

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
9:00 a.m.  
Online / Phone

**Committee Members Present**

Inez Evans – IndyGo	Dan Parker – City of Indianapolis
Jason Taylor – City of Fishers	Andy Cook – City of Westfield
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Brian Jessen – Town of Brownsburg
Mark Heirbrandt – Hamilton County	Eric Wathen – Hendricks County
Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield	

\* = *Proxy*

**Others Present**

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Nick Badman – Indianapolis MPO	Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	Mark Myers – City of Greenwood

**1. WELCOME**

**Andy Cook** called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm and turned the meeting over to **Anna Gremling**. She welcomed the members and took roll call attendance.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**2. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Anna Gremling** asked if the members had any changes to the minutes. **Andy Cook** noted that there were two separate lists both labeled as “Members Present”; one of the lists should be marked as “Members Absent”. **Anna Gremling** noted the correction and asked the members if they had any other changes. There were none.

Member	Result
Beech Grove	Approve
Indianapolis	-
Westfield	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Plainfield	Approve

Member	Result
Fishers	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve

**Dennis Buckley** moved to approve the November 20th Executive Committee Minutes.  
**Inez Evans** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
The November 20th Executive Committee Minutes were approved.  
**MOTION PASSES.**

3. **FINANCIAL RESOLUTION (RES. #21-EXEC-002)**

**Sean Northup** said the resolution would allow the IMPO to enter into a contract with Pyango, which provides SAAS accounting modules that integrate with the IMPO’s financial software. The total amount for the contract is \$48,480 (80% provided by the IMPO and 20% provided by local match).

Member	Result	Member	Result
Beech Grove	Approve	Fishers	Approve
Indianapolis	Approve	IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve	Brownsburg	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Hendricks County	Approve
Plainfield	Approve		

**Inez Evans** moved to approve Resolution #21-EXEC-002.  
**Jason Taylor** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
 Resolution #21-EXEC-002 was approved.  
 MOTION PASSES.

4. **INDIANA SENATE BILL 141 (RES. #21-EXEC-001)**

**Anna Gremling** said this was a resolution opposing the proposed Senate Bill 141. **Inez Evans** said that LSA has confirmed that IndyGo is in compliance with the 10% ~~project operating~~ funding requirement imposed by the state when accounting for state and federal funds, ~~and risks funding for the Blue and Purple Line construction.~~ Senate Bill 141 would ~~force remove~~ IndyGo’s ability to not be able to use state and federal funding to qualify for the 10% requirement, requiring IndyGo to seek charitable or philanthropic donations of \$6M per year. The bill would also require a 25% farebox recovery; this is typically not an issue for the agency, which typically has a farebox recovery rate ~~of 20%~~ trending toward 30%. However, the pandemic has reduced IndyGo’s farebox to 12.5% and the bill doesn’t account for pandemic or similar conditions. The bill would reduce IndyGo’s annual operating budget by 10% per year if requirements are not met, which This would require IndyGo to cut service and programs to make up for the loss in ~~farebox~~ funding, and puts Blue and Purple Line federal funding at risk. **Dan Parker** also noted that ~~a substantial amount over 50%~~ includes significant improvements to Washington and 38<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**Andy Cook** asked **Evans** who or what was pushing this effort tin the statehouse. **Evans** said that **Senator Aaron Freeman** (District 32) sponsored the legislation out of opposition to the Blue Line being constructed in his district. His main concern is the dedicated BRT lane on Washington Street that would remove a lane of traffic for cars. This lane dedication is what gave IndyGo such a high score for federal funding, and removing it could mean the loss of that funding.

Member	Result	Member	Result
Beech Grove	Approve	Fishers	Approve
Indianapolis	Approve	IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve	Brownsburg	Abstain
Hamilton County	Approve	Hendricks County	Abstain
Plainfield	Approve		

**Andrew Klinger** moved to approve Resolution #21-EXEC-001.  
**Andy Cook** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
Resolution #21-EXEC-001 was approved.  
MOTION PASSES.

**STATUS REPORTS**

There were no Status Reports.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no other items of business.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Andy Cook** moved to adjourn the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, ~~2020-2021~~ Executive Committee.  
**Andy Cook** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
The February 2<sup>nd</sup>, ~~2020-2021~~ Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm.  
MOTION PASSES.