



## **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

### **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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#### **Nearly two dozen bridges around Indianapolis in need of repair, rehab**

WXIN

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Indianapolis-Indianapolis city officials said bridges across Indianapolis have been neglected for years, some that date back more than nine decades. The Joseph W. Summers Memorial Bridge is on that list. "We are making the improvements to make it safer for people to use it," said Kara Brooks, an Indianapolis Department of Public Works spokesperson. Brooks said the bridge, that acts as a main thoroughfare into the downtown area, needs to be rehabilitated. She also said it has been considered a top priority by the city following a 2010 inspection report. Only part of the bridge was rehabilitated in 2004. "The eastside needed repairs as well, but, due to funding, that didn't take place," said Brooks. Obvious structural damage to the bridge is along the southeast corner. A big portion of the railing is missing after a car accident, and several other sections of the railing are leaning towards the water. <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-nearly-two-dozen-bridges-around-indianapolis-in-need-of-repair-rehab-20111013,0,7086016.column>

#### **Clarksville working to stabilize Harrison Avenue**

News and Tribune

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CLARKSVILLE — Clarksville officials hope to have a portion of Harrison Avenue that has been closed since flood waters washed it out in May, reopened by the end of the week. Contractors have been on the site, which is near George Rogers Clark Park west of the boat ramp parking lot, all week. Project manager Brittany Montgomery said in recent years erosion has been a major problem for the road because it's close to McAlpine Lock. The bank on which the road sits has slipped at least twice in the last decade — once in May and once in 2004. This time around, town officials hope to stabilize the slipping bank using a technique called soil nailing. Soil Nails, a Colorado-based firm, has been hired on a \$99,200 contract. They're working this week, she said, drilling holes in the hillside and replacing the dirt with concrete and rebar. [Clarksville working to stabilize Harrison Avenue » Clark County » News and Tribune](#)

#### **I-69 project moving at a steady pace forward**

Greene County Daily World

10/14/11

Construction work on Interstate 69 is moving northward at a steady pace, according to an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) spokesperson. An estimated 1,100 employees are working along the entire corridor each day, according to INDOT media spokesperson Cheri Elliott, working out of the Vincennes District office. Road work is under way around the clock in southern Greene and northern Daviess county as crews try to complete Section 3 by the end of 2012. One

county road overpass bridge has been completed in Greene County near Mt. Nebo Church -- on County Road 100W -- south of County Road 700S (Newberry-Scotland Road). \*From US 231 interchange south to CR 1400N there are roughly 160 contractor employees working on this particular project (operators, laborers, carpenters, teamsters, iron workers, etc), Elliott stated, "There are 14 bridge structures currently being constructed Four county road overpass bridge structures over the I-69 corridor are currently open to traffic in Daviess County.  
<http://gcdailyworld.com/story/1774057.html>

### **Cline Avenue Projects Moving Forward**

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EAST CHICAGO, Ind. - As it considers two private proposals to build a new Cline Avenue bridge, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is moving forward with improvements that will not conflict with either proposal. Bids to demolish the existing unsafe structure are expected to be opened on November 30. Demolition may begin as early as this winter and be completed by the end of 2012. Bids to construct a new exit ramp for eastbound State Road 912/Cline Avenue to Riley Road are expected to be opened in February 2012. The ramp - also known as "Ramp D" - will open to traffic in late 2012. INDOT Commissioner Michael B. Cline met today with East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland to discuss the two unsolicited proposals that would leverage private investor funds to build a new Cline Avenue bridge. The first proposal is a long-term financing arrangement by a team of Winners Development, Balfour Beatty PLC, Parsons Brinckerhoff and National Standard Finance LLC.  
<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=50279> Also, [E.C. mayor, INDOT chief talk options for new Cline bridge](#)

