

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, August 26, 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	Linda Sanders	Ehren Bingaman	Jen Thomas
Joanne Sanders	Ron Deer	Leslie Wilson	Sean White
Mike Hale	Bob Sterrett	Kelly McNairy	John Myers
Gil Holmes	Chuck Fewell	Anita Beverly	Lori Miser
Jerry Bridges	David George	Joanne Hamilton	Angie Gilmer
Bill Kirchoff		Roger Hollands	Irene Wegner
Sue Ritz		Anna Tyszkiewicz	Mike Terry
Rob Thoman		Michael Bricker	Ryan Hoff
Larry Hesson		Rhonda Klopfenstein	Steve DeVoe
Jeff Quyle		Michael Bricker	Tom Sturmer
Marta Moody		Joe Whitman	Kate Johnson
		Michael Koslow	Bridget Farren
		Alexia Donahue	
		Timothy Watson	

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by Christine Altman at 9:05 AM. A quorum was recognized. C. Altman requested a motion to defer the introductions of board members and the consideration of the Minutes and move to New Business. **R. Thoman moved to defer the introductions of board members and the consideration of the Minutes and move to New Business, B. Kirchoff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

New Business:

a. Delaware County Membership-Marta Moody was present to represent Delaware County and to answer any questions from the CIRTA board members. **J. Bridges moved to accept Delaware County's membership request to join CIRTA. R. Thoman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

C. Altman requested the agenda be amended at this point in the meeting for the introduction of board members and the consideration of Minutes. Board member introductions were completed to include M. Moody.

Consideration of Minutes-The Minutes of the June 24, 2009 CIRTA board meeting were presented to the board. **J. Bridges moved to accept the minutes as presented. J. Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report:

a. Legislative Update-There will be a Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit Transportation Alternatives that will hold two meetings. E. Bingaman will meet with Representative Austin regarding planned agendas and dates and inform the board of this information when confirmed. G. Holmes asked about high speed rail initiatives in Indiana and how CIRTA was participating in the initiative. Discussion about what CIRTA's position on high

speed rail should be occurred. E. Bingaman stated that CIRTAs should be at least monitoring discussions as it relates to station area planning in Indianapolis. The board requested staff to have someone from the Indiana High Speed Rail Association come and present at the next CIRTAs Board meeting.

b. Regional Transit Vision-Danville, Avon, Plainfield and Hendricks County have passed local match resolutions for the Hendricks Express Bus. Currently a location is being determined and in order to have a successful launch of this service, it may wait until spring. The Rural On-Demand Regional Transit Study process continues. There will be a meeting of the regional transit partners, to brief them on some of the preliminary findings. Laura Brown of RLS will be on the meeting agenda for September 22, 2009 in Hancock County to present the project progress to date.

c. Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit DEIS-The selection committee selected HNTB and the preliminary work is underway for the start up contract. L. Miser informed the board that the start up contract should be signed within the next two weeks.

d. Broader Regional Interest-There is no new information about Putnam County at this time. Delaware County joined CIRTAs today.

d. Ball State Open House and Reception-E. Bingaman personally thanked all the sponsors. The reception on July 28, 2009 was a great success and CIRTAs will be acquiring the exhibit to use for public education of transportation and land use.

Old Business:

a. Institutional Strategic Plan-Discussions took place with several different groups in lieu of an RFP or RFQ being processed for completion. The Executive Committee met to discuss the recommendations and determined that Cambridge Systematics would be the appropriate vendor. The board was given proposed technical approach and cost estimates from Cambridge Systematics along with information about Rifeline, a community relations firm that specializes in grassroots development. After many questions and concerns voiced by the board members, it was determined that the Executive Committee would meet with Chris Kopp of Cambridge Systematics and all board members were encouraged to send any questions or concerns they have to the Executive Committee. **G. Holmes moved that the Executive Committee meet with Chris Kopp of Cambridge Systematics to define the contract to more specifics per board direction and the CIRTAs Board President be authorized to execute said contract, not to exceed, \$100,000.00 and will report back to the full board. B. Kirchoff seconded. The motion was approved-10 in favor, 1 opposed.**

b. Central Indiana Commuter Services-CMAQ Grant Proposal- CICS has been funded by two CMAQ grants and we are at the end of year six. A grant proposal has been submitted and there will be a presentation at the September CIRTAs Board meeting along with the progress that has been made over the last six years. The board members were given information to review for the discussion at the September meeting.

C. Altman asked Sean White to give an update prior to the Service Provider Updates-S. White informed the board that there was a day long meeting held on July 28, 2009. There are no final conclusions to date and the goal is to finalize the recommendation by October 1, 2009.

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

S. Ritz informed the board that Boone County has approved its partner contribution for 2009. S. Ritz thanked E. Bingaman for updating the Boone County Council. J. Bridges noted that RLS attended their board meeting and the information and communication exchanges were good. M. Moody gave a brief overview of Muncie's public transportation services.

Other Business:

No other business.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 10:00 am.