

“I am especially aware of the important role the Cultural Trail’s expansion along Indiana Avenue and 10th Street will play to enhance connections between the near west side and downtown Indianapolis. I am confident it will improve the quality of life for residents of neighborhoods that have been disconnected from the rest of our community for too long. It will also create a unifying sense of place along Indiana Ave and within the Indiana Ave cultural district. As a Councillor, it is also extremely impressive that the Cultural Trail continues to thrive despite receiving no operating support from the City of Indianapolis.”

-- Vop Osili, President City of Indianapolis City County Council, Council District 11.

“CICF and I support Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc’s vision for expanding the Cultural Trail along both South Street and the Indiana Ave and 10th Street corridor. We believe both of these expansions better connect neighborhoods and residents that have historically been disconnected from downtown. We also believe these expansions will connect neighborhoods with the same high level of design and detail that was embedded in the original vision of the Cultural Trail by making art, nature and beauty accessible every day for everybody. Most importantly, we believe it supports our new mission of creating equitable access and opportunity for all people and, by doing so, helps Indianapolis become a more thriving community.”

-- Brian Payne, President and CEO, Central Indiana Community Foundation and Indianapolis Cultural Trail founder.

“The Cultural Trail is an Indianapolis treasure serving as an iconic, inspiring, and engaging connector of our arts and cultural assets. We enthusiastically support its strategic expansion to these two important and emerging cultural centers in our city. In addition to increasing physical accessibility, the planned Cultural Trail expansion brings valuable endorsement and exposure to these locations as exciting new contributors to our creative economy and community story.”

-- Julie Goodman, President and CEO, Arts Council of Indianapolis

“Improving the health of our community will take an enormous citywide effort to promote daily exercise, increase access to healthy lifestyle choices and improve the overall quality of life in Indianapolis. We strongly believe that expanding the Indianapolis Cultural Trail by providing safe, beautiful and easily accessible pedestrian and bike connections to many of our city’s most important resources will play a critical role in this effort.”

-- Lisa Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Eskenazi Health

“The Indianapolis Cultural Trail has been and will continue to be one of the greatest assets in Indianapolis, and we believe the Cultural Trail expansion will strengthen its impact on our City.”

-- Michael Huber, President and CEO Indy Chamber

“Thanks to the Cultural Trail, no other city’s downtown districts are more connected or more pedestrian friendly than Indianapolis. Visit Indy enthusiastically supports the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail... Expanding the Cultural Trail to these two neighborhoods will better connect our visitors to cultural amenities, the convention center, hotels, Indy’s unique neighborhoods and the rest of our downtown”

-- Leonard Hoops, President and CEO, Visit Indy

“We believe the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail along Indiana Ave will enhance access to our building by making it safer for pedestrians and bicycles along this heavily traveled corridor, which is currently more vehicle-friendly than pedestrian-friendly. Additionally, it will create a sense of place to the area by promoting access to beautiful art and nature and highlighting the historical and cultural destinations along the corridor. We also see this as a critical step in the process to unify the Indiana Avenue Cultural District, which is an important asset for our city’s cultural history connecting neighborhoods along the Avenue, many of which have been disconnected for far too long.”

-- Tony Mason, President and CEO, Indianapolis Urban League

“We believe expanding the Cultural Trail will stimulate and support growing economic activity while also enhancing opportunities for long-standing business and institutions in the Stadium Village area and enhance the quality of life for the people who live and work there. The South Street expansion of the Cultural Trail will ultimately make the Stadium Village area more attractive to new businesses and residents while also providing more amenities and connections to existing businesses and their employees.”

-- Erica Wells, President, Stadium Village Business Association

“We identified several Great Places 2020 neighborhoods, which have great assets and potential, and are working to transform them into dynamic urban villages that attract young people and others seeking a high quality of life in walkable and bikeable neighborhoods. The Trail expansion will provide a critical link to connect these strategic places to jobs and educational opportunities by giving users safe passage through the Indiana Avenue, University Blvd and the 10th Street intersection. The South St. expansion will also better connect neighborhoods on the near south side of downtown. We know that no matter the community, connecting communities and having biking and walking infrastructure in neighborhoods are keys to making neighborhoods thrive.”

-- Tedd Grain, President and CEO Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) Indianapolis

“The Indianapolis Cultural Trail is one of the decade’s most important pieces of urban infrastructure. It’s about making us less dependent on the car but, even more important knits back together severed pieces of the city to create common ground.”

-- R.T. Ryback, President and CEO of the Minneapolis Community Foundation and former Mayor of Minneapolis