



## Mayor Joe Hogsett, IndyGo, and Growing Places Indy kicked off Food in Transit at Julia M. Carson Transit Center

*In its sixth year, Food in Transit introduces free farmstand produce, food demonstration partnership with the City*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Today, Mayor Joe Hogsett joined IndyGo and Growing Places Indy to launch the sixth year of Food in Transit, a food access partnership that provides fresh, affordable, and locally grown produce to transit riders at the Julia M. Carson Transit Center every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m., through the end of September.

"I firmly believe that food access is a fundamental right for every resident of our city. Our program goes beyond traditional approaches by meeting residents where they are on their day-to-day routes, ensuring that fresh produce is easily accessible to all," said Mayor Hogsett. "This year, we have also prioritized education, recognizing that knowledge is a powerful tool in bridging the gap in food access challenges. A gracious thank you to our partners for equipping our residents with the necessary information and resources to empower them to make healthier choices and build a stronger, more resilient community."

As part of this initiative, Growing Places Indy will provide a farmstand with fresh, affordable, and locally-grown produce every Friday from June through September. In a commitment to inclusivity, all produce will be free, allowing community members to access these healthy food options, regardless of economic status. However, donations will be accepted. The Food in Transit partnership is supported by a \$15,000 federal Community Development Block Grant from the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development. This season's programming expands the City's partnership by bringing community programming from the Office of Public Health and Safety's Division of Community Nutrition and Food Policy. The produce and farmstand is provided by Growing Places Indy. Cooking demonstrations, recipes and free, prepackaged ingredients will be provided by OPHS's food team.

"Each year, through IndyGo Cares, we work to increase rider access to essential resources that positively affect their health and well-being," said IndyGo President and CEO Inez Evans. "Food in Transit's addition of cooking demonstrations, recipe cards, and free, prepackaged ingredients to make healthy, homemade meals, is expanding the power of an already impactful program. We're excited to welcome the Office of Public Health and Safety as a new partner as we continue to expand our reach."

Food in Transit is one of three initiatives offered under the IndyGo Cares community outreach programming. Wellness in Transit provides free healthcare services, including rapid testing and treatment for STDs, HIV, and Hepatitis C and resources for mental health and housing instability. No health insurance or ID is required. Music in Transit is an award-winning concert web series that showcases local artists from a wide range of genres performing on local transit, including music from this year's newest partner, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Starting June 2, Food in Transit runs every Friday through September 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Julia M. Carson Transit Center, 201 E. Washington Street. Cooking demonstrations and the distribution of bags of free, prepackaged ingredients to cook a healthy meal will take place on the third Friday of each month. Riders can utilize [IndyGo's online trip planner at indygo.net](https://www.indygo.net) to plan trips to the Carson Transit Center.

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**About Growing Places Indy**

Growing Places Indy is a nonprofit organization empowering individuals to cultivate personal, family, and community wellness through urban agriculture since 2009. Today, the organization operates four urban farms across Indianapolis, equaling nearly two acres and two greenhouses in year-round production. Growing Places Indy continues to improve access to fresh local food and mind-body education in Indianapolis through programs, such as Plant it Forward, Grow Getters, Young Grow Getters, CSA, and hosting the Indy Winter Farmers Market, to create a healthy and thriving community. For more information about Growing Places Indy, please visit [www.growingplacesindy.org](http://www.growingplacesindy.org), or visit them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

**About IndyGo**

IndyGo, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, is committed to connecting the community to economic and cultural opportunities through safe, reliable, and accessible mobility experiences. The IndyGo Red Line is the longest fully-battery electric bus rapid transit line in the Midwest and provides service through the heart of Indianapolis. To learn more, visit their website, follow them on Twitter @IndyGoBus and @IndyGoAlerts, or call IndyGo Customer Service at 317.635.3344.

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