

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, February 10 2009, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
(Rescheduled January CIRTA Board Meeting)

United Way of Central Indianapolis/Marion County
3901 N. Meridian Street, Conference Room E
Indianapolis, IN 46208-0409

Board Members Present:	Board Member Absent:	Others Present:	
Christine Altman	Bob Sterrett	Ehren Bingaman	Kim Irwin
Chuck Fewell	Mike Hale	Leslie Wilson	Tim Watson
Gil Holmes	Rob Thoman	Jen Thomas	Tom Sturm
Ron Deer	Sue Ritz	Matthew Comparato	Becky Allen
Jerry Bridges	Bill Kirchoff	Lori Miser	Angie Gilmer
Joanne Sanders	Don Adams	Roger Hollands	Bridget Farren
Linda Sanders		Pete Grills	Brian Martin
Larry Hesson		Mike Koyak	Anita Beverly
David George		Roger Stephens	Bill Stinson
		Kevin Jasinski	Joe Wiesinger
		David Littlejohn	
		Maryanne O'Malley	

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by C. Altman at 9:10 AM. A quorum was recognized.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the 2009 CIRTA Board. C. Altman opened the floor for nominations. **L. Hesson moved to re-elect the 2008 officers, C. Altman, President, Joanne Sanders, Vice President, Chuck Fewell, Treasurer, and Jerry Bridges, Secretary. J. Sanders seconded.** C. Altman closed the nominations. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

The Minutes of the December 3, 2008 CIRTA board meeting were presented to the board. **G. Holmes moved to accept the minutes as presented, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with L. Hesson abstaining from the vote since he did not attend the December 3, 2008 CIRTA Board meeting.**

The Agenda was amended at this point in the meeting to New Business (a.) in order for Mr. Mark Miles with Central Indiana Transit Task Force to complete his presentation to the board due to time constraints.

Mr. Miles presented the CITTF Mission, Principles, Resulting Work Product, Partnership & Funding, Consulting Partners, and Timeline via a slide presentation. After the presentation, E. Bingaman opened the floor for questions from the board members. L. Hesson, J. Sanders and J. Bridges were concerned about the communication strategy between CITTF and CIRTA. L. Hesson voiced his concern that the analysis to be completed by CITTF be new, and not include the same information given from prior studies and analysis to date. R. Deer thought it important that CITTF utilize the knowledge and expertise of the board members and other transit

professionals during this process. G. Holmes wanted to stress that with the opportunity of the economic stimulus and the funding legislation happening this week (HB1660), that if there are monies that are going to be spent, we receive as much of the monies as possible.

C. Altman wanted assurances that CITTFF would be contacting the highway departments and MPO's to be clear on the transit needs of the region as well as an assurance that if public monies are spent for CITTFF's analysis that a more defined corridor and mode would be the end result. M. Miles gave his assurances. J. Bridges requested that CIRT Board members have access to all preliminary documents to review in order to coordinate and have useful discussion on the CITTFF study as it progresses and this discussion will need to involve ecological issues and land use issues. D. George stated that the plan must move transit forward in the region as well as provide a positive environment for economic growth and future employment in this region. The discussion ended with G. Holmes asking if CITTFF thought the study would supply a short term or long term solution. M. Miles responded that it would be a medium to long term solution for @ 20 years.

L. Hesson moved that CITTFF give the CIRT Board members an update at the monthly CIRT Board meetings. C. Fewell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. C. Altman requested that CITTFF be added as an agenda item at each monthly CIRT Board meeting.

The Agenda resumed at this point in the meeting to discuss the Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report:

- a. Executive Committee Meeting-January 7, 2009-C. Altman informed the board that with the current economic stimulus plan being determined in Washington DC, the Executive Committee made the decision that there was a need for a trip to Washington DC to talk with Indiana representatives. The trip was on January 28 and 29, 2009 and was a success. Discussions included integrated systems, light rail, fixed guideway and heavy rail. C. Fewell requested a list of the representatives and their point of contacts be sent to the board members for use by any board member in the future if in Washington DC.

The Agenda was amended at this point to discuss (c.) Legislative Updates on the Executive Director's Report.

- c. HB 1660 will be heard tomorrow, Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the State House in Room 156D at 10:30am. E. Bingaman provided the Board an overview the bill, and discussed the merits and challenges of the proposed legislation.

The Agenda resumed at this point in the meeting to discuss (b.) DEIS on the Executive Director's Report.

- b. DEIS-RFP for the NE Corridor has not been completed-still in progress.
- d. Financial-2009 Budget Review, Chase Bank Deposits-C. Altman would like to schedule a meeting of the Financial Committee to discuss the budget process steps that are necessary in order to utilize the funds currently in the CIRT Operating Chase bank account.
- e. Rural Transit Grant-RFQ brought in 5 vendor responses. E. Bingaman, James English, Becky Allen and Sue Ritz are reviewing the responses and plan to bring a recommendation to the board at the February CIRT Board meeting.
- f. Economic Stimulus-Covered under (c.).

At this point in the meeting, E. Bingaman asked that Roger Hollands address the board. R. Hollands is a professor emeritus with Ball State University. He is very active in Delaware County and two weeks ago addressed the Delaware County Council and discussed the regional transportation need and benefits and CIRTAs. The Mayor of Muncie is supportive and asked that he also speak with the Muncie City Council. An opportunity to work with Delaware County would be a positive step forward in transit.

Service Updates:

- a. IndyGo-Mike Terry is now the President & CEO of IndyGo. Ridership is still good even though gas prices have dropped. The coordination of the Express Bus from Greenwood is almost completed.
- b. CICS-A. Beverly reported to the board that the CICS 2008 Year End Report is included in the board packet. January was used to reconnect with all points of contact to discuss needs and introduce CICS to new contacts. March 1, 2009 will be the beginning of the 3rd and last year of the contract and A. Beverly hopes for a contract renewal.
- c. On Demand Providers-B. Allen reported that ridership has increased greatly in the last six months and S. Ritz will be reporting at the next board meeting.
- d. Indy MPO-Lori Miser is now the MPO Executive Director. The MPO is currently working to identify projects for the stimulus package and L. Miser confirmed that all transportation dollars will go through the MPO.
- e. Anderson MPO-J. Bridges reported to the board that the Anderson MPO is also identifying projects for the stimulus package.

C. Fewell asked that staff present the board with an inventory of all existing and potential providers in the 9 county CIRTAs area. E. Bingaman responded that this is a deliverable in the regional rural/on-demand transit study and will provide that when that task is completed.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 10:50 am.