

You need funds...we have the solution.

While Governor Daniels has ordered even more cuts from the State budget, there exists a treasure chest full of taxpayer dollars that could be used to bolster local budgets.

Take a look and think about how you could use \$1,000,000.00 for your community.

Wake up, Indiana, these are hard times! It is time for a serious questioning of the I-69 project.

Do you want to forego funding for *needed projects in your community*? The total estimated cost of I-69 is at least \$3,000,000,000. That's **THREE BILLION DOLLARS!**

The state has only \$700 million, 23% of what is needed for construction of I-69. Where will the other 77%, \$2.3 billion, come from?

That \$700 million is discretionary money; it could be used for other state needs, other state highway projects, like the Kline Avenue Bridge in NW Indiana, which is now closed, diverting 30,000 vehicles a day to other congested roads.

Existing roads and bridges in Indiana are in serious need of repairs and upgrades. Indiana has more than 4,000 bridges rated as deficient or obsolete, putting it among the states with the greatest backlog of bridge work.

By order of Governor Daniels, I-69 is being built using cheaper design standards, this means more frequent upgrades and maintenance costs. This will drain highway and transportation dollars from all of Indiana for years to come. For example “Budget Woes Delay Princeton, IN Road Project”:

<http://www.news25.us/global/story.asp?s=11556751>

INDOT's I-69 will take too much of our money!

Here is what Indiana will waste on I-69:

This is One million dollars - \$1,000,000.00

Here is the cost to build new terrain I-69 in Indiana expressed as millions of dollars, based on the latest INDOT released calculations, March 2009:

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Ten Million—Won't pay for 1 mile of I-69!

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One Hundred Million—What would this do for school repairs in your district?

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[illegible]

\$ 1 Billion Here – How many local budgets could be supported with these dollars?

\$ 2 Billion Here – and I-69 is not finished even yet, cut your budget again!

= \$3 billion.

Or 3,000 million dollars that could be serving our communities.

Polls have consistently shown that even in Southwest Indiana and Evansville, the majority of citizens oppose the new terrain route.

The cost of highway construction has skyrocketed faster than inflation.

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Remember, the state has only \$700 million which is 23% of the needed funds, to build I-69. Where will the other 77%, \$2.3 billion, come from? From projects being cut in other areas of Indiana.

And that \$700 million is discretionary money, it could be used for other state needs, upgrades and repairs to existing roads and bridges, water and sewer infrastructure improvements, transit and rail expansion, education, job creation. Make up your own list.

Money is so tight in Indiana that Governor Daniels has laid off truck and school bus inspectors:
<mailto:http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/MediaManagerViewer/NewsClipping/Story.aspx?ID=45090&Type=NewsClipping>

Are you concerned about cuts to education? For \$3 billion Indiana could hire 6,000 teachers and pay them each \$50,000 a year for 10 years.

A reasonable Evansville to Indy alternative exists: Upgrade US-41 to I-70 at approximately 1/2 the cost.