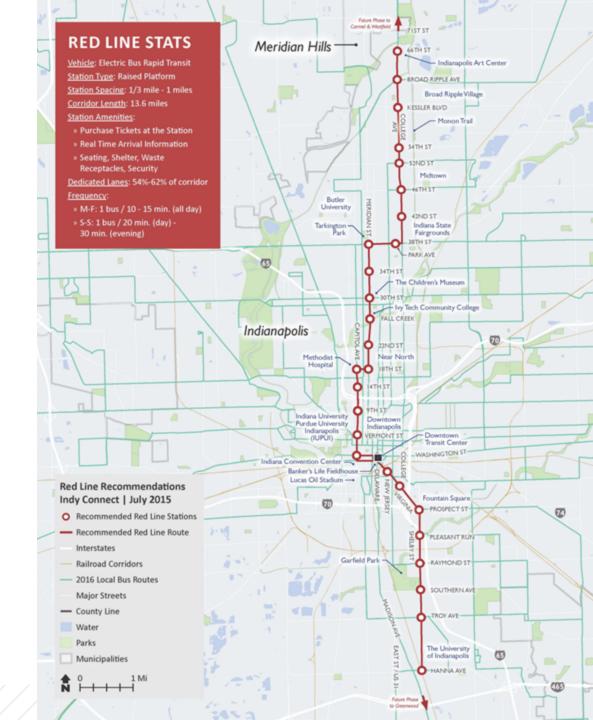


Indiana's 1st Bus Rapid Transit

- 13.5 mile BRT
- 28 stations
 - 20 center
 - 7 curbside pairs
 - 1 downtown transit center
- 34 station structures
- 60% dedicated lanes
- \$96.3M total budget





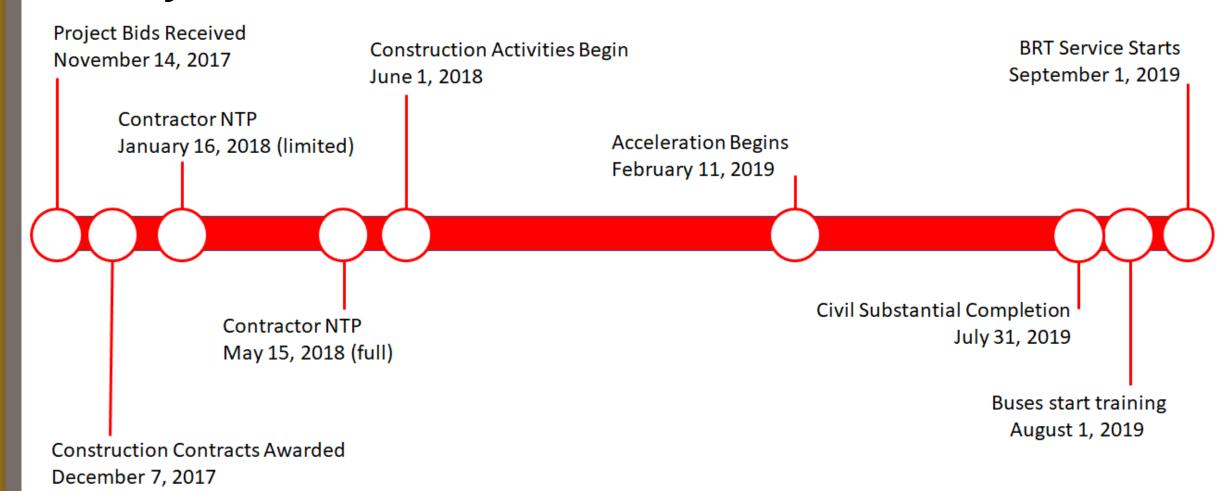
Project Components

- Stormwater
- Pavement
- Sidewalk & Curb Ramps
- Station Platforms
- Signals
- Pavement Markings
- Station Structures
- Amenities
- Signage
- Landscaping
- Security & Communication



