

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, March 25, 2009, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Perry Township Government Center
4925 South Shelby Street
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Board Members Present: **Board Member
Absent:**

Christine Altman
Joanne Sanders
Chuck Fewell
Ron Deer
Jerry Bridges
Bill Kirchoff
Sue Ritz
Rob Thoman
Jeff Quyle
David George
Bob Sterrett
Larry Hesson
Linda Sanders

Mike Hale
Gil Holmes

Others Present:

Ehren Bingaman Ryan Hoff
Leslie Wilson Sean White
John Young Kelly McNairy
Becky Allen Cory Wilson
Roger Stephens Irene Wegner
Roger Hollands Bridget Farren
Dennis Southerland Angie Gilmer
Anita Beverly Tom Sturmer
Richard Vonnegut Kim Irwin
Joanne Hamilton Roscoe Brown
David Littlejohn Mike Terry
Timothy Watson John Myers
Jim McDonald Kathy Davis
Brienne Delaney

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by C. Altman at 9:05 AM. A quorum was recognized.

The Minutes of the February 25, 2009 CIRTA board meeting were presented to the board. **R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes as presented, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report:

- a. Legislative-HB1660 still awaits a hearing in the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee and it is unclear if it will be heard. E. Bingaman will be meeting with Chair of Fiscal Policy Committee on 3/25/2009 and will update board members.
E. Bingaman attended the APTA Legislative Conference which focused on the Federal Reauthorization. The discussion included moving away from the cost effectiveness index, evaluating funding options for transportation needs, discussion in reference to what is necessary in funding the operating side of transportation and multi-modal focus and breaking down agency silos. C. Altman stressed the criticality of CIRTA having a credible local source of funding and that it is needed in the region.
- b. Northeast Corridor DEIS-E. Bingaman and members of the MPO met with the Region V FTA on 3/19/2009 in Chicago. The RFQ process should move forward quickly now that the FTA's questions have been answered. The meeting was positive and the FTA is very interested in the future plans for the broader regional coordination and funding policies.

- c. Regional Transit Vision-E. Bingaman reported that the MPO is making headway with the Central Indiana Transit Task Force. Hendricks Express Bus is gaining support. Greenwood Express Bus is now running. The first steps in the Rural/On-Demand Regional Transit Study are completed.
- d. Organizational Structure-E. Bingaman reported that he spoke in Delaware County and there is growing interest there to become part of CIRT. He also spoke with the Mayor of Greencastle (Putnam County) who has expressed interest and E. Bingaman will follow up with the County Economic Development Director. The written Executive Director's Report that was given to all board members included the list of recent and upcoming speaking engagements.

Old Business:

- a. Finance Committee Report-C. Fewell reported to the board members that two meetings have taken place since the February 25, 2009 CIRT Board meeting. C. Snyder, Assistant CFO with the Department of Metropolitan Development has provided a very clear and concise financial report for CIRT from 2007 through March 2009. The Finance Committee will be working to propose a three year budget plan for the direction of funding and will report to the board upon it's completion.
- b. Rural/On-Demand Regional Transit Study-S. Ritz reported to the board that on March 17, 2009 there was a meeting with RLS which was well represented by the region. A proposed project timeline has been completed with RLS and E. Bingaman reported that RLS believes they can complete the project within the one year mark and possibly earlier since some of the tasks overlap. S. Ritz reported that the next step is the completion of a passenger survey and then move to the stakeholder and public involvement portion of the plan. J. Bridges suggested that consideration be given to include AARP in the discussions.

New Business:

- a. None at this time

Service Provider Updates:

- a. IndyGo-deferred to later in the Service Provider updates.
- b. CICS-A. Beverly included the complete CICS report for February in the board packet. The program added one hundred commuters to the rideshare database and five companies to it's participating employer roster (now over 300 total). February 2009 completes the fifth year of the program's contract and objectives and results were included in the written report.

- c. On Demand Providers-S. Ritz gave February On-Demand Provider ride numbers: 3228 rides in Hamilton County, 1457 rides in Hendricks County, 1442 rides in Madison County and 1618 rides in Boone County. A goal setting meeting was held to discuss the number one priority of the region and to discuss population, employment, unemployment and what goals possibly aren't being met. Stimulus package- will provide twenty million dollars to the providers and ten million dollars must be spent by September 4, 2009. A pre-application for these funds has been completed.
- d. Indy MPO-L. Miser reported to the board that the Region V FTA meeting in Chicago was a success and all new staff with the FTA have been briefed on the background and progress of the MPO to date. L. Miser committed to quarterly meetings with the Region V FTA to keep them updated on the MPO's progress. The RFQ should be out within the next 30 days. The MPO will be changing their newsletter from a mailed version to an email format. The MPO continued working with the CITTF consultants providing model work and data for analysis.
- e. Anderson MPO-J. Bridges reported to the board that the Anderson MPO is continuing their work on the economic stimulus plan update as well as the air quality billboard campaign. There is consideration being given to adding a night service that would be paid per trip.

D. George mentioned that consideration of nurturing the relationship with HHPA is important and there is an HHPA meeting on April 13, 2009. E. Bingaman will offer the invitation to HHPA to attend CIRTA Board meetings to encourage the continued exchange of information.
- f. CITTF-S. White reported to the board that the consulting team continues to meet with the MPO and the next meeting is April 8, 2009. He also attended the Golden Spike Conference and Road School to learn more about transportation.

K. Irwin reported to the board that the ICAT website is live (IndianaCat.org) and everyone is welcome to go on-line and register with ICAT. A letter was sent to Governor Daniel's in support of HB1660.

- a. IndyGo-R. Brown updated the board that ridership decreased in February 10-15% and the belief is the cost of gasoline being lower than this time last year. There will be a Radio and Dispatch Center Open House on Thursday, April 2, 2009. Auto vehicle locaters and voice enunciators have been added to a test fleet. The S-Pass (student pass) program has begun with IUPUI and IndyGo is looking to use this same program with other universities and schools.

J. Sanders mentioned to the board that AMTRAK in Indianapolis has been funded. It is important to recognize the knowledge and expertise that AMTRAK can bring to other providers in the region and those skill sets will be a positive tool in the future of transportation in the region.

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