomo Pike south of Logansport. The announcement thrilled Mayor Mike Fincher. "I'm very excited," he said. "It's proof positive that that baby's a coming." Fincher said he believes the new highway will bring development to the land around the Ivy Tech campus on the south side of Logansport. The mayor called it, "our next big expansion area." <http://pharostribune.com/local/x803540561/Hoosier-Heartland-bridge-contract-awarded>

Noblesville roundabout project could pay dividends

The Indy Star
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A new roundabout in Noblesville -- one of the first in Indiana to be built with the help of state money -- will ease traffic congestion and open up a new frontier for development, officials say. The intersection of Ind. 32 and Promise Road will be shut down to north-south traffic for three months while construction crews finish the roundabout. This is the final leg of the Union Chapel Road project that will give drivers an alternative route to Noblesville's main thoroughfare, Ind. 37. "We're very excited about it," Mayor John Ditslear said. "We've had great cooperation from the state, and it's worked out very well."

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The right time to build bridges

South Bend Tribune
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The 43-year-old bridge, currently closed because of safety concerns and the construction work nearby, is under Common Council consideration. As part of his \$9.1 million capital projects package, Mayor Stephen Luecke has proposed replacing that bridge at a cost of about \$700,000. Several council members recall that it was the council's intention to preserve the bridge when it approved giving \$1 million for the Kroc Center. We believe that was and is the proper inclination.

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Government's necessary role

Evansville Courier & Press
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WASHINGTON, Ind. — The flurry of activity going on here makes me wonder whether those who cultivate the popular backlash against government — notably, the refrain that "government has never created a job," have ever seen an interstate highway under construction. "You see the dust? That's the road," said Elliott Sturgeon of the Indiana Department of Transportation, pointing to a flurry of activity just south of U.S. 50 in Daviess County. The work is under way on a 10-mile stretch of Interstate 69 being built by for \$98.9 million by Walsh Construction of Indianapolis — the same company that built the new interchange at the Lloyd Expressway and Fulton Avenue in Evansville. [MIZELL STEWART: Government's necessary role » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

Citizens again ask MPO to keep I-69 out

The Bloomington Alternative
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Earlier this year, members of the Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) took an action long-awaited by many residents of Monroe County and southwestern Indiana. The MPO members said "no" to a NAFTA Superhighway project that has produced numerous environmental violations that are currently in federal court. They also said "no" to a multi-billion dollar I-69 project that has already taken away funds from much-needed projects to address our crumbling infrastructure throughout the state. And if new terrain I-69 moves ahead as planned, it will only accelerate the unacceptable deterioration of Indiana's transportation infrastructure. On Friday, Sept. 9, residents of Monroe County and all of the neighboring counties will encourage the Bloomington MPO to continue to hold firm in the decision made earlier this year. [Citizens again ask MPO to keep I-69 out | The Bloomington Alternative](#)

Obama issues job challenge

The Journal Gazette
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In a partial preview of the jobs speech he's delivering to Congress on Thursday night, Obama said roads and bridges nationwide need rebuilding and more than 1 million unemployed construction workers are itching to "get dirty" making the repairs. He portrayed Congress as an obstacle to getting that work done. I'm going to propose ways to put America back to work that both parties can agree to, because I still believe both parties can work together to solve our problems," Obama said at an annual Labor Day rally sponsored by the Detroit-area AFL-CIO. [Obama issues job challenge | The Journal Gazette | Fort Wayne, IN](#) Also, [Obama said GOP must back U.S. first, create jobs - The Ball State Daily News - Ball State University](#), http://www.wlfi.com/dpps/news/politics/congress/congress-returns-little-hope-of-bipartisanship-nt11-jgr_3934956, [US Chamber spells out its own job agenda - Post-Tribune](#),

Wheel tax money means smoother roads in Muncie

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MUNCIE — Muncie motorists have likely noticed some temporary detours recently, and then some smoother drives, too. Freshly paved streets, certainly more than usual, are popping up all over the city, thanks to funding raised through the wheel tax. The city has received \$965,000 so far and anticipates collecting up to \$1 million before the paving season ends, according to Pete Heuer, Department of Public Works superintendent. Heuer says the tax dollars have allowed the city to complete 11 projects, with more on the way. "A lot of the paving contract has been completed," Heuer said. [Wheel tax money means smoother roads in Muncie | The Star Press |](#)

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