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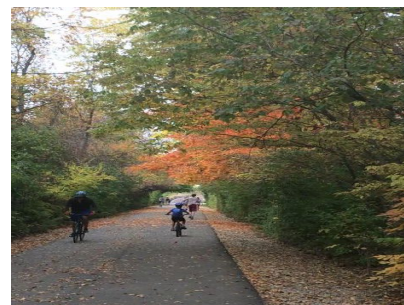
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## Live in Lawrence? Take the Survey!

If you live or work in Lawrence, head over to [the City's Website](#) to take a survey that will inform a new pedestrian and bicycling master plan for the City. The survey will be open through the end of January.



## New Long Range Transportation Plan Approved!

On December 13, 2017, the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC) approved the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This is one of our core products, and provides guidance for much of the MPO's activities.

[Visit our website](#) if you'd like to take a look at our new plan!



## MPO Welcomes Colby!

We've just hired a new intern, Colby Cline! Colby has a Bachelor of Architecture with Ball State University, and is currently completing his Master of Urban Design with Ball State. He will be helping us out with graphic design and visual communications in a couple of plans that the MPO will be putting together this year. We're glad to have him on board!



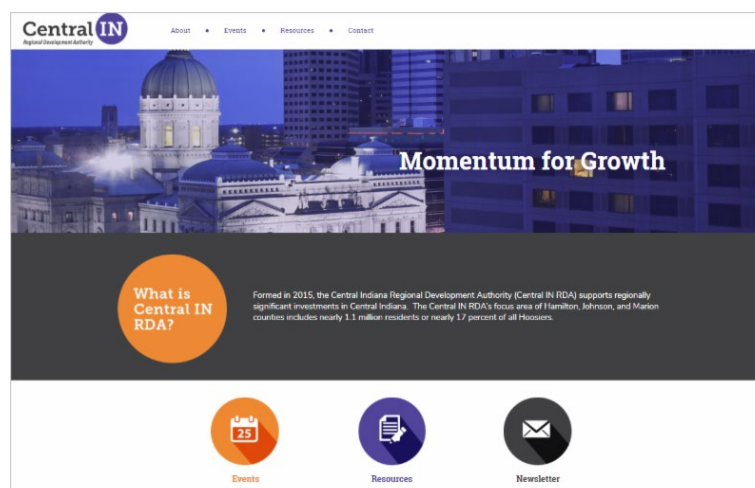
## Opening for a Director of Transportation



Janus Developmental Services is seeking a new Director of Transportation to run Hamilton County Express. For more information, [visit the job listing](#) on the Janus website.

## Central Indiana RDA Website Launches

The Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) has just launched a new website. For information about the RDA, its communities, its board members, or other items of interest, visit the new website at [www.CI-RDA.org](http://www.CI-RDA.org).



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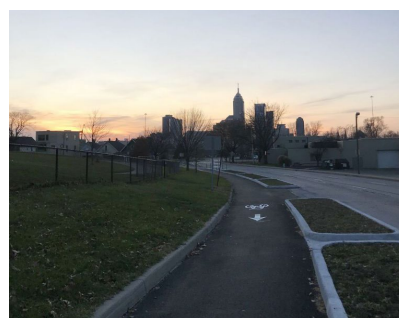
## Cell Phones and Driving: Just Say No

Anna Gremling, Executive Director of the MPO, issued a [letter to the editor](#) in December 2017, asking all Central Indiana citizens to put down their smartphones when they're behind the wheel. Do you have any stories about distracted driving that you'd like to share? [Let us know!](#)



## Bicycle Lanes Nationally Recognized

Indy's New York Street / Michigan Street protected bicycle lanes made the People for Bikes top 10 list of [America's Best New Bikeways of 2017](#)! Congratulations to the City of Indianapolis for this amazing achievement. Check out the entire list!



## INDOT's Paint the Plow Campaign

Once again, INDOT is inviting high school and college art classes/programs to apply to to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their school. One plow blade in each of INDOT's six districts will be painted. For more information, or to apply, visit the [INDOT Paint the Plow website!](#)





# Making our Communities Safer

CMF logo



If your transportation agency is interested in the most effective ways to reduce crashes, check out the [CMF Clearinghouse](#). It's a searchable library of transportation treatments (aka. crash modification factors, or CMF) and their outcomes. Lighting, rail crossings, access management, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements are just a few of the treatments that agencies are implementing to decrease the number and severity of crashes. The clearinghouse provides a great look at their effectiveness in various settings. Visit the website, or check out these recorded webinars for more information.

- [A collection of various CMF webinars](#)
- [Determining the Safety Impacts of Bicycling and Walking Investments](#)
- [Safety Performance Measures for Bicyclists and Pedestrians](#)

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## Indy Moves Meetings

Indy Moves invites all Indianapolis citizens to learn a little about how people and goods move to, through, and around Indianapolis today and share ideas for projects in the future.

Visit [IndyMoves.org](http://IndyMoves.org) for information on upcoming meetings, taking place in [locations all around the city](#) between January 31 and March 8.



## IndyGo Improving Local Routes

On Sunday, February 11, IndyGo will implement the first wave of local bus route improvements as part of the Transit Plan's 70% increase in service. Some of the busiest routes will have more buses on them, and some routes will have more service on the weekends.

Get more information at [www.IndyGo.net](http://www.IndyGo.net).



## MPO Seeking a Senior Planner

The MPO is still accepting applications for the open Senior Planner position. This position develops and monitors the regional transportation plan, a core product of the MPO.

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## Public Hearing - TIP Amendment

There will be a public hearing for a proposed project amendment to the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Check out the [full public notice](#) for details.



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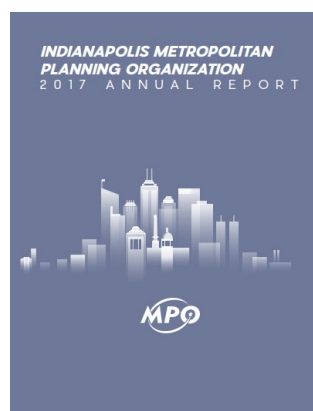
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## 2018 MPO Annual Report

The MPO's Annual Report is a way to share with you our changes and accomplishments from the previous year. It includes some MPO basics, along with updates on how we spent our 2017 federal funding, changes to our staff, project highlights, and a look at what we have planned for 2018. [Check it out!](#)



## HANCOCK COUNTY TRAILS PLAN



### Hancock County Meetings on Trails Plan

If you live or work in Hancock County, you're invited to [public meetings](#) in February or March to discuss routes for walking and biking, existing problem locations, and policies and programs to encourage more active lifestyles. Please



### Mayor of Westfield to Serve on National Advisory Committee

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook was [nominated to serve](#) on the National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

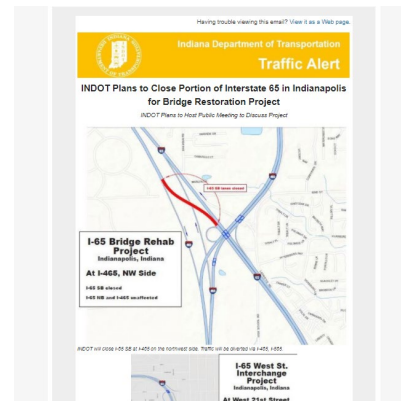


plan to attend!

Congratulations Mayor Cook!

## INDOT to close parts of I-65 in Late Spring 2018

INDOT will close portions of I-65 in late spring/summer of 2018 to repair bridges at/near the intersections with I-465 on the northwest side of Indianapolis, and West Street on the northwest side of downtown Indianapolis. For more information, see [INDOT's update](#).



## IRTC Administrative Meeting Cancelled

The February 23, 2018 meeting of the IRTC Administrative Committee is cancelled. The next meeting of this committee will be **March 9th, at an earlier-than-usual start time of 8:30am**. See the [MPO's calendar](#) for details.

