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SUPPORT INCREASED TRANSIT FUNDING

Our state's transit resources have not kept pace with demand and economic opportunity. The Indiana General Assembly should increase state funding to \$60 million to meet the demand for reliable local transit service.

ICAT'S 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Increasing state-level funding for transit – the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF) – to \$60 million in the budget bill (House Bill 1001)
- Providing additional local transit funding tools to communities (Senate Bills 379 and 478 and House Bill 1618)

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

A bill becomes a law by following the same process in both chambers – the House and Senate – of the Indiana General Assembly:

- The bill is introduced (first reading) in the originating chamber and assigned to a committee.
- The bill may be granted a hearing in committee. If the bill is heard, voted on and approved, it moves on in the process; if not, there is no further action.
- The bill returns to the full membership of the originating chamber for a second reading, which may include floor amendments.
- A final floor vote is then taken on third reading. If the bill is passed, it moves to the other chamber to repeat the process.
- A bill that passes both chambers with identical language goes directly to the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed.
- A bill that passes both chambers but with different

language, must go to conference committee, where representatives from each chamber reconcile the differences.

- Once final language is determined by conferees, the bill must go back to each chamber for approval by full membership before going to the Governor.

Follow bill progress on the Indiana General Assembly website: <http://iga.in.gov/>.

MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Introduce yourself.
- Describe the purpose of your meeting: "I support transit funding and want you to do the same."
- Share your personal story and why transit matters to you.
- Request support: "Please increase PMTF to \$60 million."
- Ask, "Can I count on you to support an increase in PMTF?"
- Say, "Thank You."
- Follow up with an email, call, letter or second meeting in the legislator's home district.

Stay in touch with legislators throughout the session, urging support and providing feedback on their transit-related votes. ICAT will provide legislative updates and alerts to keep you informed.

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