



BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL

Infrastructure Media Summary

October 20, 2011

Union rally calls for bridge repairs

South Bend Tribune
10/18/11

They chanted back and forth across the Michigan Street bridge Tuesday afternoon. Fix the bridge! called out one union member standing on the east side of the bridge holding a sign that read Protect Local Jobs. Fix the bridge! responded a group of union members standing on the bridges west-side walkway carrying their own signs. Fix the bridge! shouted members of Occupy South Bend who joined the rally. This bridge needs to be repaired, AFL-CIO spokesman Tony Flora said as passing motorists honked horns in support. We need people to go to work. With Indianas unemployment rate hovering at 8.7 percent and 1,968 bridges in the state rated as structurally deficient, union members sponsored by the Indiana State AFL-CIO took to the Michigan Street bridge as well as the Cline Avenue Bridge in Gary and the Sherman Minton Bridge in New Albany calling on Congress to put people to work fixing bridges and roads. [Union rally calls for bridge repairs - South Bend Tribune](#) Also, [Union Rallies Focus on Infrastructure - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

March deadline set to fix closed Ohio River bridge

The Ball State Daily News
10/18/11

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana on Tuesday awarded a \$13.9 million contact to repair a closed Ohio River bridge linking southern Indiana and northern Kentucky to a Louisville, Ky.-based company that promised to have the nearly 50-year-old span reopened by early March. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels said Hall Contracting has committed to finishing the repairs on Sherman Minton Bridge in 135 work days, with March 2 as the "target date" for completion. If it meets that goal, the bridge will have been closed nearly six months by the time it reopens. Hall Contracting was one of four companies that bid on the project to fasten about 2.4 million pounds of new steel onto the double-decker bridge to reinforce the span that links New Albany, Ind., and Louisville. The governor said Indiana and Kentucky will each pay about \$5.2 million toward the repairs, with the federal government expected to pay about \$3.4 million, or a quarter of the costs. Indiana, which oversees the maintenance of the span, ordered the bridge closed Sept. 9 at Daniels' direction after a 2 1/2-inch-long crack was found in a steel support beam. [March deadline set to fix closed Ohio River bridge - The Ball State Daily News - Ball State University](#)

Interstate 69 opponents target another section of project

Indiana Business Journal
10/19/11

Two environmental groups have filed a second lawsuit in federal court in an ongoing battle to halt construction of Interstate 69 in southern Indiana. The Hoosier Environmental Council and Citizens for Appropriate Rural Roads, or CARR, allege in a lawsuit filed late last week that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the federal Clean Water Act in issuing a permit for construction of 29 miles of I-69 between Oakland City and Washington, known as Section 2. The suit in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is similar to one the groups filed in February regarding the Corps' permitting of Section 3, a 26-mile segment between Washington and Crane. The new case involves a permit the Corps issued allowing 644,802 cubic yards of fill in wetlands in Pike and Daviess Counties, including the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Wildlife management area. [Interstate 69 opponents target another section of project | 2011-10-19 | Indianapolis Business Journal | IBJ.com](#)

County receives grant to develop U.S. 421 and I-94

Herald Argus
10/19/11

La PORTE -La Porte County has received a \$1.3 million grant for an ongoing development in the area of U.S. 421 and I-94. Matthew Reardon, Principal of Economic and Community Development, gave an update Tuesday at the County Commissioner meeting concerning an economic development project at U.S. 421 and I-94. "I am happy to report that through the efforts of the (La Porte County Economic Development) Alliance, the county has received a \$1.304 million dollar grant for the purpose of economic development at U.S. 421 and I-94," said Reardon. Reardon also said funds are being sought to develop streets and make improvements in the area between U.S. 421, CR-950W, CR-400N and I-94. "There is a proposal for road improvement to be done along CR-950W," said La Porte County Economic Development Alliance Co-Director, John Regetz. Regetz said the alliance is coordinating with the county commission, the county council, the county highway department, the county planning commission, the Michigan City Water Department and the Michigan City Sanitary District. "Part of the plan commission's interest was to see an access road developed," said Regetz.

<http://heraldargus.com/articles/2011/10/19/news/local/doc4e9e0e5258c0c537768812.txt>

Lindberg Road still likely to open by end of month

Journal and Courier
10/19/11

The long-anticipated Lindberg Road bridge over the Celery Bog still is on pace to open to traffic by the end of the month, West Lafayette city officials said. Under construction since late last year, the bridge has seen its completion date delayed multiple times. Bad weather, combined with the project's complicated nature, contributed to the migration of the date from Aug. 1, to mid-September, to early October and now to the end of the month. But at a redevelopment commission meeting Tuesday, city engineer Dave Buck said he's confident the bridge will open by its revised completion date. Workers with Reynolds-based Jack Isom Construction need to pour asphalt and stripe the new road before the project is complete, Buck said.

The land under the bridge is composed of layers of peat and marle. Over the years, Lindberg Road has repeatedly settled and been resurfaced. [Lindberg Road still likely to open by end of month | Journal and Courier | jconline.com](#)

Public Meeting Informs Public About Highway 41 Changes

Tristatehomepag.com
10/19/11

Parts of Highway 41 will be getting a major facelift. The Indiana Department of Transportation held a public meeting today to inform the public about it could affect them. We spoke with one

man who says the project could be bad for his business. Dozens of people attended a public meeting at Fort Branch Community School to hear what changes the Indiana Department of Transportation has in store for Highway 41. INDOT's Cher Elliot says people need to be informed about what will be happening. Construction will take place in two phases, plans include repairing pavement, patching road shoulders and adding some measures to improve traffic flow. Another item for construction is the elimination of some of the median crossovers across the highway. Construction isn't scheduled to begin until the Fall of next year. Officials say the project will take two construction seasons and be finished in the summer of 2014.

http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=311397 Also, [INDOT: 2 years of U.S. 41 upgrades on the way - Princeton Daily Clarion: Pdclarion](#)

www.buildindianacouncil.org