



Talking Points regarding Indy Connect

- Central Indiana must invest in a balanced transportation system that meets the needs of all users - pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists – in order to fully realize the benefits of improving our region’s transportation system.
- A comprehensive transportation network is important for health, safety, the environment, economic development, and social justice.
- Walking, biking, and transit infrastructure provide active transportation options, which increase physical activity in one’s daily routine.
- On average, ~20% of household income is spent on transportation costs (second only to housing). A robust, connected system accommodating walking, biking, and transit use can significantly reduce these costs.
- Much-needed improvements in transit must have corresponding bicycle and pedestrian investments in order to connect riders with jobs, services, schools, and residences.
- The connections between land use and transportation must be considered to realize the full benefits of our transportation investments. Planning and zoning needs to be updated to allow for and encourage greater density, mixed-use and transit-oriented development, and increased bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.
- Improvements in the transportation system should promote livable communities – neighborhood centers that connect residents to jobs and services, promote a healthier lifestyle, strengthen the economic base, create natural focal points, and provide opportunities for social interaction.