



I-69 overview

Join the Coalition Supporting Common Sense I-69

In 2004, the Indiana Department of Transportation received approval to build the I-69 extension from Indianapolis to Evansville along the “New-Terrain” route.

The New-Terrain route would pave nearly 5,000 acres of farmland, destroy dozens of family farms, cut down over 1,900 acres of forest land, divide several communities, and pass through the middle of Patoka Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The result will be a major highway through rural Southern Indiana that costs more than \$3.2 billion and only saves 13 minutes of travel time from Evansville to Indianapolis.

An alternative route, following U.S. 41 and I-70, can accomplish the same core goals with less financial and environmental cost to Hoosiers.

It is Common Sense I-69.

At a time when Indiana is facing incredible economic challenges, INDOT continues to push forward with the expensive, unnecessary, and environmentally devastating New-Terrain I-69 project. Governor Daniels has instructed INDOT to pursue an “aggressive construction schedule” on New-Terrain I-69 while at the same time conceding that there is a major funding shortage for the highway. The current overall cost estimates have ballooned to \$3.2 billion, yet only \$700 million in funding has been identified.

The least costly and least environmentally damaging means of extending I-69 to Evansville is to follow the U.S. 41/I-70 route. This route has several advantages over the New-Terrain route, including:

- Can be completed more quickly
- Less than half the construction costs
- Much lower maintenance costs
- Minimal environmental impact



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HEC supports the financially and environmentally responsible alternative for extending I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis – the U.S. 41/I-70 alternative.

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