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## IRTC Feb 21 Meeting Recap



At the February 21, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Policy Committee meeting, the council:

- approved [meeting minutes](#) from [October 25, 2017](#) and [December 13, 2017](#)
- elected [new members](#) to the IRTC Administrative Committee
- heard about transportation-related bills currently moving through the Indiana General Assembly
- approved an amendment to the [Unified Planning Work Program](#)
- approved an amendment to the [Transportation Improvement Program](#)
- heard and update on the MPO's process to create a [Strategic Plan](#) for the organization
- heard a [presentation](#) on [INDOT's I-65/I-70 North Split Project](#)
- heard an update about [INDOT's Freight Plan](#)

Official minutes for this meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the [May 23 Policy Committee Meeting](#).

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## INDOT4U

Last week, INDOT announced the launch of [INDOT4U](#). The new tool provides a single point of contact that motorists can use to report a concern, obtain information, or provide feedback to INDOT. Contact INDOT via phone at 1-855-INDOT4U (463-6848), online at [indot4u.com](#), by [email](#), or using the INDOT mobile app ( [Google](#) / [Apple](#) ).



## Indianapolis to Host PlacesForBikes Conference

The 2018 PlacesForBikes Conference will take place on May 1-3 in Downtown Indianapolis. If you're interested in attending, visit the website at [placesforbikesconference.com](#). (Registration costs go up after March 18.)

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## Media Panel on Self-Driving Vehicle Legislation

MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling was a panelist last week for a discussion about self-driving vehicle legislation on WFYI public radio and television. You can [watch](#) or [listen](#) to the 30-minute discussion online. And in case you missed it, you can also read Director Gremling's November 2017 [Letter to the Editor on self-driving vehicles](#).



## Regional Bikeshare Stats

2017 was a busy year for Central Indiana bikeshares!

- **Carmel Bike Share:** Gained over 2,000 new members, who took over 4,000 trips! Check out their [2017 Overview](#).
- **Pacers Bikeshare:** People took over 101,000 trips, biked over 245,000 miles, and burned more than 9 million calories! For more stats, read the full [2017 Annual Report](#).







## MPO Cleans Up Crash Data

The MPO's Data Section began a Crash Record Cleanup project last October to correct the location of records from the State's ARIES database. (ARIES is the State of Indiana's repository for traffic collision and surveillance reports completed by Indiana law enforcement agencies.) Location accuracy is critically important when using crash data for analysis. The location data in ARIES continues to improve every year as advances in GPS and other technologies have made it easier for law enforcement agencies to generate more accurate location data, but we felt it was necessary to clean up past records for Central Indiana so we can use them for performance measures and safety target setting in our planning work.

We're focusing on the Fatality and Serious Injury records from 2012-2017 for eight counties in Central Indiana (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby). This includes over 16,000 crash records, going record by record and reading each police narrative to ensure that the crash locations are placed accurately. We're working on pedestrian and bicycle records first, which should be cleaned up by April 1, 2018. The rest of the records will be complete in early 2019. We are looking forward to using the cleaned-up data in our future plans and studies.

## INDOT Updates

### Closure and Detours at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave

Construction of a roundabout and bridge deck overlay work at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave in Hamilton County will temporarily close Strawtown and restrict traffic on SR 37 for up to 90 days. A start date has not yet been released. [Click for more.](#)

### Traffic Restrictions on SR 9 in Shelbyville

A project to replace and resurface 12+ miles of SR 9 will cause several traffic shifts, temporary closures, and detours south of downtown Shelbyville. Work will begin on or after March 1. [Click here](#) for a map and the full news release.



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## MEETING CANCELLED: March 9 IRTC Admin Committee

Due to an expected low turnout of voting IRTC Administrative Committee members, the meeting that was set for 8:30am at IndyGo's main office on March 9, 2018 is **cancelled**. The next meeting of the IRTC Administrative Committee will be April 6, 2018 at 9am at IndyGo's main office.

## Review & Comment on the 2022-2023 List of Projects

The MPO's [Recommended list of Projects for SFY 2022-2023](#) is available for public review and comment. As a reminder, the MPO's annual process includes a call for projects in which public agencies respond. The process is highly competitive, and the needs are great as local governments continue to address the challenges of building and maintaining infrastructure that is critical to the regional and state economies. Send your comments to Kristyn Sanchez at (317) 327-5137 or [kristyn.sanchez@indympo.org](mailto:kristyn.sanchez@indympo.org). Read the [full public notice](#) for more details.

## Amtrak Facility Tour

On February 26, 2018, Beech Grove Mayor Buckley invited regional officials to take a tour and learn about the Amtrak Beech Grove Facility. From left: Mayor DeBaun (Shelbyville), Director Anna Gremling (MPO), Mayor Cook (Westfield), Amanda Rubadue (Westfield), Mayor Buckley.



## IMPD Safe Passing Activities

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, through a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, will be conducting an education and enforcement campaign this summer focusing on Marion County's [3-foot passing ordinance](#). Students at Butler University are assisting IMPD in gathering data to better focus their efforts where they are needed most. If you bicycle in Marion County, you can help by completing a [2-minute survey](#) of your biking experiences. The survey closes March 11.



## INDOT Updates



### Bridge over I-70 to temporarily close in April

A bridge replacement over I-70 northwest of Greenfield will close Fortville Pike/Franklin St temporarily from April through project completion in the fall. [Click here](#) for more details.

### SAVI Offers Data Skills Training

Our friends at SAVI are offering [training courses](#), beginning on March 15, to help you build your data skills. You can also check out their [tools](#) for exploring and using a variety of Central Indiana data.

**Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 11!**  
**Don't forget to Spring Forward this weekend!**

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## Thoughts on our Public Involvement Plan?

The MPO is updating our Public Involvement Plan! We use this document to guide when and how we involve the public in our planning and programming activities. The document will be available online for review and comment through May 4. Let us know what you think!

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Project Website](#)
- [Review and Comment](#)

After we update the document based on public comment, it will be considered for adoption at the [May 23 IRTC Policy Committee meeting](#).

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## MPO Funding - By the Numbers

In state fiscal year 2017, the MPO funded 37 projects totaling \$168M.



1 Road Widening Project



14 Miles of Bike & Pedestrian  
Projects



7 Bridge Rehabs or  
Replacements



13.6 Miles of Road Resurfacing  
& Rehab



8 Safety Projects &  
8 Intersection Upgrades

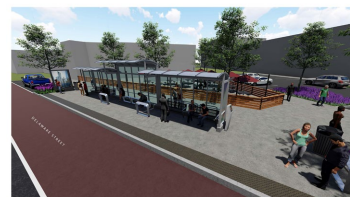
**Check out the  
[2017 Annual Report](#)  
for more!**

## IndyGo Open Houses

IndyGo is hosting several [open houses](#) in March and April about:

- [Purple Line](#) Rapid Transit (click to take an online survey)
- Proposed [Super-Stops](#) in Downtown Indy
- [Central Avenue](#) 2-way Street Conversion

Attend a meeting to share your thoughts and feedback!



Super Stop View  
IndyGo Super Stops - NEW YORK ST. / DELAWARE ST.



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## Creating Places Accepting Applications

Creating Places provides an opportunity for local units of government and non-profits to crowdsource funding for a particular place-making project while receiving a matching grant. They are currently [accepting applications](#) for a new round of matching funds.



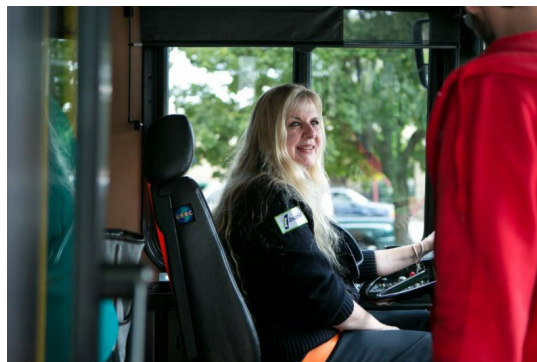
## Webinar: Walkable, Healthy Food Access

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership is hosting a free webinar on walkable access to healthy food options. The webinar will take place on March 22, 3pm ET, and you can [register here](#). For more information and speakers, check [this newsletter](#) announcing the webinar.

