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IndyGo to End Airport-Downtown Line

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 22, 2012) – The IndyGo Green Line Downtown/Airport Express service will terminate at 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2012. The service is ending due to exhausted, non-renewable federal grant funding. IndyGo is encouraging visitors and residents to ride the agency's local Route 8 which runs between the Indianapolis International Airport and downtown Indy. Route 8, Washington Street cross-town, serves Indianapolis International Airport seven days a week. Westbound buses to the airport stop along Ohio Street, walking distance from several downtown hotels. At the airport's Ground Transportation Center, downtown-bound passengers can board Route 8 at Zone 6. IndyGo does not plan to fund the continuation of the Green Line Express. As funding allows, future growth of Indianapolis's transit system will be guided by IndyGo's Comprehensive Operational Analysis, the "bus plan" portion of the Indy Connect initiative and other planning studies done in conjunction with the Indianapolis MPO. [IndyGo to End Airport-Downtown Line - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

Erika D. Smith: Mass transit backers need momentum on their side

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I'm a big believer in the idea that the only consistent thing in life is change -- except for maybe the debate over public transportation in Indiana. I drove to Crawfordsville this week to eavesdrop on the last of a series of public meetings on adding high-speed rail in Indiana. I wasn't the least bit surprised by what I heard. Attendee No. 1: "I don't think anybody is against rail travel. It's the cost." Attendee No. 2: "I'd rather pay money for this than for the gas tax (for highways)." Attendee No. 1: "That's apples and oranges." Attendee No. 2: "Why? It's all transportation." Same debate, different people, different transit projects. Both sides have valid points. Transit, especially rail, is indeed expensive. The Hoosier Environmental Council says it would cost about \$700 million to upgrade rail lines and build crossings and stations in cities such as Crawfordsville. That price tag would be subsidized in part by the federal government, but the state would be on the hook for the service until it breaks even, assuming, of course, that it does eventually break even, which is an admittedly huge assumption. About the only section of Amtrak's system that makes money now runs between Washington, New York and Boston. Ridership in that corridor has grown steadily since it was upgraded to high-speed rail in 2000 and since flying has become ridiculously inconvenient. Do I think this sort of increase in use could happen between Cincinnati and Chicago? Heck yes! [Erika D. Smith: Mass transit backers need momentum on their side | Indianapolis Star | indystar.com](#)

Floyd County receives stretch of state roads

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NEW ALBANY — Floyd County is set to take control of six miles of state roads in the next few weeks. On Tuesday night at the Pine View Government Center, the Floyd County Commissioners approved a plan for the Indiana Department of Transportation to deed over 4.8 miles of Grant Line Road, from St. Joe Road to the Clark County line, and 2.5 miles of Charlestown Road, from Interstate 265 to the county line. The stretch includes a combined seven stop lights and two bridges. Floyd County also will receive \$2.2 million in credit and cash, which will be put into an operating budget for roads and equipment. The deal is for 10 years and also includes a dump truck from the state. The payment will be spread out over a couple of years. Floyd County Planner Don Lopp said the funds could help leverage more than \$5 million in grants and federal aid dollars. "I know we have an issue with some of our trucks so this money will help," said Commissioner Chuck Freiberger. Lopp said the idea was presented by INDOT, and after discussion and study, it was decided that it would benefit the county. Steve Bush, president of the commissioners, said the money will help pay for some future projects. [Floyd County receives stretch of state roads » Recent Local News » News and Tribune](#)

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