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Indy DPW highlights projects selected for funding by IMPO

INDIANAPOLIS – On Wednesday, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) presented a check for \$35,507,485 to the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW). The funds will be used to help build bridges, roundabouts, trails and other enhancements in Indianapolis.

"Each and every year, our team is thorough in tracking down every creative funding source available to help bring transformative projects to fruition in our city," said Indy DPW Director Todd Wilson. "With the help of the IMPO, we're excited to be able to build these projects for our residents."

As part of an annual funding process, Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) engineers submitted projects for consideration by the IMPO, which is responsible for planning and programming regional transportation funds in the eight-county Central Indiana region. Each proposal utilized a data-driven application and committed a local funding portion of the overall project cost.

"The IMPO is proud to partner with the City of Indianapolis to invest in infrastructure that improves mobility, safety, and quality of life for residents across the region," said Anna Gremling, Executive Director of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization. "By supporting projects like new pedestrian bridges, roundabouts, and trail enhancements, we're helping communities move forward with thoughtful, data-driven improvements that reflect the needs and values of the people they serve."

Among the projects selected for funding is a new separated pedestrian crossing over 86th Street for Monon Trail users in the Nora area. Indy DPW unsuccessfully sought outside funding on multiple occasions to help make this project feasible. With this funding commitment, Indy DPW will now be able to make a long-sought request of the community a reality.

"The Monon Trail is one of our city's greatest community assets, and this new pedestrian bridge over 86th Street will significantly improve safety and accessibility for trail users," said Councilor Brienne Delaney. "This investment reflects our commitment to intentional infrastructure that enhances quality of life for residents in Nora and beyond."

Also receiving funding is a Nickel Plate Trail bridge over 82nd Street. Last year, the IMPO also approved funding for a Nickel Plate Trail bridge over Keystone Avenue

Full list of Indianapolis-area projects selected for funding:

- Raymond St over Bean Creek Bridge \$10,435,715
 - Rehabilitate the bridge by repairing the substructures, replacing the bridge deck, and building new bridge rails and barrier-separated 8' shared-use paths along both bridge edges to replace the current bike lanes.
- 71st & Dean Rd Roundabout \$1,530,400
 - 71st Street and Dean Road Intersection Improvement, construction of a roundabout. Construction of sidewalks around the roundabout with ADA curb ramps, stormwater improvements, utility relocation, and right-of-way acquisition.
- Monon Bridge over 86th Street \$7,081,600
 - The project will provide a fully separated pedestrian crossing for users of the Monon Trail to cross 86th Street. The project aims to enhance safety in the pedestrian and bike network and reduce potential points of conflict between vehicular users and pedestrians and cyclists. This project will receive federal funding for construction in 2030.
- Nickle Plate Bridge over 82nd Street \$5,974,320
 - The bridge will provide a fully separated pedestrian crossing for users of the Nickel Plate Trail (NPT) to safely cross 82nd Street, a 6-lane arterial with an AADT of 40,000-43,000 vehicles per day. This project, which is federally funded, aims to enhance safety in the pedestrian and bike network and reduce potential points of conflict between vehicular users, pedestrians, and cyclists.

- Bike Share Expansion \$1.511.850
 - The goal of this grant application is to reduce emissions through two main components: expanding the footprint of the Pacers Bikeshare system to offer more people access to a reliable and affordable transportation option, and increasing the total number of e-bikes available to enhance the convenience and reliability of the overall system. These improvements are expected to boost both ridership and trips within the bikeshare system, thereby replacing automobile trips and their associated emissions with these trips. This project is federally funded.
- Eagle Creek Greenway Phase 3 \$8,254,400
 - The Eagle Creek Greenway Phase 3 is a 0.71-mile extension from Washington Street to the existing greenway at W. McCarty St. in Indianapolis, Indiana, Marion County. This final section connects the current Eagle Creek Greenway phases to the established Eagle Creek Greenways to the north and south, creating a 16.71-mile Greenway from the southwest side of Indianapolis to the north side of Eagle Creek Regional Park. This project is set to receive federal funding for construction in 2029.
- Advanced Traffic Management Systems
 - Indianapolis will install four cloud-based Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS). These systems will allow the Department to monitor, diagnose, and modify traffic signals remotely along the corridor. The ATMS will also have an adaptive feature that allows it to automatically adjust and improve signal performance. These systems will be added to the City's existing cloud-based ATMS, forming an ever-expanding connected network of traffic signals throughout the city.
 - Post Rd Advanced Traffic Management System \$49,600
 - This project will add a cloud-based Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) to North Post Rd. from 10th St to 36th St. containing 8 traffic signals.
 - South Emerson Advanced Traffic Management System -\$220,000
 - This project will introduce a cloud-based Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) on Emerson Ave from County Line Rd to Victory Dr, featuring 14 traffic signals.
 - South Madison Advanced Traffic Management System -\$86,400
 - This project will implement a cloud-based Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) on South Madison Ave., extending from County Line Rd. to Mills Ave. and featuring 13 traffic signals.
 - North Meridian Advanced Traffic Management System -\$43,200
 - This project will add a cloud-based Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) to North Meridian St. from 64th St to 93rd St containing 7 traffic signals.
- Knozone Awareness Program \$320,000
 - Knozone is an education program serving the MPO area of Central Indiana. It is part of the City's Office of Sustainability, which works to make Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest. Good air quality is a vital component of that mission. Knozone provides outreach and education to constituents, businesses, and schools in the Indianapolis MPO area about air quality actions, multi-modal transportation options, and energy efficiency programs that reduce air pollution and improve air quality.

Information on more Indy DPW projects can be found on the city's website at $\underline{www.indy.gov/dpwprojects}.$



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