## Transit Driver Appreciation Day: March 16

Sunday, March 18th is [Transit Driver Appreciation Day!](#) (But we're celebrating on **Friday, March 16th.**)

Let your driver know that you appreciate them!





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## **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

### **Friday, April 6 Admin Committee Meeting**

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### **Intern with the MPO!**

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## April 27 Admin Meeting - Time Change

The IRTC Administrative Committee will meet on April 27 at the usual location (IndyGo Board Room, 1501 W. Washington) at an earlier time: **8:30am**. Please be advised of the time change! Check the [MPO's calendar](#) for meeting details.



### Inclusive Transportation Planning Grants Available

The Administration for Community Living (in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration) is making available grants of up to \$35,000 for up to 20 organizations. Awardees can use the grants to facilitate development of local inclusive, coordinated transportation systems in which people with disabilities, older adults, and caregivers actively participate in both advisory and decision-making roles. More information on the [website](#); deadline to apply is May 4, 2018.

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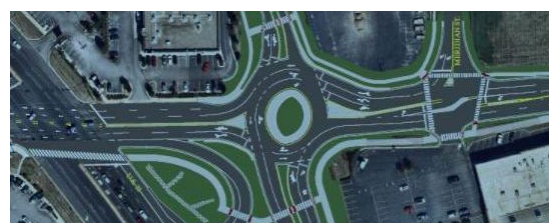
## Indy Chosen for T4A Smart Cities Collaborative

The City of Indianapolis has been chosen to participate in Transportation for America (T4A)'s Smart Cities Collaborative. Leaders from 22 municipalities will join together to share best practices in transportation. Read more in the [IBJ](#), or on the [T4A website](#).



## INDOT Local Trax Program

INDOT is making available \$125 million for high-priority railroad safety projects on local roads statewide. Read more about the program in [this release](#), and visit the [website](#) for details. Applications will be accepted from May 1 through August 31.



## Greenwood Roundabout

A new roundabout is planned for the intersection of Smith Valley Road and Madison Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in June, with at least a 90-day closure. For more info, check out the [INDOT news release](#), or [Greenwood's project website](#). This project was awarded federal funding through the Indianapolis MPO.

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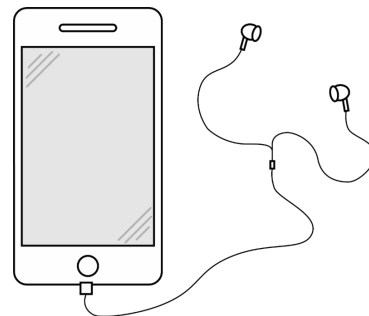
## Lowes Way Breaks Ground

Another new project funded by the Indianapolis MPO broke ground on April 13th. Congratulations to the Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors, and the cities of Carmel and Westfield on Lowes Way!

**Pictured:** MPO Director Anna Gremling and Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt, Christine Altman, and Steve Dillinger

## Avon Featured in Podcast

Avon was featured in a recent Aim Hometown Innovations Podcast. Avon's Tom Klein discusses road and trail improvements underway in the fast-growing community. [Listen to it here!](#)



## Pedal to the Earth Day Festival

Take advantage of free bicycle parking, provided by [Pedal and Park](#) (sponsored by the MPO), at this Saturday's [Earth Day](#)



[Festival](#) from 11am-4pm in Military Park, downtown Indianapolis!

## IndyGo + IPS Partnership

IndyGo and Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) have partnered on a [pilot program](#) to provide transportation to students at Shortridge High School this May. If successful, it could provide a model for the rest of the IPS system, creating an alternative to using yellow school buses.



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## BUILD Grants Available

USDOT's new Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grants are replacing the former TIGER grant program. The application period for BUILD is open April 23 - July 19. Eligible applicants include states, local governments, MPOs, and other public entities. [Read more.](#)



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## National Bike Challenge

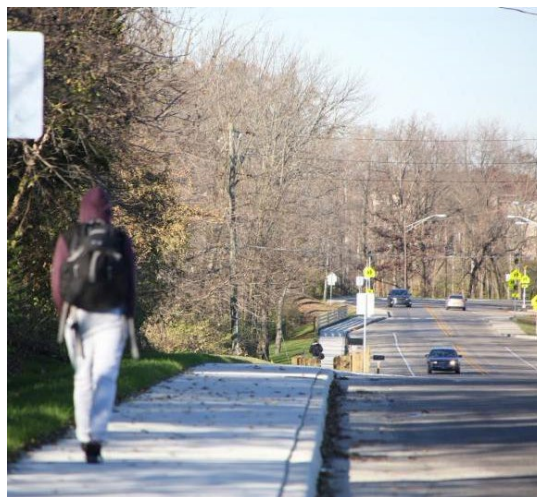
Get on your bike and ride! The [National Bike Challenge](#) will run throughout May 2018. You can join a team and log your number of rides and miles to compete for prizes! (and get a little exercise in while you're at it)

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## CDC Grant Opportunity

The CDC has announced a 2018 grant opportunity as part of the State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) Program. Up to 15 applicants in different states

will receive funding and support to implement evidence-based strategies and leverage resources from agriculture, transportation, education, business, commerce, housing, and other sectors to improve the nutrition and physical activity status of Americans. [Read more.](#)



## AIM Accepting Award Nominations

Aim is accepting nominations, now through June 1, for their 2018 Awards Program, to be recognized at this fall's [Ideas Summit](#).

Nominations must be submitted by an elected official, and categories include Community Awards (for placemaking and local government collaboration), Individual Awards, and Green Communities Awards. Check out the [information sheet](#) for more.

## Work Zone Safety

National Work Zone Awareness Week was earlier this month, but go ahead and [check out this flyer](#) of stats and tips from the FHWA. As road construction season begins, let's keep our road workers safe!



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## Bike to Work Day - May 18

Bike to Work Day is this Friday! Don't miss it!

- **Indy Riders:** There will be events throughout the day on [Monument Circle](#) including light refreshments and temporary parking on Friday morning, the [Handlebar Hot Lap](#) at lunch time, and a happy hour in the afternoon. If you don't want to ride alone, join one of the many [Bike Trains](#).
- **North Side/Carmel Riders:** Join a celebration Friday morning for breakfast at the [Monon Community Center](#), or free bagels and coffee at the [Clay Terrace Village Green](#).



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## MPO Job Opportunity

The MPO is hiring a Principal Planner in the Long Range Planning Section. [Review the job description and apply!](#)

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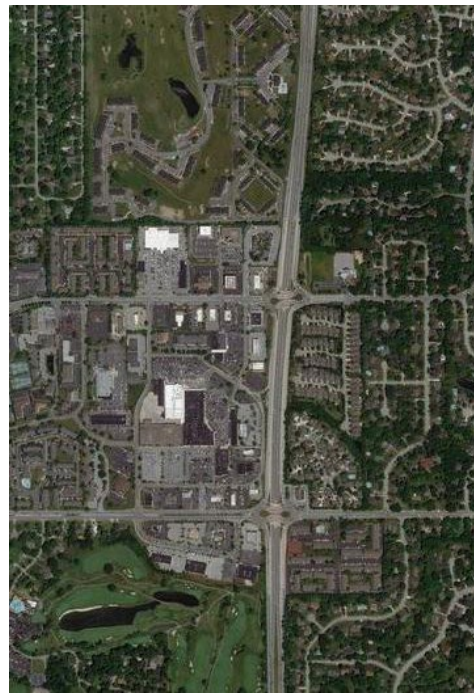
## Nitty Gritty Workshops

If you're a citizen planner, or just want to know more about how land use regulations work and There will be two Nitty Gritty workshops in June.

- [Nitty Gritty I on June 14](#) provides

citizen planners (elected officials, plan commissioners, and BZA members) with the basics of land use planning and regulation

- [Nitty Gritty II on June 15](#) builds on the first workshop to help uncover what smart growth, sustainability, growth management, complete streets, farmland protection, and other popular planning terms really mean for communities.



