



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet

Committee of the Whole Discussion

27 July 2011

*Please consult the 13 July 2011 [Legislative Packet](#)
for legislation and background material.*

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Notices and Agendas:

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Legislation and Background Material for Discussion at Committee of the Whole on July 27th:

- **Ord 11-08** To Vacate a Public Parcel - Re: An East/West Alley Right-of-Way and a Segment of North/South Alley Right-of-Way on the North Side of the 1900 Block of East Third Street Between Rose Avenue and Union Street (The Trustees of Indiana University, Petitioner)
Contact: Lynne Darland at 34-3529 or darlandl@bloomington.in.gov
- **Ord 11-07** To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Various Changes, Including But Not Limited to, Creating a Schedule for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Signals (BMC 15.12.030 – Schedule D[2]), Lowering Speed Limits on Neighborhood Streets from 30 mph to 25 mph (BMC 15.24.020 – Schedule I), and Clarifying the Notice Period Before Cars May be Towed (BMC 15.48.010)
Contact: Susie Johnson at 349-3411 or johnsons@bloomington.in.gov

Please see the [13 July 2011 Council Legislative Packet](#) for legislation, materials and summary for these two items.

- **Res 11-11** Supporting Enabling Legislation for Local Authority to Conduct Referenda to Dedicate Local Revenue to Transit and Transportation Alternatives
 - Memo to Council, Andy Ruff, Councilmember-At-large; Press Release from Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority
Contact: Andy Ruff at 349-3409 or ruffa@bloomington.in.gov

Memo

Three Items for Discussion at the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, July 27th

The Council wrapped up the four evenings of July Departmental Budget Hearings this week and will return to a more routine schedule with a Committee of the Whole next Wednesday (last week of July) and Regular Session on Wednesday, August 3rd. After that, the Council will enter its August Recess and reconvene on Wednesday, September 7th. There are three items for discussion next week. Two of those are ordinances which are listed in the introductory index along with a link to where the material can be found online. The one new item is a resolution which can be found in this packet and is summarized herein.

Third Item for Discussion at Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, July 27th

Res 11-11 is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Ruff, Mayer, Sandberg and Sturbaum and mirrors a resolution adopted by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in June. It responds to the threat of funding cuts at the State and federal level by affirming the importance of funding for local mass transit and urging that local citizens be allowed to decide whether or not to create new revenues for those purposes.

A loose coalition of local and regional transit organizations is urging interested entities to adopt similar statements. The coalition will make its announcement on August 19th, which is Indy Connect Day at the Indiana State Fair. This resolution and similar statements will also be used to encourage the General Assembly to let local citizens decide on additional funding for these critical needs. Please see the attached Press Release from the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) for more on this initiative and the value of transit to the vitality of communities across the State.

As Councilmember Ruff states in his memo, the threat to local funding is real. While keeping the funding at the same level as the year before, during the 2011 session, the General Assembly shifted the source of revenue for the State's Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF) from a dedicated portion of the State's sales tax to an allocation from the General Fund, which leaves funding in the long-term more uncertain. Next year, the PMTF will provide about a third of the

Bloomington Transit's revenues. At the federal level, Kent McDaniel, who is a member of the BT Board and the Executive Director of the Indiana Transportation Association, has stated "the ... funding formula is down statewide by 3% for the second year in a row and our national organizations are warning us to expect 20% to 30% more in the next couple of years." Next year, these federal revenues will account for about a quarter of the revenues for Bloomington Transit.

Please note that this resolution and the one adopted by the local MPO changes the language of the sample resolution provided by CIRT to broaden the scope of the funding referenda to include not only public transit but also "transportation alternatives." This would allow the community to invest more in bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

NOTICE AND AGENDA
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SHOWERS CENTER, 401 N. MORTON ST.

Chair: Brad Wisler

1. Ordinance 11-08 To Vacate a Public Parcel - Re: An East/West Alley Right-of-Way and a Segment of North/South Alley Right-of-Way on the North Side of the 1900 Block of East Third Street Between Rose Avenue and Union Street (The Trustees of Indiana University, Petitioner)

Asked to Attend: Lynne Darland, Zoning and Enforcement Manager
Representative of Petitioner

2. Ordinance 11-07 To Amend Title 15 of The Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" - Re: Various Changes, Including But Not Limited to, Creating a Schedule for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Signals (BMC 15.12.030 – Schedule D[2]), Lowering Speed Limits on Neighborhood Streets from 30 mph to 25 mph (BMC 15.24.020 – Schedule I), and Clarifying the Notice Period Before Cars May be Towed (BMC 15.48.010)

Asked to Attend: Susie Johnson, Director of Public Works

3. Resolution 11-11 Supporting Enabling Legislation for Local Authority to Conduct Referenda to Dedicate Local Revenue to Transit and Transportation Alternatives

Co-Sponsors: Andy Ruff, Council Member-At-Large
Tim Mayer, Council Member-At-Large
Susan Sandberg, Council Member-At-Large
Chris Sturbaum, Councilmember, District 1



**City of Bloomington
Office of the Common Council**

To: Council Members
From: Council Office
Re: Calendar for the Week of 25-30 July 2011

Monday, 25 July 2011

4:00 pm Council for Community Accessibility, McCloskey
5:30 pm Bloomington Human Rights Commission, McCloskey
5:30 pm Joint City of Bloomington-Monroe County Deer Task Force, Council Chambers
7:00 pm Arts Alliance Meeting, McCloskey

Tuesday, 26 July 2011

4:00 pm Bloomington Community Farmers' Market, Madison St, Between 6th & 7th St
4:00 pm Board of Park Commissioners, Council Chambers
5:30 pm ArtsWork Indiana, McCloskey

Wednesday, 27 July 2011

2:00 pm Hearing Officer, Kelly
4:00 pm Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commission, McCloskey
5:30 pm Traffic Commission, Council Chambers
7:30 pm Common Council Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers

Thursday, 28 July 2011

10:30 am GIS Coordination Meeting, McCloskey
12:00 noon Monroe County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Hooker Room
12:00 noon Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force, Hooker Room
5:15 pm Solid Waste Management District Citizens Advisory Committee, Education Room, 3400 S Walnut St
5:30 pm Board of Zoning Appeals, Council Chambers

Friday, 29 July 2011

No meetings are scheduled for this date.

