



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

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### **Repairs get going on Sherman Minton Bridge** **Deck work begins, mills start making steel reinforcements**

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As mills across the Midwest begin churning out the steel to reinforce the shutdown Sherman Minton Bridge, repair crews have begun patching the span's concrete decking, Indiana officials said Thursday. The repairs "are on schedule and on budget," said Will Wingfield, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He added that "the clock started running Oct. 19," the day after the state accepted Louisville-based Hall Contracting's \$13.9 million bid to repair the bridge in 135 days. That would place the bridge's reopening in early March. Work crews began deck repairs Tuesday and are doing so as weather permits, Wingfield said during a press conference held in Clarksville to update the public on the project's progress. He said Hall Contracting and its subcontractors have "several dozen" people working on the bridge, with the number fluctuating with the work to be done. [Repairs get going on Sherman Minton Bridge | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

### **I-69 still in jeopardy; Bloomington group maintains roadblock**

Evansville Courier & Press  
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —Indiana's 142-mile Interstate 69 extension remained in jeopardy Friday as a Bloomington group kept in place the procedural roadblock it has tossed in front of the northern portion of the project. The city's officials repeatedly decried the Indiana Department of Transportation's tactics, accusing the state of "extortion" to try to move the highway's construction along more rapidly, during a sometimes-tense five-hour meeting. The Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization was expected to vote Friday on whether to drop its objections and amend I-69 construction back into its three-year plan. Instead, the group opted to again push back that vote, this time until its February meeting. The reason for the delay, its members said, is so that the city of Bloomington can keep the only leverage it has to affect the project. The state has leverage of its own. It has threatened to turn off the state and federal funding spigots, shutting Bloomington out of receiving millions of dollars, until it gets what it wants: approval to build I-69 through the Bloomington area.

[I-69 still in jeopardy; Bloomington group maintains roadblock » Evansville Courier & Press](#) Also, [Greene County Daily World: Local News: Contract awarded for Section 4 of I-69 corridor in Greene and Monroe counties \(11/03/11\)](#),

### **University Parkway nears completion**

Evansville Courier & Press  
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VANDERBURGH COUNTY —Long construction hours and hard work are proving beneficial for Vanderburgh County's long-anticipated University Parkway. With workers on site 14 to 16 hours a day, the project is ahead of schedule. Scott Schoenbachler, engineer for Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Inc., said the paving crew have put in long, dedicated periods the past two weeks. "We're doing a lot of work and some of it is happening at night," he said. "So maybe it seemed like we were working 24 hours a day." The \$8.7 million segment is scheduled for completion in September 2012, but Schoenbachler said it could open much sooner. Construction work on the last segment of the four-lane connector is still ongoing — a 1.6-mile stretch between Marx Road and Indiana 66. The finished Parkway will give drivers a direct connection between the Lloyd Expressway and Indiana 66.

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### **Bridge work restricts westside traffic**

Palladium-Item  
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will restrict traffic today on U.S. 40 to finish work on the Clear Creek bridge. The bridge, which was built as part of the \$9.1 million Major Moves reconstruction of U.S. 40 on Richmond's near west side, will be coated with special sealants to prevent concrete damage and vandalism. Milestone Contractors will place a surface treatment on the bridge deck to protect the concrete, and a paint-resistant sealant will be applied to the bridge walls to protect against graffiti. U.S. 40 will be restricted to a single lane in each direction for about two weeks as the sealants are applied. Restrictions will alternate from the inside to the outside lanes as work progresses. Access to and from South West 13th Street also will be restricted until work is complete. This schedule is weather dependent, as the surface must be dry to apply the sealants. <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20111108/NEWS01/111080310/Bridge-work-restricts-westside-traffic>

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