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Indianapolis Public  
Transportation Corporation

## IndyGo Green:

benefits and corporate commitments in relation to Indianapolis'  
sustainability





## *The Rundown:*

1. The sustainable benefits of public transportation
2. Public Transit in your community – IndyGo's offerings & collaborations
3. IndyGo's corporate initiatives



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## Fuel Consumption

*“Just by taking public transportation, people can help reduce our country’s dependence on foreign oil”*

- *Transit reduces US petroleum consumption by 1.4 billion gallons annually*
- *That’s 4 million gallons of gasoline each day*
- *That’s 300,000 fewer auto “fill-ups” each day*



# The Air we Breathe

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## The Environment

### *Public Transportation....*

- produces 95% less carbon monoxide,
- 90% less in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and
- about half as much carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide per passenger mile as PRIVATE vehicles



# Healthy Choice

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And not to mention Health and Congestion

*Public Transportation....*

- Reduces traffic congestion – traffic delays are stressful and wasteful
- Lowers the rates of respiratory and heart disease
- Lowers accident rates
- Improves overall quality of life by fostering a more active lifestyle (*you know, walking, biking or running to bus stops*)



# What About IndyGo?

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*Just the facts –*

IndyGo...

- Has more than 4,000 bus stops in the city
- Has 29 Fixed Routes plus Commuter Express Routes
- Has installed more than 200 shelters and benches within the past 4 years
- Has bike racks on all Fixed Route coaches
- Provides 600,000 – 800,000 rides per month

In 2008, IndyGo's ridership saw a 14% increase in ridership due to high gas prices....keeping choice riders is hard...





But, sustainable issues and practices helps attract those choice riders....IndyGo's efforts include:

- Installing better amenities like solar lighting in shelters and at stops
- Installing bike racks
- Promoting clean air as a benefit of riding the bus





## And Collaborations

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In 2007, IndyGo and IUPUI launched a student S Pass Program:

- All students may receive (for free) an annual IndyGo Fixed Route bus pass
- Comes out of student general fee
- Unlimited rides, including Red Line
- Four IndyGo Fixed Routes directly serve IUPUI – 3, 10, 37 and Red Line

Other initiatives with IUPUI:

- Shelters
- Participates on the IUPUI Sustainability Committee – transportation



## And Collaborations

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### Other Collaborations include:

- Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS)
- Office of Sustainability (Knozone)
- Bicycle Indiana
- Hoosier Environmental Council
- Health By Design
- Indiana Department of Environmental Council (IDEM)
- Indy Parks
- Indianapolis MPO





# IndyGo's Corporate Efforts

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## Vehicles:

- Two Hybrid buses
- Seven Hybrid road supervisor vehicles
- Downtown Supervisor Segway
- 22 new buses will have more efficient engines – less maintenance cost





# Building Updates

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In 2009, IndyGo received \$16.1 million from the ARRA (Stimulus Package):

- More than half will be used for building upgrades including roofing, HVAC, energy efficient light fixtures and hydraulic lifts.
- These updates and repairs will save approximately \$400,000 annually in operating costs.

Other improvements:

- Energy efficient boiler
- Recycled water on washrack
- Environmental waste disposal program



# Local Resources

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Central Indiana Clean Air Partnership

<http://www.indycicap.org>

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.indychamber.com/GoGreen>

Sustain Indy

<http://www.sustainindy.org>

IndyGo

<http://www.indygo.net>

