

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
February 23, 2011
IndyGo Board Room
1501 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Members Present:

Chuck Fewell
Mike Terry
Jerry Bridges
Larry Hesson
Rob Thoman
Christine Altman
Marta Moody

Joe Billerman
Gil Holmes
Sue Ritz
Ben Ledo
David George
Don Adams

Members Absent:

Bill Kirchoff
Bob Sterrett
Linda Sanders
Ron Deer

Staff:

Ehren T. Bingaman

A quorum was recognized and the meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM. The members of the board introduced themselves to the public that was present.

The minutes of the January 28, 2011 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. *R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes, M. Terry seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Claims Docket #110223 was presented for payment. *R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman informed the board that the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Policy and Technical Committee appointments from the CIRTA Board were due for renewal. The board discussed the value having staff support both committees. *M. Terry moved to appoint E. Bingaman as the CIRTA representative to the Policy and Technical Committees, D. George seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman gave brief update of staff work on Central Indiana Commuter Services transition recommendations. E. Bingaman is working through details with Parsons Brinckerhoff and CICS staff.

C. Altman discussed the congressional listening session conducted by Chair of the US House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, John Mica of Florida, on February 20th in Indianapolis. Three committee members attended the session: Mica, FL; Shuster, PA; Bucshon, IN. They discussed the goal of a new 6 year transportation bill. Mica is focused on getting a new bill done this session. They talked about ideas to use incentives and leverage investment from private interests to maximize limited government funding. M. Terry, who also attended the listening session, said that Mica is also looking at suggestions to streamline the process. J. Billerman stated that Mica is pro-transit and looking for ways to cut red tape in capital and operations. After the public portion of the meeting Mica and Bucshon met with C. Altman, M. Terry, and L. Miser. The group presented Mica with information about bus replacement needs, the northeast corridor rail project, and the Belt Rail Road project. J. Bridges asked if there was any attention given to other alternatives modes like biking, C. Altman replied that there was not. C. Altman made the point to acknowledge and thank Congressman Andre Carson and his staffer Nathan Bennett for arranging the special meeting with Chairman Mica.

E. Bingaman presented that the current Indiana House Budget bill cuts state funding for public transit by 17.8%. Groups are trying to mobilize legislators to correct this as the bill proceeds through the House and Senate. E. Bingaman is working with these groups to develop a regular meeting that drives the education campaign in preparation for the statehouse in 2012. He will present the board with a sample resolution that would be distributed to groups, councils, commissioners, and businesses to formalize their support for transit funding in Indiana. E. Bingaman provided information about Health By Design event

with Mia Burk. C. Altman asked that this be distributed to the board and shared among their communities.

M. Terry reported that IndyGo ridership was up over 8% for January.

It was suggested that Indy Express Bus add the schedule to signs at the stops.

L. Hesson thanked and recognized C. Campoll and E. Bingaman for their competence and hard work in supporting CIRTA.

The Board and public were reminded that the March 23, 2011 meeting of the board will take place in Boone County at Boone County Senior Services in Lebanon.

J. Billerman moved to adjourn C. Fewell seconded, the motion carried by consent.