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Indy Connect Central Indiana's Transportation Initiative

Overview

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What is Indy Connect: Central Indiana's Transportation Initiative?

- Indy Connect is the brand name given to the current transit outreach initiatives being managed by the MPO, including the update of the Indianapolis Long Range Transportation Plan
- It includes these studies and activities
 - Northeast Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS)
 - IndyGo Comprehensive Operations Analysis (bus plan)



Who is Indy Connect: Central Indiana's Transportation Initiative?



What are we doing?

- Updating the Long Range Transportation Plan for Central Indiana and providing a detailed look at all transportation options
- Outlining our regional transportation needs for roads, transit (which includes bus and rail), bicycles, and pedestrian pathways
- Special focus on transit
 - Completing an alternatives analysis and DEIS for one corridor
 - Determining where other transit analyses need to be focused



How is this plan different?

- Key difference – active participation by the private sector
- Central Indiana Transit Task Force – providing a major focus on transit



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Highlights of the CITTF Plan include:

- Roadway projects
- Creation of tolled express lanes
- Significant focus on transit
 - Expanded and enhanced bus service in Central Indiana
 - Light rail on or near Washington Street
 - Commuter rail on existing rail lines northeast to Hamilton County and south to Johnson County



Why consider transit?

- For people who have no other means of transportation - the key is access to jobs, education and health care
- To improve economic development opportunities
- For people who want an alternative to driving
- To promote environmental sustainability and quality of life
- To sustain the core while supporting the region
- To achieve regional connectivity



Transit enhances quality of life

- Reduces transportation expenses
- Makes commute time more productive
- Improves air quality
- Fewer cars on the road can improve roadway safety
- Connects workforce to jobs



Transit enhances the economy

- Helps the region stay competitive
- Offers workforce mobility throughout the whole region
- Provides investment opportunities
- Promotes growth and development at transit station areas
- Helps address regional challenges
- Increases productivity related to commutes



How we compare to peer cities

	Population Rank*	Fixed Guideway	Bus Fleet Size Rank**
Indianapolis	14	No	99
Charlotte	20	Yes	46
St. Louis	52	Yes	52
Denver	26	Yes	16

*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_cities_by_population

**Metro Magazine Bus Fleet Rankings



Timeline

- Central Indiana Transit Task Force released their findings at a large press conference on February 10th
- Turned over their results to the public sector for public review and discussion
- Meetings, presentations, briefings by Indy Connect team
- Comment collection
- Refinement of Long Range Transportation Plan & AA/DEIS



Engaging and listening to the community

- Over 150 meetings and presentations since February 2010
- Distribution of over 50,000 brochures throughout central Indiana
 - 40,000 English
 - 12,000 Spanish
- Over 75,000 hits to the website – www.indyconnect.org
- 3,000+ fans on Facebook / 400+ followers on Twitter
- Collecting comments and suggestions on the best ways to improve our transportation system; received nearly 10,000 comments to date



What we heard

- More frequent, accessible and reliable bus service throughout Central Indiana
- Commuter rail service that would run to Noblesville and Franklin and other communities, including Broad Ripple, Carmel and Zionsville
- Multiple rail stops within Marion County (especially in the urban core) while providing faster express service outside Marion County
- Rail service to the airport



Schedule

- Completing the technical work to modify the plan began this summer (includes NE Corridor analyses)
- Development of the revised plan based on public comment is underway
- Another round of public meetings will be held in late October into November on the revised plan
- The final plan will be approved in December

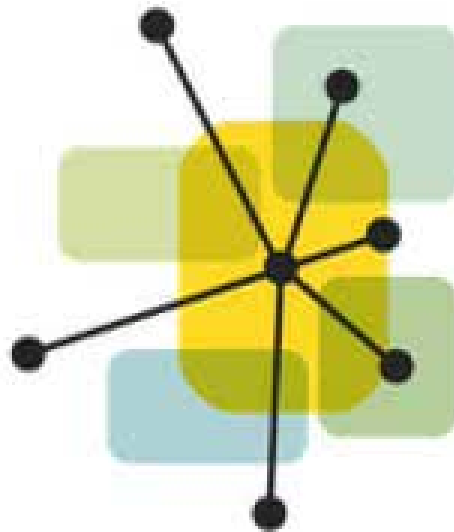


Next Steps

After the transit experts determine a final plan based on our feedback , the following steps *could* happen:

- The Legislature could determine who oversees the transit system in our area and how it could be funded
- The voters could ultimately be asked to vote on the plan, the structure and the funding as early as 2011





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How to Get Involved and Be Heard

- Visit the Indy Connect website – www.indyconnect.org
 - Learn more about and comment on the draft plan
 - Find out more about the public meetings
 - Sign up for regular email updates
- Call the bilingual Indy Connect hot line at 317-327-8601
- Complete a questionnaire/comment card and send it in
- Invite an Indy Connect representative to speak to your local neighborhood or community group; send an email to request@indyconnect.org





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