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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Study on Ohio River bridges stalls

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A study on the economic impact of the Ohio River Bridges project hasn't begun and officials with the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority can't say whether it will be done, according to a published report. The study was initially expected to begin in July and be finished by November, The Courier-Journal reported, citing a draft of the guidelines obtained by the newspaper (<http://bit.ly/oFUbKo>). One of its goals was to measure the impact of bridge tolls on the region. But the study has been put off due to concerns that a separate study duplicating the effort might be required by Indiana law. [Study on Ohio River bridges stalls - NewsTimes](#)

Committee to Study Funding for State's Infrastructure

WIBC
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A joint legislative study committee is looking into the state's infrastructure issues and solutions. Indiana Association of Highway Engineers President John Ayers says many counties have held off or totally abandoned road repairs due to a lack of funding. He says counties are using quicker fix methods to deal with road issues, other than using long term solutions. Ayers says 47 Indiana counties currently use wheel tax money, which makes up of 60% of the state's population, but he says it's not a cure-all. Indianapolis Democrat Ed Delaney says the federal government needs to help states by making a deal on the federal highway bill, or else states will receive one-third less road funding. [Committee to Study Funding for State's Infrastructure | Indy's News Center - 93.1 WIBC Indianapolis - Live. Local. First.](#)

Infrastructure Bank: Fixing How We Fix Roads

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney) -- It sounds like the latest Apple product, but it has the power to create far more jobs with little government money. The I-Bank, or infrastructure bank, has support of both Democrats, Republicans and big business. Legislation has been co-sponsored in the Senate by Democrat John Kerry of Massachusetts and Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas. It is likely to once again get support from President Obama when he lays out his jobs agenda. The idea is to create a government agency to help arrange financing for infrastructure projects using investments from private investors. [Infrastructure Bank: Fixing How We Fix Roads - Money News Story - WRTV Indianapolis](#)

Bridge, road projects advance

The Star Press

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MUNCIE -- The Delaware County commissioners heard updates Tuesday on several upcoming and ongoing bridge and infrastructure projects. Angie Moyer, who oversees the county's engineering office, provided the updates, including information on when a new westside roundabout should be open. Moyer noted that the Jackson Street bridge over White River was set to close at 10 a.m. Monday for work to demolish and replace the bridge with a new structure. The \$3.1 million project will take 300 days to complete. Officials expect the more than 11,000 vehicles that take the bridge every day to use detours including the Washington Street bridge. [Bridge, road projects advance | The Star Press | thestarpress.com](#)

EDITORIAL: Bloomington newspaper calls on officials to cooperate on I-69

Evansville Courier & Press

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For years, supporters of Interstate 69 in deep Southwestern Indiana have fought a lonely battle to convince those north of us that the Evansville-to-Indianapolis highway is needed, and that in fact, it is coming northward. Indeed, even as construction has started to the south and motorists are driving on a short stretch, the fight to stop I-69 has gone on. As recently as late May, the Indianapolis Star was lending its support to those in Bloomington attempting to block construction, and the newspaper was still talking up a switch from the current route to the previously rejected U.S. 41/Interstate 70 route through Terre Haute. [EDITORIAL: Bloomington newspaper calls on officials to cooperate on I-69 » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

Obama to call for urgent steps on economy

South Bend Tribune

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Barack Obama will lay out a jobs package worth more than \$300 billion on Thursday, staking his re-election hopes on a call for urgent bipartisan action to revive the faltering economy. With his poll numbers sliding to new lows amid voter frustration with 9.1 percent unemployment, Obama will make tax cuts for middle-class households and businesses the centerpiece of the plan and will press for new spending to repair roads, bridges and other deteriorating infrastructure. He will use his televised speech before a joint session of the U.S. Congress, at 7 p.m. EDT, to urge passage of those measures by year-end. [Obama to call for urgent steps on economy - southbendtribune.com](#)

Also, [Obama to lay out new jobs plan in address to Congress | The Republic, Getting back to even on jobs divides US leaders » Business » News From Terre Haute, Indiana, Obama's job speech will be before a skeptical audience | The Star Press | thestarpress.com](#)