

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
October 27, 2010
IndyGo Administrative Offices
1501 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Members Present:

Bill Kirchoff
Chuck Fewell
Mike Terry
Jerry Bridges
Don Adams
Larry Hesson
Bob Sterrett
Linda Sanders
Ron Deer
Rob Thoman
Christine Altman
Marta Moody
Mike Hale
Ben Ledo

Members Absent:

Gil Holmes
Sue Ritz
David George

Staff:

Ehren T. Bingaman
Christy Campoll

Public Present & Signed In:

Joanne Hamilton
Ed Martin
John Myers
David Bottorff
Chris Kopp

Anna Tyszkiewicz
Cathy Morton
Ryan Hoff
Sara Laycock
Roscoe Brown
Roger Hollands
Jen Thomas
Anita Beverly
Rhonda Klopfenstein
Kim Irwin
Irene Wegner
Tom Sturmer
Trevor Ocock
Alexia Donahue Wold

A quorum was recognized by the Chair and the meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. The members of the board introduced themselves to the public that was present.

The minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes, J. Bridges seconded. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman presented the financial activity statement for 1/1/2010 through 9/30/2010. He noted that the consulting services line item (303) has been overspent by \$24,270 due to expenses from the 2009 budget for the rural/on-demand transit study that were carried over to 2010 without an encumbrance. C. Altman recommended transferring the difference from another line item. E. Bingaman then presented Claim # 101027 for payment. R. Thoman moved to pay claims, C. Fewell seconded. *The motion carried unanimously.* B. Kirchoff moved to adopt the third quarter financial statement. C. Altman seconded. *The motion was approved unanimously.* C. Altman recommended that staff prepare for end-of-year spending deadlines and encumber any funds necessary.

Under old business, E. Bingaman reported that the second draft of the Indy Connect plan will soon be released and the public meeting process will begin. The second draft contains several changes in service based on feedback from the public about the first draft. The Indy Connect team intends to present the draft to all county councils in the ten-county region in November and December. E. Bingaman will summarize and send information about the new draft to board members. The board discussed what action on the plan would be taken at the IRTC policy committee. Mike Terry stated that he would like to publicly recognize the MPO for the job well done on Indy Connect. E. Bingaman reported that the Indy Connect website has received over 70,000 hits and there have been around 10,000 comments submitted on the first draft plan. He stated that there has never been such a high level of public engagement with the transportation issue. C. Altman reported that the Federal Highway Administration has cited Indy Connect as a best practice for public outreach. E. Bingaman shared the Annual Meeting edition of APTA publication "Passenger Transport" which contains a full-page article on Indy Connect. This publication was circulated to all APTA members and Annual Meeting attendees. R. Thoman asked if the comments on the first draft plan could be analyzed by geographical area or form of transit. E. Bingaman stated that the comments were submitted with ZIP codes and that feedback was gathered to intentionally avoid skew towards a particular area of the region, though effort was concentrated within Center Township. Mike Terry stated that the feedback complements IndyGo's on-board and household surveys and travel

demand modeling. R. Thoman requested the opportunity to review the data. He stated that he is concerned that investment will be made north of US 40 and along the east-west US 40 corridor before the area south of US 40. E. Bingaman reported that the 6-panel brochure of the first draft plan will be replaced with a 16-page booklet describing the second draft. There will be a new video on the second draft.

C. Altman reported that work on the regional organization study has been occurring on an executive level because it has been difficult to pull people together. She reported that meetings have occurred with Senator Kenley to discuss the structure of the organization which would be laid out in legislation.. C. Altman said that she hopes to have a piece of legislation for the working group to critique soon. Senator Kenley will not support legislation that could lead to funding through sales tax. (Discussion of income tax and TIF funding for local infrastructure to support transit within .25 to .5 mile of a station) R. Deer shared concern about counties and towns/cities having conflicting views on joining the regional organization citing an example of what if a city within a county wants to join but the county does not. B. Kirchoff said that the working group has discussed this issue and that one possibility would be to allow membership at a smaller level than the county but that nothing has been resolved. A factor to consider is how county and local option income taxes work. LOIT would be difficult or impossible to use under current methods of administration. C. Fewell asked if Senator Kenley planned to introduce a bill this session. E. Bingaman answered that Senator Kenley suggested that Legislative Services Agency start a bill draft, but no commitment to file had been made. He wanted Indy Connect to proceed and the results to be endorsed by the IRTC and supported by the public and the business community. C. Altman stated that using income tax would mean that work would start slowly due to the current slow economy and the three-year lag in income tax collection. J. Bridges stated that voting rights based on financial contribution defeats the purpose of regionalism. C. Altman stated that supermajority voting rules will protect large contributors from commandeering the decision making process. R. Thoman stated that some TIFs could envelop entire business districts. *R. Thoman moved that the excluded towns and cities should be allotted one of the five Indianapolis appointments to the regional board. C. Fewell seconded the motion. L. Hesson moved to amend the motion to state that the largest city or town **not in Marion County** in a county be allotted one of the county's two appointments. Jerry Bridges seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman reported that work continues on a plan for the May 2011 end of the Central Indiana Commuter Services contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff. E. Bingaman, C. Campoll and Bryan Lluellen from IndyGo will visit transportation demand management programs Columbus, OH and Louisville, KY in November to gain insight on those programs' operations and successes. J. Bridges recommended that staff examine also programs outside of the Midwest and that the information be formatted into a matrix for the board to review. C. Campoll reported that she has spoken on the phone with programs in other states including Texas and Alabama.

E. Bingaman presented the Executive Director's report. The October 21, 2010 public meeting on the ICE routes in Fishers was attended by 80 people. He distributed a summary of their comments. He reported that two proposals to fund ICE have been submitted to INDOT – one using federal Highway Safety Improvement Funds and one using funds designated for maintenance of traffic efforts during construction on I-465 near I-69. A third proposal for using federal Job Access Reverse Commute funds is in development. This proposal includes a new circulator shuttle service to connect the ICE routes to employers in Carmel and Fishers in order to provide a viable reverse commute service from downtown. E. Bingaman reported that CIRTAs future status as a designated recipient of FTA funds could afford the opportunity for CMAQ grants to fund new commuter express bus service in other parts of the metro area. C. Altman stated that the groundwork needs to be laid soon so that local match funds will be available. J. Bridges asked if funding could come from employers whose workers use the service. M. Terry thanked C. Altman for her presence at the October 21 meeting as an elected official. E. Bingaman recognized K. Irwin for representing Indiana Citizens Alliance for Transit at the meeting and sharing information about grassroots advocacy. C. Altman thanks CICS for their presence at the meeting. E. Bingaman reported that Monroe County has acknowledged the invitation to join CIRTAs and that Jeff Spalding at INDOT has confirmed that they are moving forward with the letter to FTA requesting that they make CIRTAs a designated funding recipient. M. Terry stated that it would be helpful for CIRTAs to take over the CMAQ,

JARC and New Freedom programs from IndyGo. E. Bingaman reported on the APTA Annual Meeting which included a visit to the Austin, Texas Capital Metro diesel multiple unit rail line, which uses the same technology under discussion for the Northeast Corridor. He also reported on the visit to Washington, D.C. with L. Miser and C. Altman, which included meetings with legislators and FTA staff.

E. Bingaman shared Joanne Hamilton's announcement that the West Washington Transit Working Group will meet on Wednesday, October 28 in the evening at the Wayne Township Government Center.

There will be no CIRT board meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will take place on December 15, 2010. *R. Thoman moved to adjourn, J. Bridges seconded, the motion carried by consent.*

Minutes amended before adoption on December 15, 2010