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Bloomington group delays vote on giving go-ahead to I-69

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —Though the federal government approved another section of the Interstate 69 extension on Friday, a local transportation panel here continued to block a small sliver of it. Locked in a game of chicken with state transportation officials, the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization opted to delay its vote on whether to give I-69 the go-ahead for two more months. The MPO is a group created under federal law and tasked with coordinating local, state and federal projects. Its current transportation plan runs through June 2013. [Bloomington group delays vote on giving go-ahead to I-69 » Evansville Courier & Press](#) Also, [Panel delays vote on Monroe County I-69 section | 2011-09-09 | Indianapolis Business Journal | IBJ.com](#)

USW President Leo Gerard endorses Obama jobs address to Congress

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The billions of infrastructure investments announced by the President will drive new jobs in manufacturing. He is right in saying that the next generation of manufacturing must be Made in America. "The roll out is a bold jobs plan to establish a national infrastructure bank, reshape the tax code, refocus of the trade agenda, provide new federal loan guarantees for energy projects and to promote infrastructure project for schools, rail, airports, bridges and roads.

<http://www.chestertontribune.com/favicon.ico>, Also, ['Tax reform' perks Ind. GOP's ears » Evansville Courier & Press](#) , [Lawmakers & Others React to Obama Jobs Bill - TriStateHomePage.com](#)

Bucshon well positioned to influence transportation funding

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INDIANAPOLIS —When U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon visited the Indiana Statehouse last week, the federal government was on track to run out of money for transportation projects at the end of September. That potential problem was averted late Friday when congressional leaders struck a deal that extends funding for the Federal Aviation Administration through January and for highways through March. It wasn't the kind of new six-year surface transportation law for which Congress has spent years searching, though.

<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2011/sep/10/bradner-col-hedy-herey-and-herey/>

SHERMAN MINTON CLOSURE: Officials announce traffic plans

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SOUTHERN INDIANA — The ramp to Interstate 65 from West Court Avenue in Jeffersonville will be closed from 6 to 10 a.m. weekday mornings while the Sherman Minton Bridge is closed in New Albany, officials announced Sunday afternoon. That's part of a plan organized over the weekend to attempt to mitigate the expected gridlock forced by the Friday closure of the bridge because of a critical structural defect. Another key aspect: A reversible lane will be used on the Clark Memorial Bridge between Louisville and Jeffersonville. On weekdays, the four-lane bridge will have three lanes southbound to Louisville for morning rush hours and three lanes northbound to Jeffersonville for afternoon rush, according to a press release from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. <http://newsandtribune.com/local/x601183113/SHERMAN-MINTON-CLOSURE-Officials-announce-traffic-plans> Also, [Officials reassure commuters 2 Ohio River spans safe after closure of bridge causes backups](http://www.ijb.com/closed-indianakentucky-bridge-creates-rushhour-fiasco/PARAMS/article/29478), <http://www.ijb.com/closed-indianakentucky-bridge-creates-rushhour-fiasco/PARAMS/article/29478>

Bridges Authority to choose delivery model at October meeting

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SOUTHERN INDIANA — The delivery model for constructing the Ohio River Bridges Project is expected to be chosen next month. Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority members are expected to approve which method will be used to construct a downtown bridge, east-end bridge and reconstruct Spaghetti Junction at its Oct. 6 meeting. "We're trying to understand which one has the best value," said Bridges Authority Executive Director Steve Schultz. The authority has been examining various delivery model options, from a traditional design-bid-build concept, to the often-discussed public-private partnership, or P3.

<http://newsandtribune.com/clarkcounty/x1642547977/Bridges-Authority-to-choose-delivery-model-at-October-meeting>

CLERE: Bridges pose challenges now and later

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SOUTHERN INDIANA — The closure of the Sherman Minton Bridge and related stories are likely to dominate the news for weeks to come. Meanwhile, other important issues will be squeezed out. Topics that receive scant attention even on a slow news day will get none at all. I've devoted all or part of several columns this summer to legislative study committees. They usually don't receive much attention — especially this far from Indianapolis — but the topics they address are important nonetheless. A recent example involves bridges. The Joint Study Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Assessment and Solutions is working to define Indiana's transportation and infrastructure funding shortfall. [News and Tribune - Wheels](#)