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Transportation Academy Comes to Indy

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Indianapolis, Ind. -- Indianapolis has been selected by a leading U.S. transportation think tank and advocacy group as one of three regions with practical plans and positive momentum for expanding public transit. Earlier this year, Transportation for America chose Indianapolis, Nashville and Raleigh to participate in its first "Transportation Innovation Academy;" this week the Academy brings national experts to Indy to meet with local business, civic and public sector leaders. The Transportation Innovation Academy focuses on building local leadership and expertise in communities that are exploring new transit options. Participants from the three regions will access the latest research and best practices on public transportation during the year-long Academy, while sharing common experiences, challenges and solutions from their respective local efforts to strengthen transit. As the voice of the region's business community, the Indy Chamber is an active participant in the Transportation Innovation Academy. The 'Indy Connect' transit plan has earned broad support among area employers for its significant economic development, workforce and neighborhood revitalization potential. "The private sector has been an early and aggressive advocate for regional transit in Indianapolis," said Mark Fisher, Vice-President of Government Relations for the Indy Chamber, an Indy representative to the Innovation Academy. "Working with organizations like Transportation for America adds a broader perspective, and strengthens our resolve – other regions are using transit to attract talent and investment, connect workers to jobs and spark new development.

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Ohio River Bridges Project Hits Milestone

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JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. - The first concrete has been poured for the deck of the new Downtown bridge, the centerpiece of the Ohio River Bridges Project Downtown Crossing. The pour was made on the Indiana approach, which will provide a critical link from the new cable-stayed bridge to the expanded interstate. The Indiana approach is made up of five spans, with two of the piers in the river and three piers on land. The three spans over land cross Riverside Drive, the floodwall and Market Street. The total length of the approach bridge is more than 1,050 feet. The approach extends from the Indiana side of the river to the north abutment, located just north of West Market Street in Jeffersonville, Ind. The abutment is a structure that supports the end of the bridge. Crews with Walsh Construction have been working from each end of the approach as they construct this portion of the new bridge. Crews have been forming the bridge deck, installing rebar to reinforce it and preparing the bridge deck paving machine called a Bidwell. The first deck pour occurred late last week. About 4,000 cubic yards of concrete will be used on the Indiana

approach to the new bridge. There are expected to be nine separate deck pours, each taking around 10 hours to complete. The pours will occur during the overnight and early morning hours to avoid the daytime heat. The last pour is expected in June. The Indiana approach will connect to the bridge deck being constructed at Tower 5, the tower closest to the Indiana shore. The connection is expected to be made this summer. The process of building the deck of the cable-stayed bridge will continue throughout the summer and fall, with precast concrete deck panels being placed on top of structural steel. The concrete overlay, the driving surface of the new bridge, is expected to be poured late this fall.

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