



DONOR GUIDE

Nickel Plate Trail is a 10.3 mile multi-use trail that will be a local and regional asset encouraging placemaking, activation, and redevelopment.



10.3 miles
39th Street to 96th Street

16.82 miles
Noblesville to Fishers to Indy

40-mi Full Loop
Nickel Plate, Monon + Midland Trace

BENEFITS OF TRAILS

Trails and greenways have tremendous potential to **catalyze development and growth** in neighborhoods and communities that they connect. They serve as dynamic centers of recreation, fitness, commerce, learning, socialization while providing multi-modal **transportation options** throughout our city and beyond. The transformative growth of development and **economic opportunity** is evident in previous projects such as the Monon Trail and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, two catalytic projects that have transformed the way we interact with our city.

TRAIL STATUS

PLANNED: 10.3 - Mile trail from 42nd Street to 96th Street & in collaboration with Fishers, the connection to the existing Nickel Plate Trail from 96th Street to 106th Street.

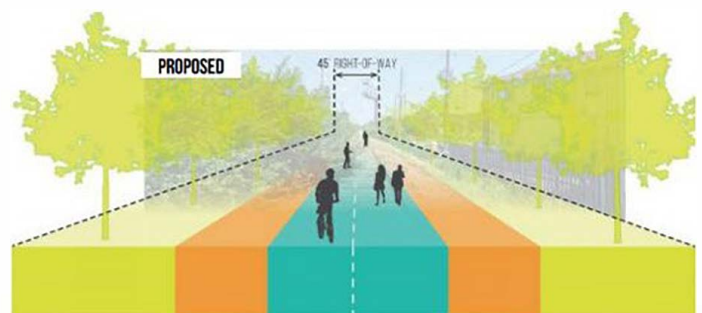
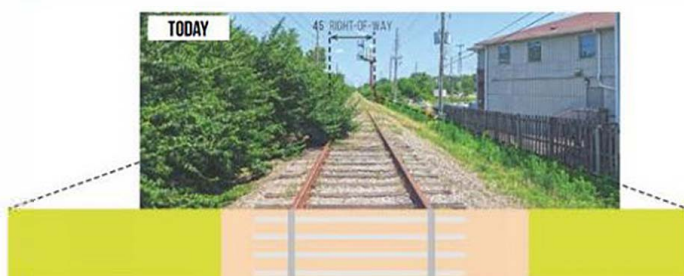
PROPOSED SCHEDULE: The City of Indianapolis and our community partners propose to start construction as early as Fall of 2023 and complete the trail by 2024.

PROJECT COST

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$15,200,000 - This includes design engineering, construction inspection and estimated construction cost for a 10 foot wide asphalt trail with intersection safety improvements, trail signs, and neighborhood connection to Eastwood Middle School and Sahm Park.

FUNDED: The **City of Indianapolis** was awarded \$5,000,000 from the IDNR Next Level Trails program, received thousands in local donations and has invested \$1,200,000 to date for design engineering, environmental review, and permits for construction of the trail. In addition, we were awarded READi funds to design the Nickel Plate Trail Bridge over Keystone in 2022.

NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Typical Condition



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Remaking the Nickel Plate rail as a multi-modal trail is a once in a generation opportunity to enhance the citywide and regional trail network. When strategically implemented with other infrastructure improvements and diverse partnerships, **trails can catalyze trailside development** and increase nearby property values

A 2015 study by the Indiana University Public Policy Institute stated that, "Property values within 500 feet (1 block) of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail have increased 148% from 2008 to 2014, an increase of **\$1 billion** in assessed property value."

The Castleton Strategic Revitalization Plan reimagines the NPT as the backbone for trail-focused development transforming vacant and underutilized space into **vibrant destinations** from Noblesville to the Indiana State Fairgrounds.



HEALTH + WELLNESS

Within Indianapolis, the Nickel Plate Trail will serve as an multi-modal connection to over 95,000 residents and over 2,250 employment sites that account for more than 30,000 jobs. The physical and mental health benefits of having access to places for physical activity such as parks and trails are evident now more than ever as we navigate a the complexities of a pandemic.

Walking and bicycling facilities promote an active, healthy lifestyle.

The 2017 *Indiana Trails Study* conducted by IU Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands stated, "67% of trail users indicated an increase in their activity levels since beginning to use a trail, with 71% of respondents indicating that their level of activity increased by more than 25%. Over **40% of trail users reported they did not exercise regularly before having access to a trail.**"

EQUITABLE INVESTMENT

The City of Indianapolis is focused on addressing disparities and increasing access to opportunity and community destinations by providing mobility options for all ages and abilities.

Using an equity framework in Indy will help us **improve access to transportation options for all.**

In the past, the Nickel Plate rail corridor served as a physical barrier, disconnecting streets and making non-vehicular modes of transportation difficult and hazardous - the NPT takes this barrier and transforms it instead into a means of transportation and recreation that can be used by all. In addition, the trail serves to benefit increased public health and safety outcomes while increasing property value for distressed communities.



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