

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, June 24, 2009, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Ball State University CAP Indianapolis Center
50 South Meridian Street, Suite 302
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present:	Board Member Absent:	Others Present:	
Christine Altman	Ron Deer	Ehren Bingaman	Jen Thomas
Joanne Sanders	Linda Sanders	Leslie Wilson	Sean White
David George	Rob Thoman	Kelly McNairy	John Myers
Gil Holmes	Mike Hale	Anita Beverly	Lori Miser
Jerry Bridges	Larry Hesson	Joanne Hamilton	Angie Gilmer
Bill Kirchoff	Bob Sterrett	Joe Wiesinger	Roscoe Brown
Sue Ritz		Anna Tyszkiewicz	Mike Terry
Chuck Fewell	I	Maryanne O'Malley	Chad Modisett
Don Adams		Rhonda Klopfenstein	Tom Beck
		Michael Bricker	David Wenzel
		Timothy D. Watson DDS	

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by Christine Altman at 9:05 AM. A quorum was not recognized. C. Altman requested to defer the introductions of board members and the consideration of the Minutes and move to the Executive Director's report.

Executive Director's Report:

- a. Regional Transit Funding and Federal Appropriation Request-The House Democrat version of the budget includes appropriations for CIRTA and IndyGo. Amendments for regional transit funding did not get introduced in either house.
- b. Regional Transit Vision-Danville, Avon, Plainfield and Hendricks County have passed local match resolutions for the Hendricks Express Bus. Brownsburg will be introducing its resolution on June 25, 2009. The Rural On-Demand Regional Transit Study process is to the point that the consultant is putting trip origin and destination data in GIS. The present plan for the next CMAQ application for CICS will be presented at the July CIRTA board meeting. IndySMART's appropriation is being included as a fiscal source for circulators tied to the IndyGo Express Bus and Hamilton County transit. The goal is to target reverse commute, Indianapolis to Hamilton County destinations.
- c. Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit DEIS-All responses have been reviewed and there are three firms being interviewed for the AA/DEIS Consultant. On a broader regional scope, Delaware County has verbally committed to local funding and is in the process of passing a resolution to join CIRTA. This process should be completed for CIRTA board consideration at the July CIRTA board meeting. Bill Dory with Putnam County has requested additional information about CIRTA and did include an estimate of participation rate for Putnam County.
- d. Ball State Open House and Reception-June 28, 2009, 5:30 to 7:30 pm will be the reception for legislators and elected officials. E. Bingaman is currently working with BSU to set up exhibit dates. Thank you to the current sponsors, BSU, CIRTA, IndyGo, AARP, ITA, Hoosier Environmental Council, Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, MIBOR, Health by Design and ICAT.
- e. Public Relations-Today each CIRTA board member in attendance received a CD that includes the CIRTA presentation along with talking points. E. Bingaman is working with Jen

Thomas to set dates for a TV show format of the presentation to be filmed. The goal is to have this completed in July.

A quorum was recognized and C. Altman requested the agenda be amended at this point in the meeting for the introduction of board members and the consideration of Minutes.

Consideration of Minutes-The Minutes of the May 27, 2009 CIRTAs board meeting were presented to the board. **J. Sanders moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bill Kirchoff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Financial Reports-The board members in attendance were given a revised 2010 Budget. There was a revision to the Federal Highway Planning Income as well as a revision should Delaware County join CIRTAs. Page 1 includes the breakdown for the Partners without Delaware County's portion and Page 2 is the breakdown for the Partners with Delaware County's portion. **S. Ritz moved to approve the 2010 revised budget, Page 1, and to approve the 2010 revised budget, Page 2, contingent on Delaware County joining CIRTAs. J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Old Business:

Organizational Structure Plan-Discussions have been taking place to determine the organizational structure of CIRTAs. Ice Miller and Crowe Chizek have been approached. If board members have other entities they believe should be involved in this discussion, please talk with C. Altman and E. Bingaman.

New Business:

a. Presentation-HNTB Institute Presentation-John Myers & Dave Wenzel-HNTB hosted an Indianapolis Regional Transit Charrett Institute in May 2009. This is a pro-bono effort to give a composite of vision of multi-modal transportation systems for Indianapolis. There are three transportation eras in the Indianapolis Region, (1) Railroads, (2) Streetcar/Interurban and (3) Interstate System. Trends of current and projected pattern were explained. Then the question of, why transit? The answer is proven statistically to attract and direct economic development, reinforce the downtown area as the center of the region, promote sustainable land use patterns, reduce negative impacts on the environment and to improve regional mobility. The vision framework of the Indianapolis region (Crossroads of America) and the different modes, Express Bus/BRT, Light Rail, Commuter Rail and High Speed Rail were discussed which led to the question of utilizing the existing corridors which would capitalize opportunities, be an economical approach, would be flexible, and would be key in economic development and economic redevelopment in the most effective areas of the region. The next steps are plan refinement. There must be public dialogue, concept plan details must be developed, the MPO plan update process should be incorporated and a formal plan must be approved.

Service Provider Updates: CICS monthly report is included in the board packet.

M. Terry informed the board that ridership, to include ICE and fixed route service, is down 20% from last year at this time. The fuel prices along with the financial economic situations and unemployment have assisted with this decrease. IndyGo is currently in their budget process and is hopeful no further cuts in service will be necessary.

Other Business:

No other business.

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