

Memorandum of Meeting
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
October 22, 2014
320 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN – Room 911

Members Present:

Christine Altman
Larry Tunget
Cassie Stockamp
Larry Hesson
Don Adams

Bill Kirchoff
Calvin Cargile

Members Absent:

Ron Deer
Dax Norton
Marta Moody
Michael Colby
Linda Sanders
Dan Woo

Staff Present:

Andrew Gast-Bray
Dora Fields
Renee Walker
Heather White
Patricia Castaneda

Philip Cleveland
Andrew McGee

A quorum was not recognized so no action items on the agenda were taken.

C. Altman brought the meeting to order at 9:08a.m.

P. Castaneda advised the Fishers Express Bus had a bill of \$34.35 for September 2014. Carmel Express Bus end of month financials for September 2014 was a bill of \$3,916.75. P. Castaneda and A. Gast-Bray are working on business cases for both express buses. C. Altman was hoping the business plan would be ready for the October board meeting. A. Gast-Bray advised that the business plan is close to completion. CIRTA is still waiting on a few financial (and other) numbers from other entities.

P. Castaneda announced that there is a newly formed vanpool from Carmel to downtown Indianapolis. It has been running since October 1, 2014.

P. Castaneda advised the Carmel Connector buses ended service on September 30, 2014. She will be reviewing the grants for the routes with IndyGo next week.

P. Castaneda is still working on the route and schedule information for the Whitestown and North Plainfield Connectors. She advised that the Whitestown Connector should be running by the end of 2014. The North Plainfield Connector should be coordinated to start when the majority of employees start working at the Walmart e-commerce center (end of June 2015) to ensure a successful launch. it

P. Castaneda advised that Hamilton County is planning a county wide fixed route through the efforts of the Hamilton County Transit Forum. CIRTA has been named the fiscal agent for the Jarrett Walker and Associates workshop that will give the start to this process. Planning meetings will include representatives from Hamilton County, Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield, MPO, CIRTA, IndyGo, several Chambers of Commerce, Hospitals and service agencies, such a as Hamilton County Express.

P. Castaneda advised she and Lori Kaplan are meeting with Goodwill Industries next week to look for solutions on how to transport people to work. We plan to introduce the possibility i to work together to coalesce service organizations to use their vehicles during off-times to transport people to work during the week.

P. Castaneda advised the 1 click 1 call website is complete. Testing took place on October 22, 2014 to resolve any issues. The launch is scheduled for the end of October 2014.

A. Gast-Bray and P. Castaneda met with Congressman A. Carson on October 21, 2014 to discuss possible grants. A. Gast-Bray suggested that CIRTAs are aggressively looking into additional grant opportunities; the Board can also be of assistance in looking for possible grant opportunities. It was recommended that we look beyond DOT grants and see if collaborations with Department of Labor, Veteran's Administration, Health and Social Services and the Department of Energy can be explored. R. Cockrum will get CIRTAs in contact with a person in the State House who searches for grants full-time.

C. Altman suggested looking to Homeland Security for funding possibilities.

C. Altman advised P. Castaneda to follow up on the MPO grant.

A. Gast-Bray advised we need to co-educate the public to stop the "transit doesn't affect me" or "transit is a negative investment" dialogue.

A. Gast-Bray advised he is having trouble getting funding from regional agencies. He suggested inviting townships to participate in funding.

C. Altman suggested getting with board members individually to create a funding model tailored to each regional county.

C. Altman advised A. Gast-Bray to send the board his list of contacts he's met with and would like to meet with so they can make introductions for him.

A. Gast-Bray advised how CIRTAs are trying to connect with large institutions/companies in the outlying counties that have transportation needs and are eager to work with CIRTAs. He gave the examples of Ball State University in Delaware County and Indiana Grand Racing and Casino in Shelby County.

C. Altman suggested we appoint a proxy for D. Norton. She asked A. Hensley Poindexter to research if the proxy will count towards a quorum.

J. Thomas spoke about the Letter to the Editor in the IBJ in response to INDOT's reported transportation philosophies.

C. Altman suggested looking to the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) for a winter intern to study pick up points and routes. R. Cockrum suggested SPEA's Capstone Graduate Program; adding, that the graduate students could complete an in-depth report on the issue. R. Cockrum will reach out to his contacts in SPEA.

C. Altman brought the meeting to a close.

Executive Director
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority

Date of approval