

Red Line Rapid Transit

Indianapolis, Indiana

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The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) is constructing a bus rapid transit (BRT) line connecting the Indianapolis central business district (CBD) with the Village of Broad Ripple to the north, and the University of Indianapolis campus to the south. The 13.1-mile BRT project includes approximately 7.7 miles of dedicated bus lanes, traffic signal priority at intersections, and 27 stations with weather protection, level vehicle boarding, real-time bus arrival information, and self-service fare vending. The project includes the purchase of 13 60-foot electric battery-powered buses.

Service is planned to be provided 20 hours per weekday, with buses every 10 minutes during daytime hours and every 20 minutes during evenings. Weekend service is planned to be provided 18 hours per day, with buses every 15 to 20 minutes. The estimated daily ridership on the project is 7,800 daily linked trips.

The total project cost under the Small Starts Grant Agreement (SSGA) is \$96.33 million. The Section 5309 Small Starts funding amount is \$74.99 million.

Status

IndyGo selected the locally preferred alternative for the project in September 2014. The project entered Small Starts Project Development in May 2015. It was adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in August 2015. IndyGo completed the environmental review process with receipt of a documented Categorical Exclusion in October 2016. IndyGo received an SSGA in May 2018, with revenue service expected in October 2019. The construction contract was awarded in December 2017 with Notice to Proceed just after SSGA signing.

Section 3005 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation ("FAST") Act (Pub. L. 114-94; Dec. 4, 2015) authorized FTA to award Federal major capital investment funds for final design and construction of the Red Line Rapid Transit. Through FY 2017, Congress has appropriated a total of \$50 million for the project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars

Source of Funds	Total Funds (\$million)	Appropriations to Date
Federal:		
Section 5309 Small Starts	\$74.99	\$50 million in total appropriations through FY 2017.
USDOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery VI Grant	\$2.07	
Local:		
Indianapolis Department of Public Works General Funds	\$6.34	
Metropolitan Development Commission Tax Increment Financing Revenues	\$6.34	
IndyGo Capital Cumulative Fund	\$6.17	
City of Carmel General Fund Revenues	\$0.20	
City of Westfield General Fund Revenues	\$0.15	
Cash Contribution from the City of Greenwood Redevelopment Commission	\$0.07	
Total:	\$96.33	

NOTE: The Source of Funds and Total Funding numbers are as established at the signing of the SSGA. The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.