## Commuter Challenge

During May, commuters can log their trips to and from work via carpool, bus, vanpool, biking, or walking for chances to win prizes during weekly drawings. You can also see how much money you're saving and how much air pollution you're reducing by not driving alone. For more info and to log your commutes, visit the [Commuter Challenge website](#).

## Indiana Greenways Awards

[Indiana Greenways Awards](#) is accepting nominations for individuals, organizations, communities, corporations, and projects that have exhibited outstanding excellence in advancing greenways or multi-use trail development throughout Indiana. Deadline May 21.





## North Split Update

INDOT is preparing to reconstruct the I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange in downtown Indianapolis. A system-level analysis was recently made available for public comment, and a public open house will be held on May 23. View this report, and other items online at [NorthSplit.com](http://NorthSplit.com).

## IndyGo Summer Youth Pass

IndyGo's Summer Youth Pass is an affordable option for Indianapolis riders 18 and under. For only \$30.00, youth can ride on IndyGo all summer long, June 1 through August 31. [See website for more.](#)

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## **\$61.5M Awarded for Regional Transportation Projects**

Today, the MPO awarded \$61.5 million in federal funding for 31 projects that will go to bid in State Fiscal Year 2022 or 2023. [Click here](#) to read the press release and for the complete list of projects that received funding.



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**There will be a public meeting on June 11 where you can provide comments on the MPO's planning process and products. [More details in the public notice .](#)**

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## **INDOT Long Range Plan - Public Open House, June 25**

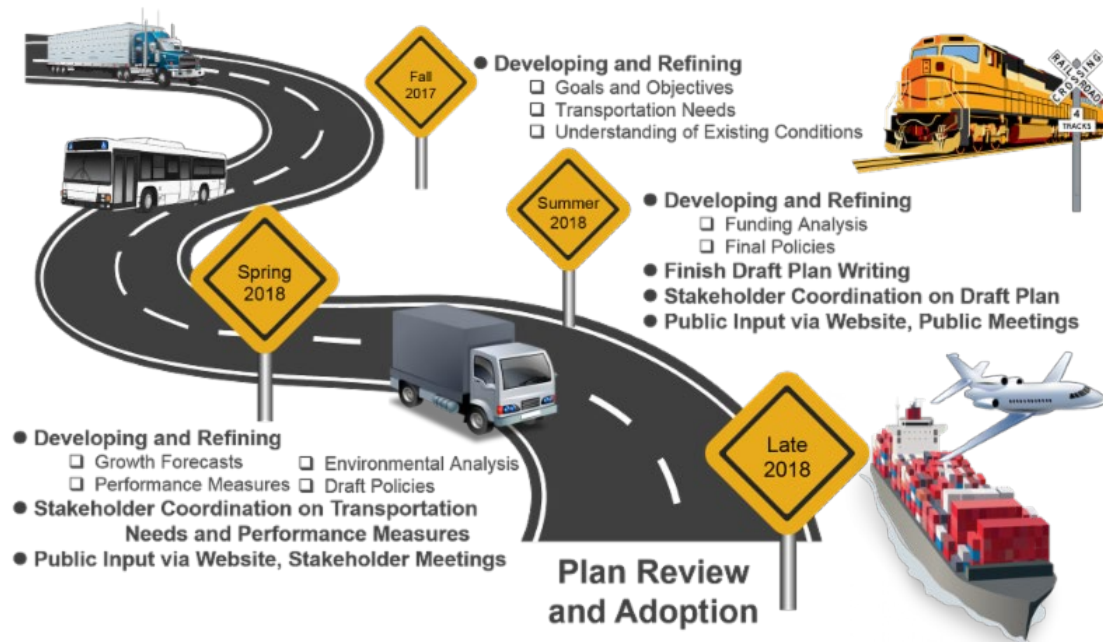
The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) invites you to a “Transportation Talk” on Monday, June 25, 5-7pm at Ivy Tech (Main Indy Campus), Illinois Fall Creek Center, 2535 North Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

This is your opportunity to weigh in on the 30-year vision for INDOT programs, policies, and facilities. At this informal open house, you can discuss INDOT programs, initiatives, and the current status and future development of transportation in Indiana. INDOT team members (from various divisions - transportation planning, economic opportunity, multi-modal, etc.) will be available to talk about their



respective programs while addressing questions from the public and soliciting input.

[Read more.](#)



## Pacers Bikeshare is Expanding

Another project funded by the Indianapolis MPO is moving forward! 250 more bikes and 25 more bikeshare stations will be added in 2019. The expansion will provide Pacers Bikeshare access to neighborhoods, Indy's greenway network, and Broad Ripple.



[Tell them where you want to see the new stations!](#)



## Red Line BRT Receives Federal Funding

After a long wait, on May 15 the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a \$75 million grant agreement with IndyGo to fund construction of the Red Line! [More details in the official release.](#)



## LPA Certification Program

INDOT is rolling out a new Local Public Agency (LPA) Certification Program. This program lets LPA's (counties and municipalities) take more control of their federally funded projects that are not on the National Highway System. For example, certified LPAs would be able to utilize any and all federal, state and locally recognized and accepted design standards for their projects. (LPAs using federal funds awarded via the MPO's competitive project selection process will continue to work with the MPO as they have in the past, this just gives them greater design flexibility.) [Check it out!](#) - 3rd item down

## Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund

INDOT will accept applications for the 2018 Community Crossings call for projects from August 6 through September 28. Awards will be announced sometime in November 2018.

INDOT is currently working to establish an electronic application process for this program via the Indiana Technical Assistance Program. [More information here.](#) - 1st item

## Bike to the Indy 500

Going to the 500 this year? Looking for an alternative to driving? Try biking to the 500! This ticketed event includes a group ride from the City Market in downtown Indianapolis to the 500, all-day secure bicycle parking, and a post-race festival nearby. [Learn more!](#)



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## The MPO's New Intern

The MPO welcomes [Trevor Preddy](#), our new summer intern. Currently enrolled at Ball State University, Trevor will be doing analysis and helping out on various projects while he's here at the MPO.



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## IRTC - May 23 Meeting Recap



At the May 23, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Policy Committee meeting, the council:

- approved [meeting minutes](#) from February 21, 2018
- approved 2nd Quarter amendments to the [Transportation Improvement Program](#)
- approved the [2022-2023 Illustrative Recommendations](#) for the IRTIP, recommending \$61.5M in funding for 31 projects
- approved revisions to IRTIP project scoring criteria
- approved an updated [Public Involvement Plan](#)
- approved the list of required 2019 IRTC Membership Dues
- approved a resolution requesting that the White House's Rebuilding America's Infrastructure Plan continue the existing 80/20 local match percentage for

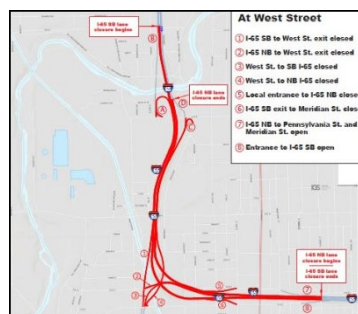
- federal funding in projects
- received a presentation from MPO Director Anna Gremling on the IRTIP annual allocation
- heard a presentation from the IU Public Policy Institute's Drew Klacik on regional data and performance regarding demographics, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and workforce
- received an update on the [MPO's Strategic Plan](#)

Official minutes for the May 23 meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the [August 22 Policy Committee Meeting](#). Meeting packet information for future and past meetings can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website.

## Construction Announcements



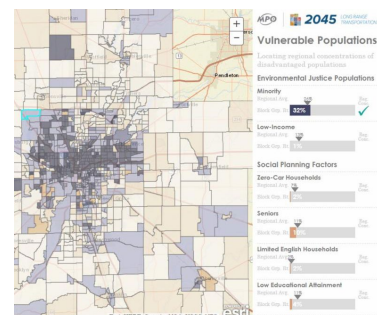
Construction on IndyGo's Red Line will begin on June 4. For details and a 3-week look ahead at construction activities, [visit the project website](#).



**I-65** on the northwest side of downtown Indianapolis and southbound I-65 at the northwest I-465 interchange will both be closed for bridge rehabs from June 1 - August 5.

