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Infrastructure Media Summary

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Mayor Outlines Timeline For RebuildIndy Projects

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INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today released a timeline for completion of RebuildIndy projects scheduled to be finished in 2011 as the construction season draws to a close. Most of the work still under construction will be completed by Thanksgiving, and people will begin to see fewer road work signs in the coming weeks. “Our extensive investment in streets, sidewalks, roads and bridges through RebuildIndy is resulting in an infrastructure transformation in Indianapolis unlike any other we will see in our lifetime,” said Mayor Ballard. “This initiative is creating jobs, improved quality of life and enhanced public safety for our residents and those who do business here.” <http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?id=50365>

Downtown Gary roads in for major makeover

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The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission has approved a \$14.3 million reconstruction of Fourth and Fifth avenues in downtown Gary, which are U.S. 12 and U.S. 20, respectively. The project was added to NIRPC's Transportation Improvement Program on an emergency basis because of the severe deterioration of both roads, NIRPC Executive Director John Swanson said. The addition to NIRPC's transportation plan will allow the Indiana Department of Transportation to move swiftly in bidding and getting the project under way, he said. The construction project will start almost a mile east of Interstate 65, where U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 are one road, to approximately Bridge Street in the west, a total distance of almost four and a half miles. The multimillion-dollar project greatly should enhance the look of two of downtown Gary's main routes, with the roads, curbs and sidewalks completely rebuilt. The project includes an extensive upgrade of traffic signals along the heavily traveled commuter and truck routes. [Downtown Gary roads in for major makeover](#)

Expansion Of S.R. 261 Begins, Gov. Daniels Attends Ceremony

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Today marks the beginning of a major road expansion project in Warrick County. The \$12.1-million project will make S.R. 261 a five lane road from S.R. 66 to Fuquay Rd. Between Fuquay Rd. and Old Plank Rd. the roadway will be turned into a three lane road. The project is one of

more than 200 that have been funded by the Major Moves program--which is supported by the 2006 lease of the Indiana Toll Road. Governor Mitch Daniels was on-hand for today's ground breaking event. "As a Hoosier I'm really pleased that we are expanding a competitive advantage. I mean literally roads are crumbling elsewhere. Nobody is building new ones and here we are-- and that's a really great selling point to try to bring jobs here," says Governor Daniels. The majority of the construction work will begin in Spring 2012. It will take at least two and a half years to complete the project, with the expected completion in April 2014. [Expansion Of S.R. 261 Begins, Gov. Daniels Attends Ceremony - TriStateHomePage.com](#)

Bloomington Could Lose \$25M In I-69 Extension Fight City's Federally Funded Transportation Budget At Stake

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INDIANAPOLIS -- A fight over the Interstate 69 extension in southern Indiana could cost the city of Bloomington millions of dollars. If Bloomington officials don't include the extension in their transportation plan, the city could lose \$25 million in federal funds. Every two years the Metropolitan Planning Organization submits plans to the Indiana Department of Transportation, which must be approved by the state before federal funds are disbursed to Bloomington. Less than two miles of the extension is under MPO's jurisdiction in Greene and Monroe Counties, but the MPO isn't backing the project, 6News' Stacia Matthews reported. [Bloomington Could Lose \\$25M In I-69 Extension Fight - Indiana News Story - WRTV Indianapolis](#)

Economic development, infrastructure key concerns in Cedar Lake race

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CEDAR LAKE | Economic development and infrastructure are the leading issues in the Ward 7 race for Cedar Lake Town Council. "I've worked aggressively to keep infrastructure (projects going) to get (projects) completed and connected," he said. "Obviously, there's been more done in the last 12 to 16 years than (has been done) in the history of the town." He and fellow councilmen have pinpointed millions of dollars toward infrastructure projects. Once in office he would look for "alternatives to paving every road." There might be less expensive opportunities to improve roads "not used as much" such as grinding or overlay. [Economic development, infrastructure key concerns in Cedar Lake race](#)

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