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Indianapolis Cultural Trail Expansion to Begin Construction this Fall

Two open houses planned for September 26 & 27; all are invited to learn more

INDIANAPOLIS, September 21, 2021 - Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. today announced that expansion of the renowned Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick will begin construction this fall. This is the first expansion in the organization's ten-year history, adding almost 2 miles to the internationally recognized linear park along South Street, Indiana Avenue and 10th Street, and enhancing connectivity to the Indiana Avenue and Wholesale cultural districts and nearby neighborhoods. Construction is anticipated to begin in November and take approximately 20 months to complete.

"Providing the Indianapolis community with accessible connections to cultural districts and neighborhoods, access to art and nature in a free and inclusive way is integral to our organization's mission" said Kären Haley executive director, Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. "We're grateful to all of our partners who believe in our public private partnership and in our vision to enhance quality of life for all of our residents by investing in community and cultural connections that benefit our community's health and vitality."

Earlier this month, the Indianapolis Board of Public Works approved a contract with Beaty Construction to build the first expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick.

"Our trails, bike paths, and greenways are significant investments in our city," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "They help link our neighborhoods, creating a more unified Indianapolis; they provide a healthier method of commuting in the form of active transportation, and they foster a more equitable city by providing wider city access to residents without personal vehicles. The expansion of the Cultural Trail will help extend these benefits to even more residents and visitors in the coming years."

Indianapolis Cultural Trail will be hosting two upcoming pre-construction open houses at their office, 132 W. Walnut Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

- Sunday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 27, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.



Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc., in coordination with the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW), will provide regular construction updates when the construction is underway. To find out more, sign up for the regular updates at www.IndyCulturalTrail.org/Expansion. Residents are also encouraged to follow along on all Indianapolis Cultural Trail social media accounts.

The full expansion includes funding for the Cultural Trail's endowment to sustainably maintain the Trail for years to come and funding to enhance the Trail's art collection and public art program. Lead investors include Lilly Endowment Inc, Anthem Foundation, Lilly Foundation and the City of Indianapolis. To date Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has raised \$28.5 million for the estimated \$30 million project.

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail expansion includes two distinct segments:

Indiana Avenue/10th Street

The Indiana Avenue expansion will connect directly to the Madam Walker Legacy Center on Indiana Avenue and continue north to 10th Street. It will then head west on 10th Street to the planned bridge leading to the 16 Tech Innovation District.

South Street

The South Street expansion will bring the Indianapolis Cultural Trail from New Jersey Street to Capitol Avenue, improving access in a thriving stretch of downtown that includes Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indiana Convention Center and a growing residential hub. The new section will also create a beautiful connection between downtown and near Southside neighborhoods and the Stadium Village area.

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About Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc: The mission of Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc (ICT) is to enrich lives and connect people and places through dynamic and beautiful experiences along the eight mile, internationally recognized Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc is a 501c3 not for profit organization. The Cultural Trail also operates Pacers Bikeshare in partnership with the City of Indianapolis.