



Senate Bill 52 Talking Points

Senate Bill 52: Prohibits a public transportation project, including the Blue Line, from including one or more dedicated lanes for the exclusive use of public transportation vehicles.

Bill Impacts:

- Blue Line does not move forward or at the minimum design would start over.
- Bill could go into effect before the Purple Line opens impacting its construction and the agreement with FTA, which could cost millions of dollars.

What is the Blue Line?

- Third Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line for IndyGo
- 24 miles long
- Connecting Cumberland west to the airport along dedicated bus lanes

What are the benefits of dedicated bus lanes?

- They improve transit reliability, which means the bus arrives at the same time at predictable intervals, regardless of the time of day.
- They provide enhanced safety through traffic calming to include the following:
 - Center bus lanes reduce vehicle collisions at intersections, reducing crashes overall.
 - Narrower vehicle lanes reduce speeds and therefore crash severity.
- They improve safety for all modes of transportation.
- They allow a dedicated lane for emergency vehicles to use.

What are the benefits of the Blue Line?

- It will mean faster, more efficient transit along one of IndyGo's highest ridership routes.
- More than \$399 million in economic development planned along the Blue Line corridor.
- Beyond transit, it's a major infrastructure project, including the following:
 - 9 miles of new or replaced sidewalks.
 - 7 miles of new street paving.
 - 340+ new or replaced ADA curb ramps.
 - Stormwater drainage improvements

What happens if dedicated bus lanes are banned?

- The Blue Line does not move forward.
The Blue Line BRT is a competitive project with transit benefits that **can't** be done with shared lanes. We already have shared lanes along this route in the existing Route 8.
- The community loses all infrastructure improvements, including the new sidewalks, street paving, ADA curb ramps and stormwater drainage upgrades.
- It would mean the waste of more than \$185 million spent to build the Purple Line project that was intended to connect downtown Indianapolis to Lawrence through BRT, utilizing dedicated bus lanes.

What can you do?

- Commit to support IndyGo Blue Line as designed with dedicated lanes.
- Submit a statement of support for the Blue Line and how it impacts you and your community.
- Commit to testify in person or in written statement during the 2024 session if necessary.

For more on the benefits of BRT, check out the [2024 IndyGo Transit is Essential Guidebook](#)

For more on the Blue Line, check out the [Blue Line webpage](#)