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**Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc celebrates official groundbreaking for the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick**

**INDIANAPOLIS, November 4, 2021** - Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. today announced the official groundbreaking for the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. City officials, neighborhood leaders, founders, artists, and the community gathered this morning at the corner of South Street and S. Meridian Street, along the future Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

The community heard from several notable individuals including Mayor Hogsett, Councillor Jones, leadership from Ransom Place Neighborhood Association and Stadium Village Business Association, the Glick Family, and artist Manón Voice.

“Indianapolis has long distinguished itself as one of the most walkable downtowns in America,” stated Mayor Joe Hogsett. “Since 2013, a big reason has been the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, and today we are expanding the reach of this beloved resource.”

Construction is anticipated to begin within the coming weeks on the additional 2-miles of the internationally recognized linear park. The expansion will enhance connection along the Indiana Avenue/10th St. corridor as well as South St, better connecting the cultural districts and neighborhoods along its path. The first expansion of the Cultural Trail will take approximately 20 months to complete. Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc., in coordination with the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW), will provide regular construction updates and encourage all those interested to follow along at [www.IndyCulturalTrail.org/Expansion](http://www.IndyCulturalTrail.org/Expansion) and sign up for the [regular updates](#).

“Adding 2 miles means so much more than linear feet,” shared Kären Haley, Executive Director of Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. “Expanding the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick means more shared experiences, a deeper understanding of our city’s cultural opportunities and significant neighborhoods and extended time outdoors with free access to public art and beautiful gardens on the Trail. We’re grateful to our founders, our philanthropic partners and community leaders for believing in the vision of expanding the Cultural Trail.”

The expansion project includes adding approximately two miles to the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, as well as funding for Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc’s endowment to sustainably maintain the Cultural Trail for years to come and investment in 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.

Expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick 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.

### **Afternoon Celebration**

Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. invites the public to an **afternoon groundbreaking celebration from 4:30 - 6:00p.m. Thursday, November 4 outside of the Indianapolis Urban League at 777 Indiana Avenue.** All are welcome to enjoy live music from the Organ-nizers, complimentary food from Black Leaf Vegan, dessert treats from Cleo's Bodega & Cafe, and hot beverages from Tinker Coffee Co.

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**About Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc:** Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc, a 501(c) non-profit organization, is the world class leader in urban trails and linear parks and is committed to a sustainable funding model that ensures accessible connections for future generations on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick.