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'Indy Moves' program examines future of metro transportation

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - City officials launched the Indy Moves program to determine the status of transportation in Marion County and plot its future. At 400 square miles, Indianapolis has 8,175 miles of city-maintained roads that are augmented by bike lanes, sidewalks, greenways, railroad tracks and state and federal roads and interstates. Indianapolis drivers spend an average of 18 hours a year in vehicle congestion, according to a report compiled by the city and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is significantly less time than motorists in other peer cities such as Nashville, Denver and Columbus. The average commute time in Indianapolis is 45 minutes, slower than several comparable cities, and the average bus commute time is significantly longer than other metro areas. Conversely, analysts contend that Indianapolis' essentially wide open roads that contribute to the lack of congestion also indicate an underutilization of space and corridors that could be used to facilitate mass transit or bike lanes. The report said 85% of local drivers travel alone compared to 65% in Minneapolis; Marion County residents spend 23% of their income on transportation, the highest total among seven measured cities. Indianapolis receives approximately \$37 million a year from gas tax revenues, which are shrinking due to increased fuel efficiency, but spends \$178 million annually on road infrastructure maintenance. <http://fox59.com/2017/10/19/indy-moves-examines-future-of-metro-transportation/>

Board gives 1st OK to using TIF money

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City officials have given initial approval to use tax-increment financing dollars toward the \$30 million railroad overpass project at the State Road 46/State Road 11 intersection. The Columbus Redevelopment Commission on Monday unanimously approved using \$5.5 million from the Cummins TIF District for the overpass project, which is expected to begin in 2019. The Indiana Department of Transportation has agreed to pick up \$15 million of the project's cost, while local partners, led by the city of Columbus, are picking up the remainder of the amount. Other than the \$5.5 million from the Cummins Engine Plant TIF District, the city's share also includes \$4 million from its Central TIF District. Funding will also be provided by up to \$2.5 million in state or federal highway programs along with cost savings, \$2 million from Bartholomew County government and \$1.5 million from CSX and Louisville & Indiana Railroads. A request to use \$5.5 million in Cummins TIF District funds will go before the Columbus City Council for final approval during its 6 p.m. meeting Nov. 7, said Stan Gamso, attorney for the redevelopment commission. If approved, the money will be placed in the city's non-reverting fund for the overpass project,

Gamso said. The fund, which was created by the city in August, means any money within the fund can only be spent on the overpass project, city officials said.

http://www.therepublic.com/2017/10/18/redevelopment_commission_supports_moving_money_to_pay_for_overpass_project/

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