## Environmental Justice Areas

In 2016 the MPO created a [Vulnerable Populations map](#), identifying Environmental Justice (EJ) areas, or areas with concentrations of disadvantaged populations in Central Indiana. Check out the online map and see how your area (and the rest of our region) rates.



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## IRTC - June 13 Meeting Recap

At the June 13, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Joint Meeting of the Technical and Policy Committees, the council:

- heard an update from FHWA representative Robert Dirks on some preliminary findings from the MPO's certification review. All MPOs are evaluated every four years by FHWA and FTA and provided with recommendations on how they can improve their performance and effectiveness. Preliminary findings were positive, and a complete report is forthcoming.
- received an update on the air quality conformity review process from MPO Director Anna Gremling; nationally, some projects are currently on hold, awaiting guidance from FHWA and FTA.
- participated in round-table discussions focused on two elements of the MPO's in-progress Strategic Plan: (1) the Indianapolis MPO becoming an independent organization, and (2) the Indianapolis MPO expanding its list of regional planning and strategic services in the future.

Official minutes for the June 13 meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the [August 22 Policy Committee Meeting](#). Meeting packet information for future and past meetings can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website.

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## Westfield Receives Funding



Congratulations to the City of Westfield, [which was awarded \\$2.8 million](#) to help pay for new roundabouts at 169th Street and Spring Mill Road and 161st Street and Oak Road. Mayor Cook accepted the award presented by the MPO's Executive Director, Anna Gremling on June 14th.



## Transportation Demonstration Projects

Check out how three communities (including Indiana's South Bend!) are using [demonstration projects](#) to make their roads safer!

## Indiana Bike and Walk Summit

The 2018 Indiana Bike & Walk Summit will be August 29-30, in Downtown Indianapolis! This year's theme, Leading Locally for Active Transportation, will offer representatives of cities and towns throughout the state a chance to showcase their efforts and to learn from others working here in Indiana and around the nation. **Learn more, register, and secure your discounted hotel room at [www.inbikewalksummit.org](http://www.inbikewalksummit.org).**



## Dump the Pump - June 21

[IndyGo](#), [BlueIndy](#), [Pacers Bikeshare](#), and the [American Public Transportation Association](#) invite you to celebrate the 13th Annual "Dump the Pump" Day, this Thursday, June 21! You can also check out [Commuter Connect](#) and discover your options for carpooling, biking, walking, or taking transit.



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## Fall Internship Available

[The MPO is hiring an intern](#) for the Fall 2018 semester. This is a great opportunity to learn more about, and contribute to, transportation planning. Apply yourself or share this in your networks! Cover letter and resume due July 20 to [Taylor.Firestine@indympo.org](mailto:Taylor.Firestine@indympo.org).

## What is the MPO?

Ever wanted to know more about what the MPO is and what we do? Click on this quick video and find out! You can also find out more about MPOs in general, and the Indianapolis MPO, [on our website](#).



## Greenfield Mayor receives \$1.79M

On June 14, MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling presented Greenfield Mayor Chuck Fewell with a check for \$1.79M in federal funding to go towards the creation of the Riley Literary Trail and

24 school-zone speed limit flashing beacons. [Read more!](#)

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## Visualization Competition

The USDOT is hosting the *Solving for Safety: Visualization Challenge* to generate new, innovative transportation safety data visualization tools. Policymakers, providers, and operators would be able to use these tools to inform the development of safety solutions for U.S. road and rail systems. [Visit the website for more information and to apply \(deadline July 31\).](#)



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**Happy Independence Day! Be safe, and consider walking, biking, or taking transit to your holiday celebration!**

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## Franklin Mayor receives \$2M

On June 15, MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling presented Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett with a check for \$2 million in federal funding to go towards the Yandes Street brick reconstruction and school zone flashing beacons. [Read More!](#)

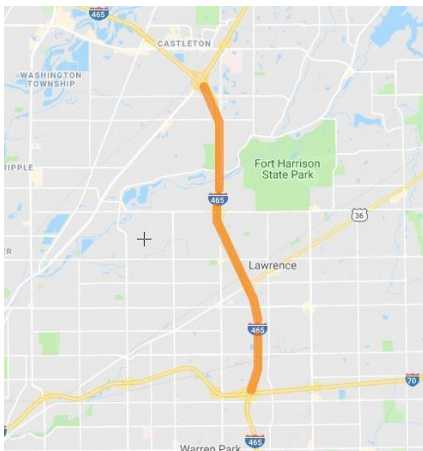


## Great Urban Parks Campaign

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) launched the *Great Urban Parks Campaign* grant opportunity in 2015 with the primary purpose of improving environmental and social outcomes in underserved communities through promoting and advancing green stormwater infrastructure projects within parks. [Read for more.](#) Applications due: August 3, 2018.

## Pedal & Park at Indy Crit this Weekend

This weekend, [Pedal & Park](#) will be parking bicycles for free during the [Indy Crit Bicycle Festival](#). Check it out!



## I-465 Pavement Patching

Look out for slow evening late-night and weekend traffic on I-465 between I-69 & I-70 on the east side. Work will happen during weekends from July 12 through October. [Click for more.](#)



## Southwest Side I-465 Pavement / Bridge Repairs

Pavement and bridge repairs on I-465's southwest side will begin in September. [Click for more.](#)

## MPO Staff Updates



Jennifer Higginbotham was recently promoted to Principal Planner to head up the Long Range Transportation Planning section for the MPO. Jennifer's main responsibilities will be oversight of the regional transportation planning processes.



The MPO recently said goodbye to Nathaniel Simmons. Nathaniel worked for the MPO as an intern and later as a graduate assistant while completing his Master's degree in urban planning from Ball State. He is excited to begin working for the City of Indianapolis in the Department of Business and

## Enjoy Summer but [Be Safe in the Heat!](#)

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## Brownsburg Receives \$5.7M

On June 15, MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling presented Brownsburg Town Council President Sean Benham with a check for \$5.73 million in federal funding to go towards the reconstruction of one mile of South Green Street.

[Read more](#)



## IndyGo Wants Your Input

IndyGo wants public input to help determine stop placement, lane configuration, and downtown routing for Indianapolis' second rapid transit line – the Purple Line.

[Click here](#) for the list of meetings, or [take an online survey](#) if you can't attend.

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## Whitestown Roundabout Under Construction

Another project funded by the Indianapolis MPO is underway! Construction on the [roundabout at Indianapolis Rd & Whitestown Pkwy](#) is on track and scheduled to be completed by the end of August.





## INDOT Using the Zipper Merge

Police and transportation officials are urging Indiana drivers to use what's called the zipper merge to speed up traffic during the ongoing construction of I-69 near Martinsville. [What is a zipper merge?](#)

## State Bike Trails Task Force

The Indiana Bicycle Trails Task Force is about halfway through its 2-year mission of figuring out how to connect bike trails throughout different parts of the state and finding funding options. [Read more](#)



## IndyGo Announces Veteran's Pass

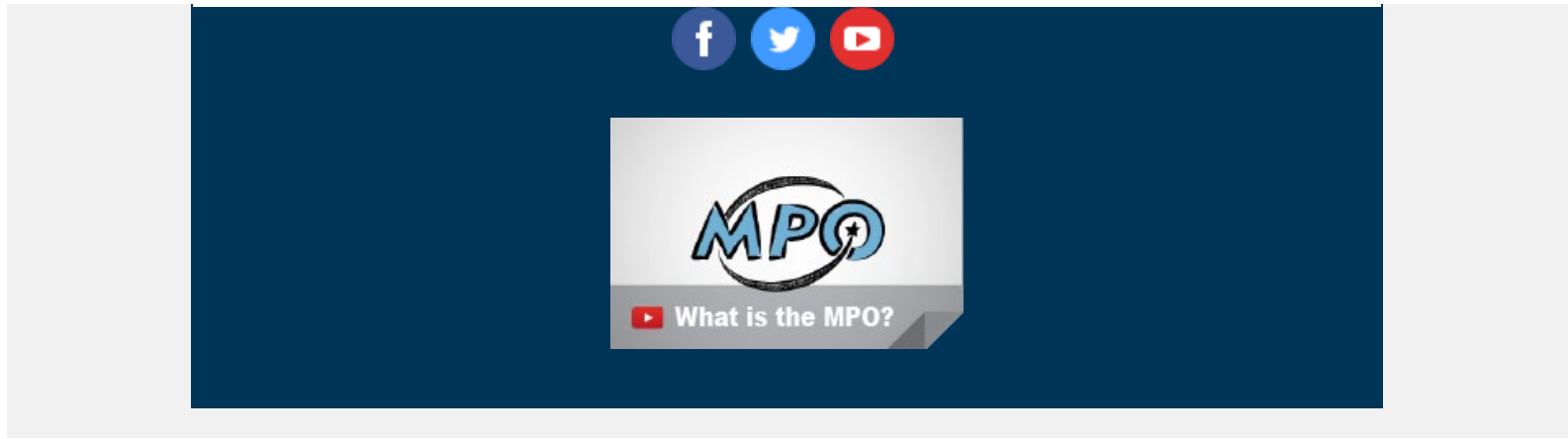
IndyGo now offers [Veteran Fare Cards](#), allowing veterans to ride IndyGo fixed route service fare-free. To register, veterans must visit the Julia Carson Transit Center, fill out an application, provide proof of eligibility, and have a photo taken at the Transit Center Customer Service desk.

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## Beech Grove Receives \$410,836

On June 26, MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling present Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley with a check for \$410,836 to help pay for a multi-use trail along Thompson Road.

[Read more](#)



## Canal Towpath Reopens August 6th

The tow path has been closed since March 2 due to construction of a new water intake. Cyclists and others using the tow path should be aware that when the towpath reopens it will be fenced on both sides until construction is complete later this year. [Read more](#)

## Take the Hancock Area Rural Transit Survey

Hancock County Senior Services, operator of Hancock Area Rural Transit, is conducting a community survey on transportation. [Take the Survey](#)





## Fast Lane Law Tweet Goes Viral

Indiana law requires drivers to move to the right lane to allow faster traffic to pass. The law is designed to make roads safer and keep traffic flowing. It applies to drivers who “reasonably know” a car behind them is trying to pass and still don’t get over. [Read more](#)

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From the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization | August 1, 2018

## Indianapolis Receives \$10M

On July 23, MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling presented Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett with a check for \$10,142,500 to help pay for the widening of Emerson Avenue from County Line to Stop 11 Road. [Read more](#)



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## Hometown Innovations: Greenwood

Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers recently sat down with the Aim Hometown Innovations Podcast to discuss the city's focus on quality of life. Greenwood is currently redoing its Main Street to include new sidewalks and a raised bike trail. [Listen here](#)

## New Senior Planner

The MPO welcomes [Rose Scovel, AICP](#) to our Long Range Transportation Planning Section. Rose was previously the director of planning services for Prosperity Indiana. She has both her bachelor's in planning and master's in public administration from Ball State University.



## Community Crossings Grant Opens

Indiana Department of Transportation



## Car Free Day

This year, International Car Free Day is Saturday, September 22nd. CIRTA's

(INDOT) has announced that it is accepting applications for Community Crossings. Community Crossings matches funds for shovel-ready local road and bridge construction projects. [Read more](#)

Commuter Connect is celebrating with the 3rd annual Car Free Day Indy on FRIDAY September 21st, an event celebrating carpools, vanpools, and other forms of sustainable transportation! Take the pledge at [www.carfreedayindy.com](http://www.carfreedayindy.com)



#### MERIDIAN ST. RED LINE CONSTRUCTION

Lane restrictions and turn restrictions



- Left turn Restrictions
- Lane Restrictions (1 NB lane, 1 SB lane)

## Red Line Construction Updates

Red Line bus rapid transit (BRT) construction on [Meridian Street](#) from 18th Street to 38th Street is underway. Vehicle travel will be reduced to one lane in each direction through December 2018.

Construction will also effect eastbound travel on a portion of [38th Street](#) starting August 23.



## SR 32 Lane Closures

INDOT will have lane closures on SR 32 on or around August 20, weather permitting, to improve and modernize traffic signals at certain intersections. [Read more](#)



## Major I-465 Lane Closures

INDOT will be doing \$10.1M of work on I-465 between I-70 and I-65 on the southwest side of town starting on Friday, September 14. [Read more](#)

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## There will be a public hearing at the August 22 meeting of the [IRTC](#) for an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

[Review or comment on the amendment](#)



### Colby goes to Baltimore

The MPO is saying goodbye to Colby Cline. Colby has worked for the MPO as a graduate assistant while completing his Master's degree in Urban Design from Ball State. He is excited to begin working for the Design Collective in Baltimore.

## UPCOMING IRTC MEETING DATES

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- **Policy Committee** - August 22, at 9am at **MIBOR Realtor Association**, 1912 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202
  - Public Hearing on [2018-2021 IRTIP amendment](#)
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## IRTC - August 22 Meeting Recap

At the August 22, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Policy Meeting, the council:

- Received a final briefing from MPO Director Anna Gremling and approved the organization's [Strategic Plan](#). The plan maps the MPO's future administrative and organizational structure options.
- Voted to re-designate the MPO, setting the agency on a path to become fully independent from its long-standing hosting agreement with the City of Indianapolis.
- Heard and approved amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (IRTIP).
- Approved flexing 2019-2021 INDOT bonus funds of \$2.3 million to finance planning studies and data purchases to better serve the region in light of federal FAST Act requirements. The ten planning studies approved were:
  - Boone County CR 300S Corridor Study
  - Brownsburg Transportation and Mobility Plan
  - Carmel Workforce Connector Study
  - McCordsville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Speedway Crawfordsville Rd. Corridor Study
  - Indianapolis Transportation Integration Plan Phase 2
  - Cumberland Master Transportation Plan
  - Hendricks County Thoroughfare Plan Update
  - Plainfield Thoroughfare Plan and Corridor Study
  - Franklin Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- [Approved the Unified Planning Work Program](#) (the 2019 documents are under UPWP section); establishing the MPO's budget and administrative priorities in 2019.

- Was presented with Performance Measures regarding Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance/Freight/CMAQ and voted to support the state-established safety targets.

Official minutes for the August 22 meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the [October 24 Policy Committee Meeting](#). Meeting packet information for future and past meetings can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website.



## Bike Friendly Trains to Chicago

Bicycles can now ride on the Amtrak Hoosier State and Cardinal trains which together provide daily service to Chicago from Indianapolis. [Read more](#)

## The Buses are Coming

Over 60 buses going to be on display at the 2018 Bus Convention here in Indianapolis October 2-3. [Learn More](#)



**Happy Labor Day! Be safe, and consider walking, biking, or taking transit to your holiday celebration!**

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From the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization | September 14, 2018

## The MPO is Hiring!

We're hiring for our open position for a Transportation Planner in our Data section.

[Apply here](#)



## Planning Study RFQs

RFQs have been posted for local planning studies.

[Check them out](#) . If you would like to be notified of future MPO RFQs, [sign up here](#) .

## Annual Call for Project Applications

The SFY 2024 call for CMAQ, HSIP, STBG, & TAP funding is now open. Applications are due via MiTIP by 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 21st. [Learn more](#) .



## State Survey on Active Transportation



## I-69 Section 6

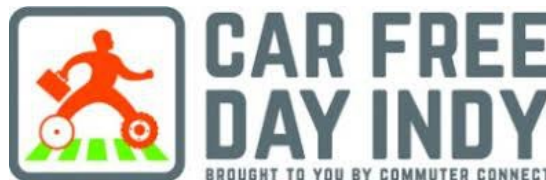
INDOT is hosting a public information

INDOT recently began a statewide active transportation initiative and would like your input. [Share your thoughts](#)

meeting in Martinsville on Sept. 17 to share design changes to the Martinsville segment of I-69 Section 6. [Learn more](#) and [Comment](#)

## Car Free Day

This year, International Car Free Day is Saturday, September 22nd. CIRTA's Commuter Connect is celebrating with the 3rd annual Car Free Day Indy on FRIDAY September 21st, an event celebrating carpools, vanpools, and other forms of sustainable transportation! Take the pledge at [www.carfreedayindy.com](http://www.carfreedayindy.com)



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From the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization | September 21, 2018

## B&O Trail Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to the Speedway Trails Association on the official ribbon cutting on their portion of the B&O Trail on Sept. 15 th.



