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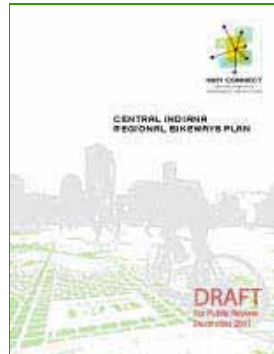
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Regional Bikeways Plan Update

The Regional Bikeways Plan has been released for a second public comment period beginning on December 9th. The comment period will last until January 23rd, and the plan is expected to be up for adoption by the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC) at their February 8th and 22nd meetings. The plan was updated following a public comment period in August and September 2011. Public comments received and responses are included in an appendix at the back of the document. Changes to the plan include the addition of projects constructed during 2011 and an adjustment to the scoring system. The decision to alter the scoring criteria was made by the IRTC at

their 4th quarter meetings.

You can view the draft on the [Multimodal page of the MPO website](#) or www.indyconnect.org. Send comments to Jeremy Moore at 317-327-5495 or jeremy.moore@indy.gov.

Public Participation Plan Update

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking public comment on its Public Participation Plan. This plan (last updated in February 2010) serves as a guide to improve the process for involving citizens in transportation decision making. The plan includes information on holding public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times, using visualization techniques to better describe the impacts of plans, and making public information available in electronically accessible formats. All comments should be received no later than January 23rd. A copy of the plan can be found at <http://www.indympo.org/News/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

MPO Website Survey

The MPO is conducting a website user survey to better understand how people use our [website](#). Please take a few minutes to complete this brief [on-line survey](#). The results will be used in redeveloping our public site.



MPO Awarded FTA Transit Grant

The MPO has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct studies of high-capacity transit in new corridors. The \$2,000,000 grant will be applied towards analyses of alternatives in two corridors: one centered on Washington Street, roughly from Plainfield to Cumberland; and one centered along College Avenue (on the north side) and Keystone and Madison Avenues (on the south side), roughly from Carmel to Greenwood (and perhaps further). These corridors were identified as having strong potential for high-capacity transit in the recent Indy Connect planning process. The study will be initiated during the first six months of 2012.



Directors of Indiana's MPOs.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization hosted this year's statewide MPO conference, Connecting Communities, on October 12-14 at various locations throughout the White River State Park. Conference sessions and breakfast and lunch each day were held at the Eiteljorg Museum. Attendees were given free passes to tour the museum on breaks between sessions. A welcome reception at the NCAA Hall of Champions allowed conference attendees to test their soccer skills on a simulator, shoot hoops in a 1930s retro basketball gymnasium, and tour the facility. The Annual MPO Conference Awards Dinner took place in the lobby of the Indiana State Museum, and guests were also able to tour the 2nd floor gallery before dinner. Entertainment for the evening was provided by a string quartet from the Ben Davis High School Orchestra.

Nearly 200 people attended the conference where a broad variety of sessions were put on by MPOs throughout the state. Guest speakers included Major Brent Johnson from the Indiana State Police; Fred Abousleman, of the National Association of Regional Councils; Robert Tally, the Indiana Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Association; Michael Cline, Commissioner of INDOT; and Brian Payne, the President of the Central Indiana Community Foundation just to name a few!

To provide an afternoon away from the classroom, mobile workshops traveling to the Indianapolis International Airport, City of Carmel, and Downtown Indianapolis' Cultural Trail/YMCA Indy Bike Hub were also offered. The tour of the airport took visitors inside to both the lobby/food court area and behind the scenes to offices and meeting rooms. Airport officials discussed the historical planning process that led to the airport as it is today, as well as current and future planning initiatives that are underway. The tour also highlighted several logistics facilities and businesses in Plainfield that are supported by the airport. The trip to Carmel included a welcome speech from Mayor Jim Brainard, and highlighted several of the City's roundabouts and the recently reconstructed Keystone Parkway. The tour of the Cultural Trail allowed conference attendees to walk or bike the Trail, and stops were made at Georgia Street, where a representative from the Indianapolis Department of Public Works spoke about details of the project, and at the YMCA Indy Bike Hub, where the group was led on a tour of the facility.

