



## **CIRTA launches West Carmel Connector**

*New service connects with IndyGo's Route 86 bus*

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 25, 2013) – The Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) is now providing transportation from Indy's northwest side to worksites in West Carmel, including RCI, ITT Technical Institute and retail outlets and restaurants along Michigan Road, between 96<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> Streets. Because the new service connects to IndyGo routes, it is accessible from locations across the city.

Operating during peak commuting times on weekday mornings and evenings, as well as one late-night run, the West Carmel Connector picks up commuters at St. Vincent Hospital on Harcourt Drive, using the sheltered bus stop served by IndyGo Routes 34 and 28.

The West Carmel Connector also is convenient to IndyGo Route 86, which stops on 86th Street about one block north of the Harcourt Drive stop. Started last summer, Route 86 runs between Trader's Point and Castleton Square Mall. The new service makes it possible to travel across the Northside without having to go downtown, which drastically cuts travel times.

The West Carmel Connector is free to ride. It is a one-year demonstration project funded with a Federal Transit Administration Job Access Reverse Commute grant.

A service of CIRTA, the West Carmel Connector builds on the success of the Plainfield Connector and CIRTA's Indy Express Bus connecting Carmel and Fishers to downtown Indianapolis workplaces. Those services also operate during peak times on weekdays.

For more information, visit [www.CarmelConnector.com](http://www.CarmelConnector.com) or call 317-327-RIDE.

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