## Before and After: Fishers Roundabouts



Here are before and after photos of the new Fishers roundabout at 131st Street & Cumberland Road. This roundabout was built using federal funding from the Indianapolis MPO.

## Carmel Roundabout Party

The City of Carmel is celebrating the inaugural National Roundabout Week with several special events. Come out to the Roundabout Street Party today at 4pm as part of National Roundabout





Week. This was created by the Federal Highway Administration as part of a national campaign to share information about how roundabouts affect traffic flow and the environment . [Learn more](#)



## 2045 LRTP Air Quality Conformity Determination Report available for Public Review

The [2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity Determination Report](#) for the Ozone Attainment Maintenance Area for the Indianapolis Region is available for public review and comment. This report supplement s the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The report will be considered for approval by the IRTC Policy Committee at their [October 24, 2018](#) meeting. Comments can be sent to Jen Higginbotham at 317-327-7587 or [Jen.Higginbotham@IndyMPO.org](mailto:Jen.Higginbotham@IndyMPO.org) by Noon (ET), October 23, 2017.

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## RFQs Posted

The MPO has several RFQs posted on the [Contract Opportunities](#) page of the website. The most recent additions include an RFQ for [freight model development](#), and an RFQ for [traffic counts](#). Submission requirements and deadlines for questions and final submission are included in each RFQ.

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## Walk to School Day, Oct 10

The 2018 Walk to School Day is coming up on October 10. This event gives encourages healthy habits, promotes safety, and gives kids and parents a new perspective on how they move through their communities. Check out [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) to learn more.



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## Director Speaks to Students and Colleagues



MPO Director Anna Gremling presented to IUPUI's Community Development Network Class on September 21, and moderated a session on mobility in Denver with the Indy Chamber leadership exchange on October 1. Keep up the good work Anna!

## Signs and public right-of-way

As the election approaches, the MPO would like to remind you to make sure that campaign and other yard signs are kept out of public right-of-way. When too tall or located too close to intersections, these signs can make it difficult for roadway users to see oncoming traffic around corners. Many local communities have regulations against signs in public right-of-way, and they are prohibited in state right-of-way by [IC 9-21-4-6](#). Thank you for keeping our roads safe!

## Public Hearings - October 24

There will be four public hearings at the October 24, 2018 meeting of the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Policy Committee. These hearings will include the 2045 LRTP Air Quality Conformity Determination Report, 2045 LRTP October 2018 Amendment, the 2045 LRTP October 2018 Amendment Air Quality Conformity Report, and 2018 4th Quarter TIP amendments. For details, [click here](#).

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## White River Vision Plan

The White River Master Plan is a partnership to develop a comprehensive and coordinated regional, community-driven plan to enhance 58 miles of the White River in Marion and Hamilton counties. There are three public meetings in October. [Learn more.](#)



## INDOT Scholarships

INDOT is offering civil engineering scholarships and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation. Applications for the 2019-2020 academic school year must be submitted by December 31, 2018. [Learn more.](#)

## Anna Gremling will address YPT Indy

The Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) - Indianapolis Chapter will host MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling, October 18 at The Platform, at 202 East Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. YPT Indy strives to bring together passionate people from all facets of transportation including but not limited to urban planners, engineers, designers, architects and anyone else whose work involves cities and





transportation systems. [Learn more.](#)



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## Say Crash - Not Accident

The Washington Post's Wonk Blog explains why some safety advocates use the term "crash" and not "accident," and why they want you to say "crash" too.

[Learn more.](#)

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## Safety Study RFQs Posted

The MPO has posted an RFQ on the [Contract Opportunities](#) page of the website for intersection safety studies in 2019. The work will include updating existing studies and completing new studies.

## Monon Trail Ribbon Cutting

MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and Carmel Mayor James Brainard [cut the ribbon](#) on the new section of the Monon Trail on October 16th. This 2.5 mile section of the trail completes a gap between Westfield and Sheridan in Hamilton County. This community amenity for walking, running, and biking is now 24 continuous miles, connecting Indianapolis to Carmel, Westfield, and Sheridan, making it a true Central Indiana regional project.



## MPO at the MIBOR Housing Summit

The MPO played a major role in the October 15 Indiana Housing Summit presented by MIBOR



Realtor® Association and Buildings Association of Greater Indianapolis (BAGI). MPO [Executive Director Anna Gremling](#) introduced the changes in the MPOs strategic plan to the crowd of nearly 400 local real estate brokers and home builders, highlighting the relationship between housing, land use policy, and regional transportation planning. [Deputy Director Sean Northup](#) sat on the closing panel to help interpret results from the second [Central Indiana Consumer Preference Survey](#), which the MPO co-funded with MIBOR.

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## IRTC - October 24 Meeting Recap

At the October 24, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Policy Meeting, the council:

- Approved 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment #1. [Review](#)
- Approved amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). [Review](#)
- Was briefed by MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling regarding potential financial agreements with other MPOs. [Review](#)
- Approved 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity Report Resolution. [Review](#)
- Approved 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment #1 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Resolution. [Review](#)
- Voted to support the state-established 2019 safety performance measure targets. [Review](#)
- Was given an update from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative Robert Dirks on findings from the MPO's 4-year certification review. Findings were positive, the MPO was re-certified, and a complete report is forthcoming.
- Received a briefing from Philip Roth of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) regarding forthcoming changes for urban and rural transit funding in Indiana. IRTC asked MPO staff to send a letter to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requesting a delay in the funding formula change.

Meeting packet information for future and past meetings can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website.

Official minutes for the October 24 Policy Committee meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the February Policy Committee meeting; 2019 IRTC meeting dates will be posted to the [calendar](#).

## The MPO is Hiring!

**Transportation Planner:** We're hiring a full time Transportation Planner in our Long Range Transportation Planning section. [Apply here](#)

**Spring Intern:** We're hiring an intern for the Spring 2019 semester. [Apply](#) yourself or share with your networks!



## Greenfield Mayor Fewell discusses projects

Greenfield Mayor Chuck Fewell recently visited the AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities) Hometown Innovations Podcast. He discussed recent projects and assets of Greenfield, including the Pennsy Trail. [Listen here](#).

## Weekend Service for South Plainfield Connector

From October 27 to January 4 CIRTAs South Plainfield Connector will be offering weekend service during the same hours as its regular weekday service. [Learn more](#).



**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 4!!  
Don't forget to Fall Back this weekend!**

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## Translation Services RFQ

The MPO has posted an RFQ on the [Contract Opportunities](#) page of the website for translation and interpretive services.

## Pedestrian Plan Survey Online

We're creating a Regional Pedestrian Plan and we want to hear from you! This plan will set priorities for walkway investment within Central Indiana. Please take [this survey](#) to let us know about your preferences and concerns regarding sidewalks, trails, and other pathways in your communities.



## Westfield breaks ground on Monon Bridge over SR 32

On Nov. 13 MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling joined Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and others to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Monon Trail bridge over SR 32. This project includes federal funding from the MPO. [Learn more.](#)

**Stay safe when driving this season. Here are some [tips](#) !**

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From the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization | December 5, 2018

There will be a public hearing at the December 12 meeting of the [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council](#) for an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

[Review or comment on the amendment](#)

## Bike Indianapolis Survey Online

To help serve Indianapolis and its citizens, Bike Indianapolis has created a survey on biking in Indianapolis. Your feedback is much appreciated! Please share with family and friends! [Take it here!](#)



## Do You Need Transit Across County Lines?

County Connect can help. Most Central Indiana counties have public transit



operated by rural transit providers. They not only provide services within their county, but they link to public transit in their neighboring counties. Go to <https://www.cirta.us/county-connect/> to help build your trip and learn more about who relies on rural transit providers.