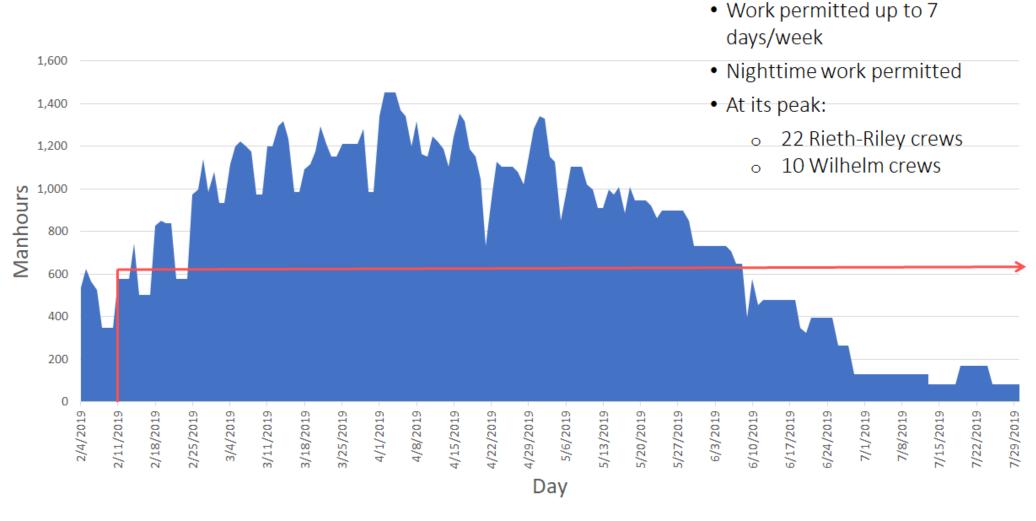


Project Schedule





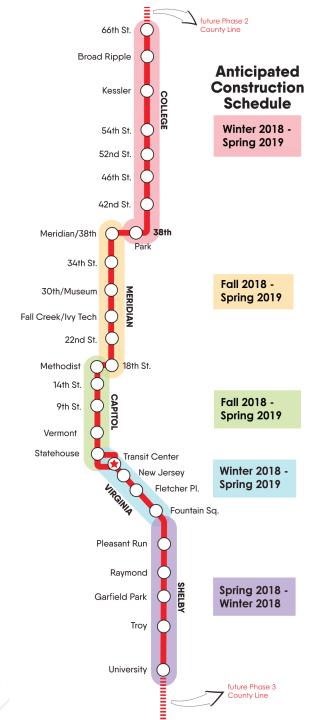
Accelerating the Work





Baseline Arsenal of Tools

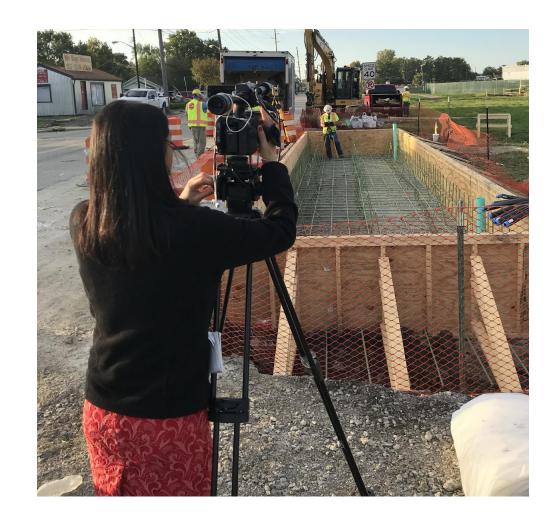
- Website (IndyGoRed.com):
 - Free-Standing Site
 - Live Google Map
 - Current Construction Activities
 - 3-Week Look Ahead
 - Weekly Email Sign-up (10k)





Baseline Arsenal of Tools

- Media and Public Relations
 - Press Release for all MOT changes
 - Dynamic Message Boards
 - Media Pitches to get in front of stories
 - Targeted communications with key Media People





