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IndyGo to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding

Indianapolis – As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), IndyGo has been designated to receive approximately \$16.1 million through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula grant program.

The purpose of the legislation includes recovery to maintain and create jobs as well as build and repair infrastructure. All funds must be used for capital expenditures and 50 percent of the funds need to be obligated or expended within 180 days of the signed act or the funds are reverted back. In addition, projects should incorporate sustainable/environmental elements and all expenditures should be accounted for and transparent to the public.

IndyGo officials have spent recent months compiling a list of projects that qualify for these monies based on the funding stipulations. Project determination was dictated by long-range plans, studies and replacement schedules. The list of qualifying needs exceeds \$40 million, so IndyGo staff, along with the support of its Board, developed a prioritization and will allocate its \$16.1 million as follows:

- \$9 million is allocated to repairing/replacing major facility infrastructure systems including HVAC and lighting. These projects will be designed in conjunction with roof replacement (a project previously approved and funded). Early design estimates predict a \$400,000/year reduction in operating expenses, reducing IndyGo's energy utilization and impact on the environment. In addition, the work will require the employment of numerous local trades.
- \$7 million will be applied toward the procurement of 20 new buses to replace existing vehicles in our fleet, which have or will reach their maximum useful life (12 years/500K miles). The new vehicles will improve operational efficiency, reduce maintenance costs and lessen the impact on the environment. Many of the bus components are manufactured in our state, including engines and transmissions.

IndyGo has employed the Architectural and Engineering services of Parsons Brinckerhoff to develop the infrastructure design plans and scope. In addition to the design, environmental elements as well as estimates of local jobs will be included in their documentation.

IndyGo's headquarters spans 8.5 acres, and so while not all of the facility will be afforded repair/replacements, IndyGo will continue to pursue additional funding opportunities for future improvements.

As stipulated by the ARRA legislation, every taxpayer dollar spent must be subject to unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability. In addition to the federal reporting requirements, IndyGo will soon launch the IndyGo Green page on www.IndyGo.net. In addition to listing information and updates about its use and progress regarding ARRA funding, it will include other sustainable initiatives.

On Friday, April 24, IndyGo will host a pre-bid meeting for contractors interested in the construction portion of our ARRA projects. Additional information will be available online under the procurement section of the Web site at www.IndyGo.net.

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