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INTERSTATE 65 EXPANSION

Prep work begins on Ind. 267 bridge over Interstate 65

Tim Harvey, project superintendent for Milestone Contractors, LP, said in an e-mail update that preliminary work has begun replacing the Indiana 267 bridge over Interstate 65 in Boone County.



Harvey said workers are placing heavy-duty asphalt on the north shoulders of Ind. 267 adjacent to the existing bridge to move traffic to the north half of the bridge. Two lanes of traffic (one lane each direction) will be maintained on the existing bridge while workers are constructing the first half of the new bridge. Workers will change the lane lines to shift traffic to the north half of the existing bridge around April 1, and place temporary concrete barrier wall to separate motorists from the work zone.

Portions of the existing bridge behind the temporary concrete barrier wall will be demolished to pro-

vide room to construct half of the new bridge. Demolition of portions of the existing bridge is scheduled for April 8 and 9, and will be accomplished by closing all lanes of I-65 at Ind. 267 beginning at 10 p.m. each night. During the

demolition process, I-65 traffic will be diverted to the Ind. 267 off-ramps, across Ind. 267, and back onto I-65. All lanes of I-65 will be open to unrestricted traffic by 6 a.m. each morning. It is anticipated that diverting I-65 traffic around the demolition site utilizing the Ind. 267 ramps will only cause a minimal delay to the traveling public as they pass through the work zone.

The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph while workers are present. Motorists are encouraged to stay alert to changing conditions within all work zones, and "give road construction workers a brake," Harvey said.