Baseline Arsenal of Tools

- On-Going Outreach
 - Public meetings by corridor
 - Business owner meetings

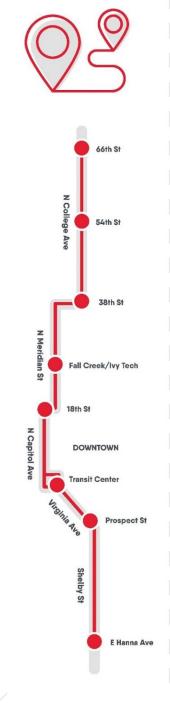






Red Line – More Than Transit

- Infographic Updated Monthly
- Used for Messaging to:
 - Public
 - Board of Directors
 - Media



PROGRESS AS OF 7.25.19







26,000 LINEAR OF STORM SEWER SEWER

50,200 FEET REPLACED

30,800 FEET REPLACED



Weekly Stakeholder Meetings

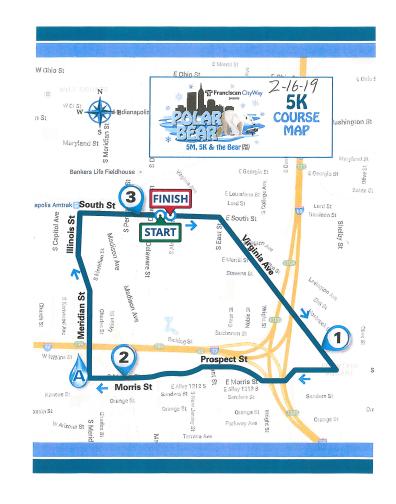
- Opportunity for dialogue between stakeholders and contractors
 - Public safety
 - DPW
 - Major employers
 - Mayor's office
 - IndyGo Public Affairs
 - IndyGo Operations
 - Contractors
- Allowed stakeholders to share in distribution of information





Weekly Stakeholder Meetings

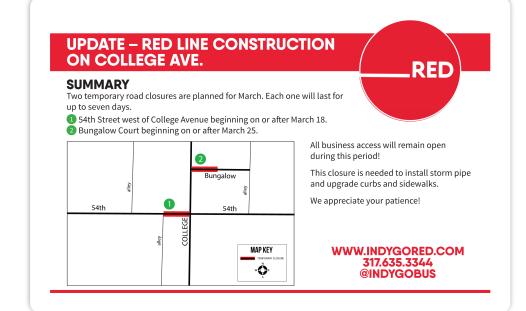
- Goal was to share information and solve problems:
 - Coordinated closures with emergency services on College – decision about whether to do full closure or partial during acceleration
 - Prepared for upcoming weather events (plates in road)
 - Coordinated MOT with upcoming races two/month!
 - Reduced impacts to IndyGo transit stops and detour routes





Communicating Acceleration Impacts

- Business Open Signs
- Targeted outreach at major milestones and changes
 - Flyers
 - Door-to-door in person
 - Email blasts
 - Meetings with business owners









A Team Effort

"This is a community project."

- Working with contractor on their role in communication
- Central database of activities and contacts
- Advocacy group produced yard signs and sponsored "Transit Talks"
- Radio spots with business stakeholders
- Reviewed infrastructure communications content with DPW





Creating a Buzz

- Consistent messaging across all channels
 - Traditional public relations
 - Daily media hits, interviews, and updates
 - Website update
 - Partner and influencers supplied with communications kits for execution
- Tools and Collaborative Push
 - "Rules of the Road" videos and release w/emergency services







Creating a Buzz

Special interest

 Parking garage owners contraflow lane on Capitol

Pre-Rides

 Invitations offered to stakeholders, longtime supports and riders, special interest groups, advocates, industry leaders



Lessons Learned

- Consistency in messaging
 - Clear expectations with contractor
 - Externally
- Share information but be realistic and don't overpromise
 - Don't share too much, b/c you only have so much control over contractor
 - 3-week look ahead right level of information, how organized
- Google voice be available, but not too available
- Establish good relationship with contractor
- Building trust with stakeholders



Lessons Learned

- Acknowledge that construction is frustrating and set expectation that things will change
- Be flexible and share info on variety of levels
 - Give people the level of information they need.
- Be responsive
- Know that people care about traffic and are really scared of change

Don't underestimate the need for positive energy on your team!









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