Marion County Voters Support Transit

AARP Indiana believes that communities across the Hoosier state should be more livable. This means that communities are safe and secure with supportive features and services, including adequate transit and mobility options.

In Marion County, IndyGo is a critical community benefit that helps many older Indianapolis residents by giving them another option to traverse the community in which they live. Voters in the county showed immense support for the transit system when it approved an income tax referendum in 2016.

The improvements that have been made since, and the improvements coming in the future, serve as a tremendous opportunity to generate enormous amounts of economic activity with every \$1 invested generating \$4 in economic returns, and every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation yielding \$30 million in increased business sales.

Recently, AARP conducted a survey of Marion County registered voters age 18-plus. The survey examines voters' knowledge about and experience with IndyGo, opinions about improvements to its bus system, and support for and opposition to recent legislative efforts at the Statehouse that would jeopardize IndyGo's future expansion.

Support for Improving & Expanding Transit Remains High

Marion County registered voters stand behind their belief in Indy's public transit system and continue to strongly support the 2016 referendum that dedicated funding for the improvement of IndyGo.

Registered voters who believe that it is extremely or very important to have IndyGo available in Marion County to help all residents.

Voters have very strong opposition to efforts that limit funding to IndyGo and stop the expansion of bus rapid transit lines.

Registered voters agree that transit funding will make Indianapolis more competitive with other urban areas and more attractive for companies and small businesses.

Nine in ten support installing and/or rebuilding sidewalks, crosswalks, and bus stops that are a part of the rapid transit line construction.

Three out of four support rebuilding and restructuring streets and roads to include dedicated bus lanes and level-boarding stops.

Voters Want Elected Officials Who Champion Transit

Over half of Marion County registered voters age 18-plus would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports improving and expanding IndyGo. Almost the same percentage is less likely to vote for a candidate who supports limiting expansion.

Strong Interest for a Comprehensive Transportation Network

Voters placed high importance on a robust network that provided options for residents saying these options were extremely/very important.

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