



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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### **Our view: State must address its bridge woes**

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Could it be that the shutting of the Cline Avenue bridge almost two years ago and the Sherman Minton Bridge over the Ohio River just a few weeks ago are signals of what's to come? That's what a Washington-based policy group is suggesting. "Thousands of bridges, just like this one (over the Ohio River), are nearing the end of their designed life spans and can become structurally deficient at any time, resulting in millions of dollars in repair costs that can quickly sap a state's budget," said James Corless, director of a policy group that studies bridges — not only in Indiana — but nationwide. [Our view: State must address its bridge woes - Post-Tribune](#)

### **Accelerate 465 hoping to avoid speed bumps**

IndyStar.com  
9/21/11

Consider it a two-month warning. Construction crews working on the ambitious \$423 million overhaul of I-465 on Indianapolis' Westside are entering a critical stage if they are to wrap up the current phase of work by Thanksgiving -- the expressed goal of the Indiana Department of Transportation. INDOT officials are hoping for enough dry days in coming weeks to keep crews working. "You can't pave once cold weather hits," said INDOT spokesman Harry Maginity. "There are a few things (on which) we keep working during the winter, but we'd like to be done on all the other things." [Accelerate 465 hoping to avoid speed bumps | The Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

### **Part of State Street in New Albany to close for paving**

News and Tribune  
9/21/11

NEW ALBANY — A portion of State Street will be closed beginning Sunday night, as MAC Construction & Excavating has pledged to pave "around the clock" to finish resurfacing the road before Harvest Homecoming. The New Albany Board of Public Works and Safety agreed Tuesday to close State Street from near the Children's Academy of New Albany to Green Valley Road. Construction will begin Sunday evening, and State Street along the route will only be accessible to local traffic until at least Sept. 23. A MAC representative said repaving the road would take several weeks without the closure, and he predicted that if the weather cooperates, crews can finish the project in four days. [Part of State Street in New Albany to close for paving » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

### **U.S. 31 Overhaul Work To Complicate Commutes**

TheIndyChannel.com  
9/21/11

HAMILTON COUNTY, Ind. -- Big traffic changes are coming to U.S. 31 in Hamilton County, where business owners and residents got a first look at plans for the \$600 million construction project Wednesday. A 13-mile stretch of the roadway, from Interstate 465 to State Road 38, will be converted into a freeway, eliminating 13 stoplights along the way, 6News' Derrick Thomas reported. "It's gonna bring U.S. 31 up to freeway standards. The access is going to be interchanges and you are going to have nonstop thoroughfare through this entire corridor," said Harry Maginity, spokesman for the Indiana Department of Transportation.  
<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/29258273/detail.html>

### **Indiana 2, I-65 plans get lukewarm reception**

Post-Tribune  
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CROWN POINT — Plans for the long-awaited \$8.5 million Indiana 2 and Interstate 65 interchange modification project drew a lukewarm response from business and property owners Wednesday during an information session on the final design. Work on the project that has been on the books since at least 1997 and actively worked on by the Indiana Department of Transportation since 2005 is expected to begin in March with the project going out to bid in January, according to INDOT officials who conducted the public session at Crown Point High School. While most were pleased to see the project finally come to fruition, lingering concerns over the northbound ramp from Indiana 2 onto the interstate dominated the discussion. [Indiana 2, I-65 plans get lukewarm reception - Post-Tribune](#)

### **Commissioners award paving contracts, but not without some discussion**

Greene County Daily World  
9/21/11

Road paving work will begin within 15 days on three county roads following action Wednesday morning in a special session of the Greene County Commissioners. The bids were opened at Monday's regular session, but the special session was necessitated when the commissioners wanted time to review the bid packages, then award them quickly so work can be completed by Dec. 1. The contract for Timber Trace Subdivision road in the eastern part of the county - off of State Road 45 - drew the longest discussion because of tight money. District 1 Commissioner Kermit Holtsclaw would prefer to have the entire 1.9 mile stretch of the roadway paved, but his Wheel Tax money allotment for his district will only allow for \$137,500 worth of paving. Dave O'Mara Construction, of North Vernon, was the low bidder on the fixed price amount to pave the entire roadway at \$184,187.50. [Greene County Daily World: Local News: Commissioners award paving contracts, but not without some discussion \(09/21/11\)](#)

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