“THE BOXES” SET TO RECEIVE NEW LOOK, NEW LOCATIONS

Boxes designed to collect funds for homeless will temporarily be removed from streets for maintenance overhaul and will be returned to new locations

INDIANAPOLIS – “The Boxes” curb vaults designed to collect funds for homelessness intervention and prevention in Indianapolis will be removed today from their current locations for repairs, cleaning, and new graphics wraps. When maintenance is complete in early October, some of the eight Boxes will be re-installed in their current locations, and some will move to new locations based on collections during the past year.

“The Boxes have been a great means of support for our downtown public safety efforts since May 2008, and it’s time to rejuvenate the initiative by giving these fixtures some needed maintenance and a fresh look,” said Mark Renner, Department of Public Safety Interim Director.

The city, in coordination community partners who provide services to the homeless in Indianapolis, launched The Boxes campaign in May, 2008 with the installation of five vaults. Three additional Boxes were placed on city streets in April, 2009. The purpose of the Boxes is to provide a place to donate money to the less fortunate without placing it directly in the hands of panhandlers.

Since May, 2008, the Boxes have collected $7,344.36. All of the money collected goes to CHIP, which then redistributes 100% of the money to service providers throughout the city. These service providers include Wheeler Mission, Indy Homeless Connect (for the purchase of eyeglasses), and the Pour House.

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