



Mayor Hogsett and Old Southside break ground on Lift Indy infrastructure project

\$6.8 million infrastructure improvements mark milestone for City of Indianapolis 2nd Lift Indy neighborhood

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Mayor Joe Hogsett, city officials, and community leaders broke ground on a \$6.8 million infrastructure project along the South Meridian St. Corridor in the Old Southside.

“Today’s Lift Indy groundbreaking in the Old Southside begins work on a project with a community-driven vision for one of Indianapolis’ oldest neighborhoods,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “Our partnership with the Old Southside has allowed us to create job opportunities, promote homeownership, build affordable housing, and make strides in neighborhood infrastructure improvement. We’re prioritizing safe, pedestrian-focused infrastructure in Indianapolis neighborhoods to enhance the quality of life and elevate our neighborhoods.”

[The Old Southside Lift Indy project](#) includes streetscape and stormwater infrastructure improvements, placemaking, and other components along Meridian Street from Arizona St. To McCarty St. The City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) and Department of Public Works (DPW) worked along residents and community stakeholders to identify project priorities, including improved storm drainage, pedestrian-focused infrastructure, placemaking, and safety. Highlights include:

- Pedestrian focused upgrades encompass a multi-use path
- ADA compliant sidewalks with curb ramps
- Upgraded traffic signals for cyclists and cars
- Bump outs
- Addition of bike racks
- Branded seating
- Trash receptacles
- Proper stormwater inlet spacing and sized stormwater pipes
- Pave-Drain for stormwater infiltration

Last month, Mayor Hogsett announced a capital construction outlook that comprised \$1.15B in improvement projects over the next 5 years, including nearly \$400M expected to be spent in 2023. This piece of the budget was unanimously given a do-pass recommendation by the Public Works Committee for approval by the full Council.

“What has brought us to this moment is the phenomenal neighborhood leaders and community members that I have the honor of representing in Council District 16,” said Councillor Kristin Jones. “Their hard work and commitment to the redevelopment of the Old Southside will allow us to continue to foster a vibrant community.”

In 2018, Mayor Hogsett and DMD selected the Old Southside as the city's 2nd Lift Indy neighborhood, focusing community development funds on 13 affordable housing opportunities, upgrades to Kelly Park, and the South Meridian Street infrastructure improvements. Lift Indy is the City’s comprehensive community development investment program, combining U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding towards a concentrated

area over the course of three years. Since 2017, the City of Indianapolis has designated 7 Lift Indy neighborhoods: Monon16, Old Southside, East 10th Street, Near North, Martindale-Brightwood, Mid-North, and the Far Eastside.

“This significant economic impact will attract corporate companies, restaurants, hotels, retail and breathe new life into our community,” said Erica Wells, president of the Stadium Village Business Association. “I would like to thank Mayor Joe Hogsett, and the City of Indianapolis for their partnership and investment in our historic neighborhood. Keep your eye on the Old Southside and Stadium Village.”

At the announcement Mayor Hogsett was joined by City officials, neighborhood leaders from Old Southside Neighborhood Association, Stadium Village Business Association, TWG Development, residents, and business leaders.

Crews will begin work on Phase 1 of the Old Southside Lift Indy project on or after Monday, September 12. For detours and other information regarding Project ED-20-001, please visit www.indy.gov. More information on Indy DPW's infrastructure program can be found [here](#).

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