



# **BUILD INDIANA COUNCIL**

## **Infrastructure Media Summary**

### **November 10, 2011**

#### **I-69 opponents concerned about safety of motorists**

Greene County Daily World  
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Longtime opponents of the Interstate 69 project contend a rush to get the highway under way is leading to a rash of accidents, with three people dead and four more injured during October. Now, they're calling for construction to close down until improved safety measures can be put in place. However, state officials say the situation's being misconstrued. "It is really distressing what we see going on. ... Basically, they're in a big rush, and risks are being taken which shouldn't be," said Sandra Tokarski, a member of Citizens for Appropriate Rural Roads, Inc. (CARR), which has long opposed I-69. Citing a pair of serious accidents that occurred in Daviess and Greene counties during October, CARR members suggest inadequate safety precautions are being taken on existing roads near the I-69 construction site. As an example, they point to a photograph taken at the junction of U.S. 231 and County Road 710S where a heavily congested area lacks proper warning signs, and a speed limit sign has been covered up. "No new speed limits are posted," the group contends. However, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) officials say they've investigated the group's contentions, and believe no safety problems exist. "Any time there is a concern which is raised over safety, INDOT investigates it fully," said Cher Goodwin, INDOT spokeswoman for I-69 and the Vincennes District. "There have been no problems found." [Greene County Daily World: Local News: I-69 opponents concerned about safety of motorists \(11/08/11\)](#)

#### **Bridges Authority meeting is canceled**

The Courier-Journal  
11/8/11

A meeting of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority's finance and [construction](#) committee that had been planned for Thursday has been canceled. The bridges authority is in charge of financing the Ohio River Bridges Project's two new bridges and a redesigned Spaghetti Junction interchange. In a statement about the cancellation on its website, the authority said its work evaluating contracting methods for the project has spurred discussion among transportation officials in the two states. The authority wants to have the results of those discussions before it or the finance and construction committee meet to recommend a contracting method. The authority will announce its next meeting once a date is selected. In the meantime, the authority will continue to work with officials in both states to build a consensus on the best way to move the project ahead, the statement said. [Bridges Authority meeting is canceled | The Courier-Journal | courier-journal.com](#)

#### **INDOT announces nightly lane restrictions on I-65 in Boone County**

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Crews will be patching the interstate from US 52 to one half mile south of Exit 138. Reith-Riley Construction Company, Inc. and designer R.W. Armstrong were awarded the \$41,455,610 Major Moves design build contract. The project on I-65 will add an additional lane in each direction and reconstruct the existing lanes of I-65 from six tenths of a mile north of State Road 32 to one half mile south of Boone County Road 100 East. This project also includes rebuilding the State Road 39 Bridge over I-65 and rehabilitating the bridge over Lafayette Ave. The project is scheduled to be open to traffic in November 2012. Major Moves fully funds a decade of critical highway projects in Indiana. Major Moves capitalizes on Indiana's strategic location at the Crossroads of America by building a superior road infrastructure. This innovative plan will bring jobs to the Hoosier State and leave a legacy for Indiana to be a global leader in distribution and logistics. [INDOT announces nightly lane restrictions on I-65 in Boone County - fox59.com](#)

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