

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, April 22, 2009, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
United Way of Central Indiana
3901 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-0409
First Floor, RCI A B & C

Board Members Present:	Board Member Absent:	Others Present:	
Christine Altman	Ron Deer	Ehren Bingaman	Jen Thomas
Joanne Sanders	Linda Sanders	Leslie Wilson	Sean White
Chuck Fewell	David George	Bill McCallister	Kelly McNairy
Gil Holmes	Jeff Quyle	Ann Allen	Tom Sturmer
Jerry Bridges		Joanne Hamilton	Edward Martin
Bill Kirchoff		Roger Hollands	Kim Irwin
Sue Ritz		Bridget Farren	Angie Gilmer
Rob Thoman		Anita Beverly	Jennifer Pyrz
Bob Sterrett		Joe Wiesinger	Roscoe Brown
Larry Hesson		Anna Tyszkiewicz	Dave Sander
Mike Hale		David Littlejohn	Mike Terry
		Maryanne O'Malley	Bill Stinson
		Janette Fulkerson	
		Timothy D. Watson DDS	

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by Christine Altman at 9:10 AM. A quorum was recognized. C. Altman requested board consent to adjust the agenda for votes on two items. **B. Sterrett moved to adjust the agenda, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

C. Altman asked that introductions of board members be completed.

The agenda was amended at this point in the meeting to discuss consideration of Minutes and Old Business.

2. Consideration of Minutes-The Minutes of the March 25, 2009 CIRTA board meeting were presented to the board. **B. Sterrett moved to accept the minutes as presented. R. Thoman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Old Business-Jen Thomas PR, Inc.-contract renewal through December 31, 2009-Second vote: Old Business: The contract renewal for Jen Thomas PR, Inc. that will move the end date of her contract to the end of the 2009 calendar year was presented to the board. **R. Thoman moved to renew the contract with Jen Thomas through December 31, 2009. J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.** E. Bingaman informed the board that Jen Thomas has received her state certification as a WBE.

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

4. Executive Director's Report-E. Bingaman submitted a written report to the board.
 - a. Legislative- HB 1660 is still alive and there are three possibilities where it will be placed: (1) SB 374 (2) HB 1607 or (3) Budget. E. Bingaman thanked those in Hendricks Co, Madison Co, Hamilton co and Fishers Town Council that were able to get council resolutions.
 - b. Northeast Corridor DEIS-E. Bingaman and L. Miser presented to the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority (HHPA) and HHPA will present at May Board meeting. There is current discussion about a joint resolution to work on transit solutions in the northeast corridor using the Nickel Plate line which is owned by HHPA. Neighborhood groups are soliciting E. Bingaman and L. Miser to meet and discuss potential transit stops. B. Kirchoff suggested that the council resolutions and the neighborhood group meetings and show of local support needs to be promoted in the media. E. Bingaman also informed the board that there is a need to project the next six years appropriation requests.
 - c. Regional Transit Vision-The Hendricks Express Bus was discussed. B. Kirchoff added that review of stops is continuing as well as local resolutions for local funding support. CMAQ requests are in and IndyGo reprogram is in process.
 - d. Broader Regional Interest-E. Bingaman will be speaking on May 26, 2009 to Delaware County Council and Putnam County transit study group on May 11, 2009.
 - e. Staff Training and Updates-E. Bingaman completed NEPA & Indiana Transportation Decision Making Process Certification and INDOT Categorical Exclusion Training. L. Wilson is scheduled for software training in June. There will be public relations outreach during the summer and fall and any input and suggestions by the board would be welcome. C. Altman requested E. Bingaman create a mini-presentation the board could utilize in order to present to the public and organizational groups.

New Business

- a. Ball State University-NE Corridor Land Use-S. Truex, Professor with Ball State informed the board that Ball State has been an advocate of transit for many years. Two years ago, they started the Green Line Initiative and began studying land use & sustainability of transit along interstates and the Nickel Plate lines. Students brainstorm and analyze data in teams and then develop their ideas in reference to market strategies for stops and hubs, economic development strategies along transit lines, bike paths and walking paths and produce slides of their ideas. Ball State will be hosting an exhibit the first of May in downtown Indy to promote discussion to re-think our current urban environment in an effort to assist with redesigning thinking and the current culture. C. Altman asked if S. Truex would be willing to speak or train board members to use this information to present this information along with CIRTAs presentations. S. Truex agreed to explore this idea and to host the May CIRTAs Board meeting at his location.

Service Provider Updates:

- a. IndyGo-M. Terry reported to the board that ridership is down and they are tracking gas prices and fare increases. Past models show that in time ridership will increase. Ridership on all ICE routes are steady and the Greenwood route numbers are increasing. IndyGo is currently reviewing the route to see if there needs to be an adjustment. IndyGo received \$16.1 million dollars of the stimulus funds. \$9 million dollars will be used to update the current facilities which are in need and the remaining \$7 million dollars will be used to purchase new buses.
- b. CICS-A. Beverly included her March 2009 report in the board packet for review. CICS will be hosting an Open House on Friday, April 24, 2009 from 5:30-10:30pm. Community outreach has been good and they will be participating in the Earth Day festivities.
- c. On Demand Providers-S. Ritz reported to the board that statistics are up 9% They continue work on completing stimulus responsibilities since they are due on Friday, April 24, 2009. The following stats for 1st Quarter were as follows: Madison Co. Rural-4,528; Urban for March-15,304;Hendricks Co.-13,003; Morgan Co-5,094; Hancock Co-4,510; Boone Co-5,428; Hamilton Co-9,748.
- d. Indy MPO-L. Miser reported to the board that there was major data collection happening with the household survey study. L. Miser is working with IndyGo to start an operational analysis in the fall in order to collect data when students are back in Indianapolis along with analysis from other traveler groups. The DEIS RFQ should be out the week of May 4, 2009. The MPO will be a sponsor for the Pedal & Park Program throughout the year along with other events in the downtown area.
- e. Anderson MPO-J. Bridges reported to the board that the Anderson MPO will be participating in the Bike to Work Day. He also mentioned that the stimulus money will be used on the multi-modal centers but there is work yet to be done. J. Bridges mentioned that Bright Automotive released it's new vehicle that will have a fuel efficiency of 100 miles per gallon of gas and does have portability to other chassis.
- f. CITTF-Sean White presented a handout to the board for review that included base case cost of congestion information and the generating scenerios. G. Holmes asked if analysis of issues with parking for companies coming into the region will be collected as well as if the cost of congestion due to expanding roadways and its environmental impact will be analyzed.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 10:45 am.