

GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING FOR INDY BIKE HUB YMCA SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 14TH

[September 1, 2011 – Indianapolis, IN] - The YMCA of Greater Indianapolis and Bicycle Garage Indy (BGI) are inviting the public to its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Indy Bike Hub YMCA. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 am, September 14 at the City Market, 222 E. Market Street (east wing). Tours will be available immediately following the ceremony. Mayor Greg Ballard, City of Indianapolis, will be attending the event and is expected to make remarks.

The Indy Bike Hub YMCA, located in the east wing of Indianapolis City Market, is the site of a unique bicycle parking and fitness facility, the first of its kind in the country: a bicycle commuter hub and full fitness facility. This facility supports bicycle commuters with secure indoor bicycle parking for 148 bicycles, locker rooms, showers, full service bicycle shop and provides downtown Indianapolis workers, residents and visitors with a full service fitness center.

The Indy Bike Hub YMCA eliminates the largest hurdles for potential bicycle commuters: the need for secure bicycle parking, the opportunity to shower and change into work clothes and a place to store bicycle clothing while at work. The City of Indianapolis recognized the need for this type of facility and has enlisted the expertise of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis to operate and manage the facility. Bicycle Garage Indy is a partner, bringing bicycle expertise to the project.

"We are grateful that the City of Indianapolis is entrusting the Y with such a unique and worthwhile project," said Eric Ellsworth, President/CEO, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. "The opening of the Indy Bike Hub Y is the perfect opportunity to get the citizens of Indianapolis moving and to help us begin our journey in being one of the top 10 healthiest cities by 2025."

"Bicycle Garage Indy is thrilled to be involved with this project. We see this as an extension of our advocacy efforts to help create a bicycle friendly Indianapolis. Providing a central location for bicycle commuters to park their bicycles and be able to meet and connect with each other will be a catalyst for Indianapolis to be regarded as a progressive community that will attract employers and employees. We look forward to serving bicyclists who work, live and visit downtown Indianapolis," Randy Clark, President and Founder of Bicycle Garage Indy.

The Bike Hub will be open daily at the following times:

Monday through Friday – 5:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday – 7 am to 5 pm
Sunday – 11 am to 5 pm

Those interested in purchasing a membership can visit the new Indy Bike Hub YMCA during the above hours, beginning September 7. Current Y members will receive full use of the new Indy Bike Hub YMCA as part of their membership, but special bike locker/shower memberships and other options are available as well.

For additional information about the Indy Bike Hub YMCA, call 317-685-9705, visit the Indy Bike Hub YMCA Facebook page or visit the following web sites.

www.indybikehub.org – Comprehensive site including a photo tour highlighting the facility's amenities.
www.indybikehubymca.org – for all YMCA related information
www.bgindy.com – for information on the Bicycle Garage Indy store at the Hub

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