## Veterans Taking Advantage of Free Public Transit

Since IndyGo Launched free fixed route service for veterans, 2,500 vets have obtained fare cards and taken more than 100,000 free rides. [Learn more.](#)

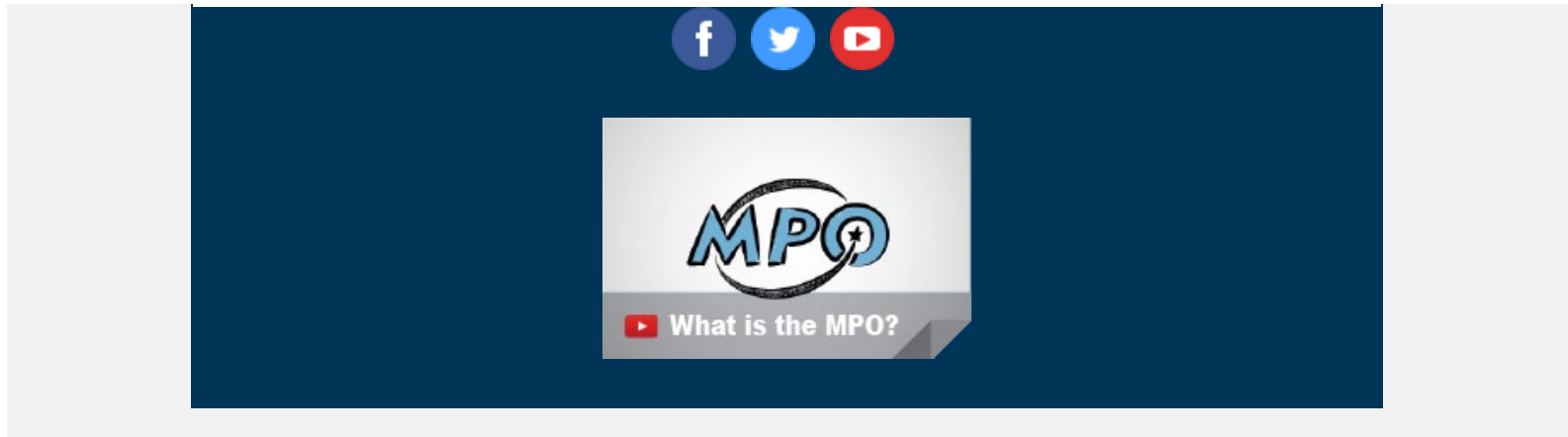


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**There will be a public hearing at the February 21st IRTC meeting for an update to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP)**

**[Review or comment on the update until February 1st](#)**



## **IRTC - Joint Committees - December 12 Meeting Recap**

At the December 12, 2018 [Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council \(IRTC\)](#) Joint Meeting of the Technical and Policy Committees, the council:

- Approved amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). [Review](#)
- Received an update by MPO Executive Director Anna Gremling regarding Fiscal Year 2019 Projects.
- Received a briefing from Principal Planner Steve Cunningham on the 2024 TIP Call and new TIP amendment procedures. [Review](#)
- Was briefed on proposed updates to the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which will be posted for a 45-day public review period and considered for approval at the February IRTC meetings
- Approved an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program. [Review](#)
- Discussed and Approved a Vision Zero Resolution. [Review](#)



- Was briefed on the current status of urban/rural transit funding, the MPO's transition plan, the MPO's progress on Regional Performance Measurement, the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian plans, as well as upcoming IRTC Administrative Committee elections, and the [2019 IRTC meeting schedule](#) with deadlines for Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) amendments

Meeting packet information for future and past meetings can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website.

Official minutes for the December 12th Joint Committee meeting will be posted on the website after they are approved at the February Policy Committee meeting.

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## Regional Pedestrian Plan Survey Extended

The MPO has extended the survey deadline for the Regional Pedestrian Plan to Sunday December 16 and we want to hear from you. This plan will set priorities for walkway investment within Central Indiana. [Please participate](#).



## Bikeshare Comments

Pacers Bikeshare will add approximately 250 more bikes and 25 more bike share stations in 2019. The expansion, funded primarily by a federal grant from the Indianapolis MPO, will provide Pacers Bikeshare access to neighborhoods, the City's greenway network, and Broad Ripple. [Learn more](#).

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## Greenwood Celebrates Transformation Projects

Greenwood officials, business leaders and community members gathered in November to celebrate completion of the city's many revitalization projects in 2018. The year was one of Greenwood's busiest in recent memory with more than \$11 million in



completed projects across the city. [Learn more.](#)



## Zionsville becomes Bicycle Friendly Community

The League of American Bicyclists recognized Zionsville with a Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award, joining 61 towns and cities in 27 states with this prestigious award. [Learn more.](#)

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## Carmel begins Trail Work on 126th Street

Construction crews will begin preliminary work on a new path project along the north side of 126th Street from Keystone Parkway to Hazell Dell Parkway. This is part of the City of Carmel's efforts to create more multi-purpose trails, connected throughout the community, for bicyclists, runners and pedestrians. [Learn more](#) under the City Updates section. This work was primarily funded by the MPO.



## Transportation is a Key to Livable Communities for All Ages

Brad Winick, AICP, LEED AP explains how transportation is essential in the planning and operation of communities that work for people throughout their lifespans.

[Learn more.](#)

## Downtown Indy Traffic Safety Proposal

Indianapolis City-County Council has introduced Proposal 452 recommending the elimination of right-hand turns at red lights and reducing the speed limit downtown in an effort to make travel for pedestrians safer. [Learn more.](#)



**Celebrate safely this holiday season. Here are some [tips](#)!**

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## Be an Intern with the MPO!

We're looking for an intern for Summer 2018. If interested, visit the [MPO's Job Opportunities page](#) for details and to apply!

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### Pedal & Park

Pedal & Park provides free bicycle parking facilities at some of the area's largest events, such as *Bike to the Ballpark* on April 6, *Bike to Work Day* on May 18, and many more! Check the [Pedal & Park website](#) for their 2018 listing of events, or to hire them for your own event.



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### AARP Community Challenge Funding

AARP is offering "quick-action" grants to help make communities livable for people of all ages . The AARP Community Challenge awarded [88 grants in 2017.](#)





The 2018 deadline to apply for grant funding is May 16. For more information or to apply, visit the [AARP Community Challenge website!](#)

## INDOT Trash Bash!

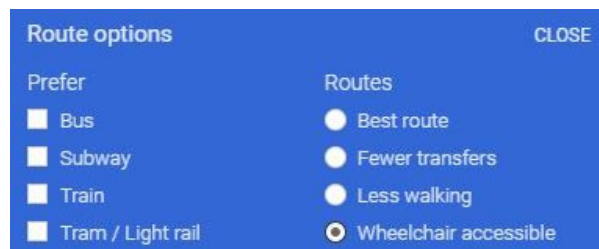
INDOT invites volunteers to help beautify the state's roadside areas by picking up trash and debris along two-lane, low traffic volume highways April 13-15. (INDOT maintenance staff will handle the higher-traffic roads.) Visit the [Trash Bash! event page](#) to find out how you can pitch in!

## I-74 Temporary Lane Closings near Brownsburg

INDOT will be overlaying six bridge decks on I-74 near Brownsburg beginning on or after April 2. I-74 will have only one 11' lane open in each direction through the end of August. [Check the newsletter for more information.](#)

## Wheelchair Accessibility Options in Google Maps

Wheelchair users can now find their most accessible transit route in Google Maps! When looking for transit directions, select "options" and click "Wheelchair accessible routes". Head over to [Google Maps](#) and see for your self!



**Review the MPO's draft Public Involvement Plan and tell us what you think! [Provide comments](#) by May 4!**

**UPCOMING IRTC MEETING DATES**



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- **Administrative Committee** - April 27, at 9am at **IndyGo**, in the Board Room, 1501 West Washington St, Indianapolis
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