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Mode transfer station completed

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Among the new features of the Hoodlebug Trail extension project is an electric car-charging station at the municipal lot at Eighth and Church streets in Indiana.

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The municipal parking lot at South Eighth and Church streets has been reconfigured as a "mode transfer station" to represent the new northern end of the Hoodlebug Trail Extension.

The state-funded \$344,000 project has been called the Indiana Multimodal Corridor, a protected bikeway connecting the former Hoodlebug trail head at Rose Street near Hoss's Restaurant in White Township with downtown Indiana, mainly through the Indiana University of Pennsylvania campus.

The new path for the trail follows parts of South 13th Street Extension from the area of the Robertshaw Building, along Glass Street, Fisher Avenue, Maple Street, Garman Avenue and West Avenue to the Church Street intersection.

The pavement has been marked with "sharrows," indicating where motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists have mutual use of the roads.



Newly added features in the municipal parking lot that represent the new end of the Hoodlebug Trail.

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The parking lot, extended by a "bulb-out" of the pavement at the corner of Church and Eighth, has been equipped with a bike rack, bike repair station, a seat wall and bollards to separate the transfer station from the vehicle parking area.

Partners in the project included Indiana Borough, White Township and IUP. It's been administered by the county, represented by the commissioners, the Office of Planning and Development and the Recreation and Trails Department. The organizers this week announced a plan for a soft opening

ceremony at noon Friday at the parking lot.

Ray I. Winters and Sons Inc. of Indiana was contracted to complete the extension.



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