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- 1) The new road in Indiana, in the latest estimate(April 2007), will cost over \$3.5 billion, a price which will only go up with the rising cost of oil
- 2) The state currently has only \$750 million earmarked for I-69 construction, a fact that leads many to the conclusion that the state will reinstate the idea of toll road.
- 3)Over 400 families will be evicted from their homes along the 142 miles route in Indiana alone (this number excludes families evicted in other states).
- 4) 7 ,000 acres of land will be paved over by construction of the new-terrain I-69 and related development: 5,300 acres of farmland, 1,510 acres of forest-land, and 95 acres of wetlands. At least 400 acres of land containing karst features (caves, sinkholes, underground streams) will be damaged or disturbed.
- 5) The department of transportation's own study shows that over 70% of people in Indiana oppose the new road, while an independent study places that number in the 90's, yet the governor is still pushing the project.
- 6) The proposed I-69 route in southwest Indiana will only save 10-14 minutes on a trip to Indianapolis in comparison to current routes.
- 7) The proposed highway, being part of a huge free trade infrastructure plan, will bring thousands of new trucks and cars through southwest Indiana each day, further increasing air, land, and water pollution in an already heavily polluted region.
- 8) I-69 cannot bring big industry to southwest Indiana, as its supporters claim, because most counties in the area are already in non-attainment of Federal Clean Air Act laws.
- 9) I-69 already exists from the Michigan/Canada border to Indianapolis, and serves as a major artery for international free trade between the U.S. and Canada
- 10) I-69 is part of the "NAFTA Superhighway" plan, which includes similar infrastructure projects in South America (IIRSA), Central America and Mexico (Plan Puebla-Panama), and Canada (Atlantica). It is meant to provide multi-national corporations a more cost-effective way to move goods and capital throughout each country, not to mention allowing them to cheaply exploit the natural resources of Latin America.

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