### **MIZELL STEWART: Consider tolls to address the sorry state of infrastructure**

Evansville Courier & Press  
10/16/11

In an era where distrust of government and concern over taxes is the norm, a pay-as-you-go approach must be considered. Revenues from the federal gasoline tax are in decline as Americans drive less due to rising fuel prices and the purchase of more fuel-efficient cars. Pay-as-you-go, however, is no panacea; all we have to do is look at another crumbling bridge, the New Harmony toll bridge over the Wabash River, for an example. That bridge, rated 'structurally deficient' in its most recent inspection, continues to deteriorate because the traffic is so light that tolls barely generate enough income for its upkeep. An estimated \$8 million in repairs are needed, but the White County Bridge Commission — an anachronism that will require the state legislatures of Illinois and Indiana or even an act of Congress to bring into the 21st Century — doesn't have the ability to do them. [MIZELL STEWART: Consider tolls to address the sorry state of infrastructure » Evansville Courier & Press](#)

### **Phase II of Cumberland Avenue Project in West Lafayette moves forward**

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (WLF1) - Plans are moving forward for Phase II of the Cumberland Avenue project in West Lafayette. The \$3 million dollar project hopes to begin construction in March 2012. The City of West Lafayette will begin to accept bids for the project beginning on Thursday. City Engineer David Buck hopes Phase II can be completed in one construction season. Phase I, which was from U.S. 52 to Yeager Road, was completed in 2010. Phase II continues where Phase I left off at Yeager Road to Salisbury Street. Phase III, the largest of the three phases) will stretch from Salisbury Street to Soldiers Home Road. Phase II involves the

construction of two roundabouts, one at Yeager Road and the other at Manchester Street. The "boulevard" look to Cumberland Avenue will go away. Instead, two-way traffic will be split by a yellow line median. However, residents will enjoy an access road, allowing them to avoid the heavy traffic. In fact, decreasing the heavy traffic is the whole point. [Phase II of Cumberland Avenue Project in West Lafayette moves forward | WLFI - Lafayette, Indiana](#)

### **Bid awarded for Mill Street project**

Journal Review

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City officials are trying to squeeze in added paving work before the weather turns. Members of the Crawfordsville Board of Public Works and Safety met Monday in a special meeting to approve a bid for the completion of the Mill Street project. The board also opened bids for seven other projects. Rhoads Construction was awarded the contract to complete the paving from Mill Street where the work ends near Chestnut Street to Wabash Avenue. The original specifications called for the project to end near Chestnut Street, but it was decided to extend the project to Wabash Avenue. Bids ranged from \$57,830 to \$68,894. Those bids were tabled until Street Superintendent Scott Hesler and the city engineer could review them. At the end of Monday's meeting, Hesler said he would like to make a recommendation to get the project started as soon as possible. The contract was given to Rhoads. The three bids for the various paving projects around the city came in anywhere from \$163,125 to a high bid of \$179,859. The middle bid was \$173,138. This time Milestone had the low bid. [Bid awarded for Mill Street project - journalreview.com: News](#)

### **INDOT To Offer Incentives For Fast Minton Bridge Fix**

Indiana Public Media

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The Indiana Department of Transportation will release information Tuesday morning regarding the repair plan for the Sherman Minton bridge in New Albany. INDOT spokesman Will Wingfield says the bid deadline is 10 a.m., after which the department will prepare to award the contract, based on cost and estimated completion time. Wingfield says the job should take about six months and cost approximately \$20 million. He adds there are also rewards available if the work wraps up quickly – and possible penalties if it takes too long. "If they get work done early, they're eligible for incentives at \$100,000 per day," Wingfield says. "If they come in late then they're liable for damages at \$100,000 per day." The federal government will pay \$5 million of the total cost, with Indiana and Kentucky splitting the rest.

[INDOT To Offer Incentives For Fast Minton Bridge Fix | News - Indiana Public Media](#)

### **Jeffersonville City Council OKs Big Four funding agreement**

News and Tribune

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JEFFERSONVILLE — The Jeffersonville City Council has approved an agreement with state transportation officials regarding funding for the proposed Big Four Pedestrian Bridge. The agreement essentially formalizes a city pledge to fund 20 percent of the project, about \$2 million. The remaining \$8 million will be funded by the Indiana Department of Transportation. The project aims to build an approach to the Big Four Bridge, which is being converted into a pedestrian and bicycle crossing between Indiana and Kentucky. The bridge was built for railroad traffic in 1895 but was closed and its approaches removed in 1969. It's been useless since. [Jeffersonville City Council OKs Big Four funding agreement » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

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