Request for Public Comments for a Proposed Station Impacting Grand Park in Hamilton County

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) is in the early design and environmental review stages for the Hamilton County extension of the Red Line Rapid Transit project. The Red Line corridor is proposed to connect the cities of Westfield, Carmel, Indianapolis, and Greenwood with frequent and reliable transit service. Phase 1 of the project, contained entirely within Marion County, is moving forward and will begin construction early next year. The Hamilton County extension may be constructed as a future phase of the Red Line. A station is planned for Grand Park in Westfield, to be located on a raised grassed median in Parking Lot C of the park.

IndyGo has consulted and coordinated with the City of Westfield on preliminary engineering work and the proposed station location in Grand Park. Funding for the design and environmental review comes from a Federal Transit Administration (FTA)Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, with local matching funds from municipalities along the corridor including Westfield. Funding has not been identified for construction and operation of the Red Line in Hamilton County. Any future Hamilton County extension of the Red Line will be contingent upon local jurisdictions to commit local funds for construction and operation.

If the planned Grand Park station is constructed as a part of a future phase of the Red Line, a permanent easement estimated at 0.03 acre would be required. The proposed station would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes associated with Grand Park that qualifies it for protection under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Based on the analysis conducted by IndyGo, it is the intent of the FTA to issue a *de minimis* impact finding. In accordance with federal requirements, IndyGo is soliciting public comments regarding the impact of the proposed project on the public recreational area.

Please respond with any comments no later than **December 8, 2017** via phone, mail or online:

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