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More changes ahead for IndyGo Commuter Express Routes, effective Dec 1

Indianapolis – IndyGo’s Commuter Express (ICE) routes from Carmel and Fishers will soon include a few more downtown stops and an adjusted schedule. Changes are being made to appropriately scale the program’s resources based on the number of people now using this service and their travel needs.

The ICE program was designed as a collaborative demonstration project with the Town of Fishers, the City of Carmel, and the City of Greenwood to assess the demand for regional express bus service for commuters travelling to and from these areas. As with all IndyGo service, the routes are regularly monitored and adjusted to maximize resources.

The cost to operate the ICE service is covered in part by a non-renewable Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant—which pays 80% of the total service cost. The remaining 20% is paid by the participating towns/ cities. Farebox revenues from these routes are applied to the local match.

New Fishers Schedule

	To Downtown		From Downtown		
	Depart Eastern Star	Arrive Pennsylvania and Ohio	Depart Pennsylvania and Ohio	Arrive Eastern Star	
AM	6:00	6:40	6:40	7:22	
	6:20	7:00	7:00	7:42	
	6:40	7:20	7:20	8:02	
	7:00	7:40	PM	3:45	4:30
	7:30	8:10		4:15	5:00
	8:00	8:40	4:45	5:30	
PM	4:30	5:15	5:00	5:45	
	5:00	5:45	5:15	6:00	
	5:30	6:15	5:45	6:30	
			6:15	7:00	

ICE may encounter detours during special events and/or road construction. Times are approximate and may vary due to weather and traffic conditions.

“The ICE service has provided excellent travel options for riders and lessened congestion by removing single-occupancy vehicles from the road,” says Mike Terry, President and CEO of IndyGo. “It has also provided critical data on ridership and operational costs of public transit to planners, local elected officials and the public who want to evaluate the prospects for funding and sustaining this type of public service in the future.”

Summary of Fishers ICE Service Changes

Effective Tuesday, December 1, additional stops for the Fishers ICE route will be added on Illinois at 10th St. (outbound) and on Pennsylvania St. at 10th St. (inbound). These new stops will provide IndyGo riders with walking-distance access to the Clarian People Mover. This is expected to increase ridership on this route.

With that change, the 8:30am trip departing the Park and Ride at the Eastern Star Church in Fishers (8850 E. 106th St) and traveling downtown will be eliminated along with the 7:40am, 8:10am and 3:30 pm trips departing downtown for Fishers.

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Summary of Carmel ICE Service

Effective December 1, additional stops for the outbound Carmel ICE route will be added on Illinois at 10th and 16th streets. Inbound stops are being added on Capitol at 11th and 16th streets. These stops will provide walking-distance access to the Clarian People Mover and Methodist Hospital. IndyGo expects these trip generators to increase ridership.

Also, to maximize resources for the ICE program, the 8:25 am trip departing downtown and traveling to the Carmel Park and Ride location (Meijer store located at the corner of N. Pennsylvania St and W. Carmel Dr) will be eliminated. Similarly, two evening downtown departure trips (6:05 pm and 6:35 pm) will be combined into an evening downtown departure at 6:15 pm.

End Dates

IndyGo expects ICE service in Fishers and Carmel to continue through 2010, but an exact end date for the routes depends on ridership, hours of service, operating expenses and more. Service termination will be communicated at least 30 days prior to cancellation.

As previously announced, ICE route service from Greenwood will end on December 1, due to low ridership. The last day of service is November 30. Individuals who used this ICE route are encouraged to utilize IndyGo's Route 31 Greenwood.

The Future of Regional Transit

A wide range of studies are being conducted to determine the regional transit vision for the Central Indiana region. In 2010, data from these studies will be analyzed and combined to develop a comprehensive plan for regional transit. The ICE route project is an integral element to the learning process for this plan.

To learn more about **IndyGo** and access trip planning assistance, please visit www.IndyGo.net or call IndyGo Customer Service Center at 635-3344. For more about the benefits of public transportation, visit the **American Public Transportation Association** website at www.apta.com. Join the **Indiana Citizens' Alliance for Transit**: www.indianacat.org to help promote transit options statewide.

New Carmel Schedule

To Downtown			From Downtown		
	Depart Meijer	Arrive Pennsylvania and Ohio		Depart Pennsylvania and Ohio	Arrive Meijer
AM	6:15	6:55	AM	6:55	7:50
	6:45	7:25		7:25	8:20
	7:15	7:55		7:55	8:50
	7:45	8:25	PM	4:05	4:55
	8:00	8:40		4:35	5:25
PM	5:20	6:05	5:05	5:55	
	5:50	6:35	5:35	6:25	
	6:00	6:45	6:15	7:05	
	6:30	7:15			

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