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**INDYGO PURCHASES SUSTAINABLE VEHICLES**

Indianapolis – The Indianapolis Public Transportation Board of Directors today approved the purchase of six new hybrid vehicles for its Transportation Supervisors. This purchase demonstrates IndyGo’s commitment to sustainable procurement practices as upgrades and improvements are made for the agency.

IndyGo Transportation Supervisors work throughout the city, monitoring the service delivery of IndyGo’s fleet. The new Ford Hybrid Escapes will replace six of the existing mini vans that are beyond their service life expectancy. The new vehicles will not only require less maintenance, but will improve gas mileage to 34 MPG in the city. The retiring vehicles averaged approximately 15 MPG. By selecting these more sustainable vehicles, there is a 50% overall reduction in the carbon footprint of supervisor activity.

In addition, IndyGo will be introducing a Segway to its supervisory fleet for use in the downtown square. In 2008, IndyGo implemented a downtown supervisor to monitor the transfer loop – the streets most used as IndyGo transfer points (Ohio to Capitol to Maryland to Delaware streets). With the purchase of the Segway, this supervisor will have faster access to its check points and respond to the needs of operators and riders in a more efficient manner.

“The use of public transportation in general is environmentally friendly, but IndyGo is committed to operating its business with more sustainable purchasing and operational practices,” says Michael Terry, president and CEO. “By incorporating these hybrid vehicles and electric Segway into our supervisory fleet, we’re further demonstrating our commitment to bettering Indianapolis’ greening initiatives.”

Funding for these new vehicles and Segway are made possible by federal grants with a 20% local match. The overall cost for these sustainable vehicles is approximately \$175,000.

For more information about IndyGo’s sustainable initiatives, visit [www.IndyGo.net](http://www.IndyGo.net) under the IndyGo Green page.