



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **October 6, 2011**

#### **Young introduces emergency transportation legislation Bill is companion legislation to Rand Paul plan**

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Although Indiana, Kentucky and the Federal Highway Administration said that funding will be available to pay for the repair of the Sherman Minton Bridge, area legislators are pushing to enact their own plan. Indiana Rep. Todd Young, R-9th District, introduced legislation in U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday to close a gap in federal highway planning and funding that was exposed as a result of the emergency closure of the Sherman Minton Bridge, according to a press release. Young's solution to close the federal funding gap is the Emergency Transportation Safety Fund Act of 2011 and is companion legislation to a bill filed by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. [Young introduces emergency transportation legislation » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

#### **Dunbar Bridge still major concern for residents**

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If and when the bridge does close, Reasor as well as the neighborhood in which it is located will be forced to find a different route into town, she said. "The bridge belongs to the people," said Reasor. "It's historic, and so is Rockville Road." The bridge, which was built in 1880, has been in need of repairs for quite some time now. Not only does it leak during heavy rains it is also unable to handle the weight of a school bus or a fire truck, which is a major concern for not only the neighborhood but for fire and safety as well. "It's a matter of public safety and response time," explained Greencastle Fire Chief Bill Newgent. "This area is not immune to emergencies." [Greencastle Banner-Graphic: Local News: Dunbar Bridge still major concern for residents \(10/05/11\)](#)

#### **Officials blame weather for Lindberg Road delay**

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Tippecanoe County Highway Director Opal Kuhl wants to make one thing clear about ongoing efforts to build a bridge over the Celery Bog on Lindberg Road in West Lafayette: Although officials have revised the project's completion date multiple times, getting the bridge built was never going to be an easy task. "Frankly, the Lindberg Road (project) in some people's minds is behind, but in my mind, they're doing everything they can do," Kuhl said. "To me, no matter who had that Lindberg project, it was going to be like this because we were asking them to do a 1,400-

foot bridge in eight (or) nine months. A project of that size normally you'd spread over ... a second season." [Officials blame weather for Lindberg Road delay | Journal and Courier | jconline.com](#)

### **Indiana Firm Involved in 'Top Roads'**

Inside INdiana Business

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Indianapolis, Ind.) -- Two transportation projects by engineering firm American Structurepoint, Inc., were chosen among the Top 10 Roads in the Nation by Roads & Bridges magazine in its 2011 contest. Projects were judged on several factors, including size, contractor challenges and impact on drivers. The US 421 Milton Madison Bridge over the Ohio River, a project led by construction inspection firm Michael Baker Corporation with assistance from American Structurepoint, has been named No. 3 on the list. In addition, American Structurepoint's Keystone Parkway Corridor has been named No. 7 on the list.

[Indiana Firm Involved in 'Top Roads' - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

### **Time to change course on extension of I-69**

The Journal Gazette

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Indiana has a number of fiscal hawks among our elected officials who talk tough about ending subsidies and cutting wasteful projects. Yet these officials have been surprisingly silent in voicing any concern about the largest publicly funded project in the state – the now-projected \$3 billion new-terrain Interstate 69 from Evansville to Indianapolis. This project comes at an even greater price to the Hoosier taxpayer. Our organization recently released an economic analysis – reviewed by an economist formerly with the right-leaning Hudson Institute – which concludes that over the next two years, Indiana will dedicate 23 percent of its available funding for highway construction, maintenance and repair to the new-terrain I-69 project. In 2013 alone, 30 percent will be devoted to this single project. Perhaps most astonishingly, this doesn't account for the projected \$1.2 billion required to connect Bloomington to Indianapolis and actually finish the project. <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20111006/EDIT05/310069977/1147/EDIT07>

### **Commissioners award road contracts**

Greene County Daily World

10/6/11

The Greene County Commissioners moved forward with several road projects with the awarding of contracts at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon. Milestone Contracting, located in eastern Greene County, was awarded the contract for three projects associated with Interstate 69 construction work. The commissioners hope to complete all three projects before the end of the calendar year. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will reimburse the money spent by the county on the trio of road upgrades. [Greene County Daily World: Local News: Commissioners award road contracts \(10/06/11\)](#)