IRTC Policy Committee Adopts Transit Resolution

On November 16, 2011, the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC) Policy Committee passed a resolution supporting local options for transit funding. Over 60 organizations throughout Indiana have passed such resolutions during 2011. These resolutions will be compiled and presented to the Indiana General Assembly in 2012 in support of legislation that would enable referenda addressing local transit funding. For more information, please visit the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) [website](#).

Public Transportation during Super Bowl 2012

IndyGo has been involved with several Super Bowl committees and will be urging residents and visitors alike to "Know Before You Go" when making travel plans to downtown Indianapolis. Know Before You Go is the official title of the transportation and parking plan for Super Bowl XLVI.

IndyGo has 30 local fixed-route lines, 26 of which converge in the downtown center of Indianapolis. Friday, January 27, through game day, Sunday, February 5, IndyGo's lines will still have great access, but with slight detours in the downtown area. While downtown timepoints will remain the same, there will be slight routing modifications and all details will be posted online at www.IndyGo.net as well as under the [Know Before You Go tab](#) at www.indianapolisuperbowl.com.

Regular IndyGo passengers already know the benefits of transit for daily commuting, but IndyGo will be a viable option for other downtown employees and visitors alike. IndyGo's routes serve all major shopping and cultural destinations as well as universities and medical facilities. For persons with disabilities all local fixed-route buses are ADA accessible and visitors can even plan in advance to use IndyGo's paratransit reservation service called Open Door. Reservations can be made by calling 317-917-8747.



For new riders and visitors to the community, [IndyGo.net](http://www.IndyGo.net) will dedicate webpages to Super Bowl detours, how to ride instructions, customer service contacts and fare pricing.

If you or someone you know are looking for alternative transportation during the Super Bowl, keep the following quick IndyGo facts in mind:

\$1.75 per ride; \$4.00 for a day pass (exact fare on bus or purchase in advance)

26 Local Fixed Route lines serving downtown Indianapolis

The Green Line Downtown/Airport express service runs daily for \$7.00/ride

Open Door (paratransit) service is for certified riders at \$3.50/ride

IndyGo serves all major shopping and cultural destinations including The Fashion Mall, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Customers may call 317.635.3344 for assistance or visit the Customer Service Center at 34 N. Delaware Street

Know Before You Go online at www.IndyGo.net or www.indianapolissuperbowl.com.

On Thursday February 2nd through Sunday February 5th, IndyGo will offer free rides on both their fixed route and paratransit services! So, Know Before You Go and try IndyGo.

IndyGo Vice President Makes Top "40 Under 40" List

Trevor Ocock, IndyGo Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, has selected for *Mass Transit* magazine's Top "40 Under 40" List for 2011. *Mass Transit* is honoring professionals who have made significant impacts to public transit.

"We are proud that Trevor was nominated for this national transportation industry recognition," explains Mike Terry, President and Chief Executive Officer of IndyGo. "This acknowledgment of exceptional leadership exemplifies the type of innovative efficiency that IndyGo possesses."

Having previously worked for the Central Ohio Transit Authority in leadership capacity for more than eight years, Ocock joined IndyGo in April 2007. He is responsible for the strategic leadership of transportation, service offerings, vehicle and facility maintenance, safety and security, risk management and training. He and his team provide eight to nine million passenger trips per year on a slim \$45 million operating budget.

"Millions of people utilize public transportation every year, relying on it to transport them to work, school, social and sporting activities," says *Mass Transit* Publisher John Hollenhorst. "The individuals chosen for this year's list have been stand-outs in their respective areas and show a strong passion and commitment that exemplifies the best of the best."

Mass Transit is a bi-monthly magazine exclusively dedicated to public transportation. Honorees were nominated by their peers and judged on criteria that included job commitment, industry involvement and contribution, achievement in his or her position, and innovation in his or her field. Trevor is showcased, along with 39 other public transit professionals, in the September/October issue of *Mass Transit* magazine, available online at www.MassTransitmag.com.