Saturday, 30 July 2011

8:00 am Bloomington Community Farmers' Market, Showers Common, 401 N. Morton

Posted and Distributed: Friday, 22 July 2011

RESOLUTION 11-11

SUPPORTING ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT REFERENDA TO DEDICATE LOCAL REVENUE TO TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council is the elected body with the legislative responsibility and authority for passing ordinances regulating and governing the City of Bloomington, Indiana and for passing resolutions expressing the will of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council supports the need for strong local public transportation systems and for regional transportation networks that include rail transit, bus rapid transit, bus, express bus, bike and pedestrian facilities, and road and highway improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council believes that transit and transportation alternatives positively impact the economy of Indiana, improve air quality, reduce congestion, improve mobility, increase personal independence, and enhance Indiana's economic competitiveness by improving the quality of life for all Hoosiers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington Common Council hereby supports the enactment of enabling legislation that authorizes voter referenda or other methods to enact funding measures that create dedicated and adequate funding for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of transit and transportation alternatives.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be forwarded to all relevant public officials and government agencies and shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City of Bloomington Office of Clerk and Common Council located in the Showers center City hall at 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2011.

SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2011.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2011.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is co-sponsored by Councilmembers Ruff, Mayer, Sandberg and Sturbaum. It expresses the will of the Bloomington Common Council for the Indiana General Assembly to pass enabling legislation allowing local governments to raise local revenue through unspecified sources for the benefit of providing public transportation services in their own communities.

City of Bloomington – Council Office - Memorandum

TO: Members of the Common Council
FROM: Andy Ruff, Council Member, At-Large
RE: Res 11-11 *Supporting Enabling Legislation for Local Authority to Conduct Referenda to Dedicate Local Revenue to Transit and Transportation Alternatives*
DATE: July 21, 2011

Res 11-11 *Supporting Enabling Legislation for Local Authority to Conduct Referenda to Dedicate Local Revenue to Transit and Transportation Alternatives* echoes a resolution adopted by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in June. Upon adoption, the legislation will be sent to relevant state officials, along with similar ones from other communities and entities around the State, to affirm the importance of funding local mass transit and transportation alternatives and letting the local citizens decide whether or not to create new revenues for these purposes.

We have had about three decades of experience with public transit in Bloomington. During that time, we have seen routes extend, hours of service expand, operations become more efficient, and ridership explode 10-fold. Public transit gets employees to jobs, students to classes, customers to stores, patients to medical providers, clients to their points of service, and patrons to their arts and entertainment destinations. It offers mobility to everyone in an affordable and sustainable manner and is a pillar of our economic well-being.

Yet, despite its essential role in the vitality of our community, funding for public transit is under threat at the State and federal levels. About a third of the Bloomington Transit's revenues in 2012 will come from the State's Public Mass Transportation Fund. While the General Assembly, kept that fund at the same level next year as in previous years, it has shifted its source of revenues from a dedicated portion of the State sales tax to an allocation from the State's General Fund, which leaves future funding uncertain and free to the annual vagaries of the economy and whims of the General Assembly. Another quarter of the Bloomington Transit's revenue in 2012 will come from federal sources. According to Kent McDaniel, member of the BT Board and Executive Director of the Indiana Transportation Association, "the federal funding formula is down statewide by 3% for the second year in a row and our national organizations are warning us to expect 20% to 30% more in the next couple of years."

This change in funding has not only raised concerns among local public transit organizations, but also with regional transportation entities like the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) and the Northwest Indiana Regional Bus Authority (RBA), who feel particularly threatened and are also strong advocates for local referenda to create new funding sources for public transit. One immediate goal of this loose coalition of concerned organizations is to present resolutions from around the State on August 19th, which is Indy Connect Day at the State Fair. Another, more long-term goal is to urge the General Assembly to let local citizens, who are most affected by the measure and its consequences, decide this critical issue.

I, along with co-sponsors, Susan Sandberg, Tim Mayer and Chris Sturbaum urge your support for this resolution.

For more information please visit: <http://www.indianacat.org/> & <http://www.cirta.us/Default.aspx?PageId=53>



Petition, resolution drive pushes for transit referenda

Dump the Pump Day marks start of campaign; IndyGo offers free bus service

INDIANAPOLIS (June 14, 2011) – As the nation approaches Dump the Pump Day on June 16, Central Indiana residents have the opportunity not just to park their cars and ride the bus for free, but also to demonstrate their support for improved transit.

The Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) and other transit groups are gathering names and resolutions in an effort to let Indiana lawmakers know that Hoosiers support referenda enabling local funding of transit. The groups plan to deliver the names and resolutions to lawmakers when the next legislative session opens in January 2012.

“We know that improved transit is a high priority for many Central Indiana residents. We want to make sure our lawmakers know it as well,” said CIRTA Executive Director Ehren Bingaman. “When the 2012 Indiana General Assembly convenes in January, lawmakers will be greeted by a tangible demonstration of voters’ interest in transit in Central Indiana and around the state.”

Indiana residents can go to www.CIRTA.us to sign a petition, and they can choose to let their legislators know immediately that they’ve signed on as a supporter of transit. They’ll also find opportunities to sign petitions at fairs and festivals all summer long.

In addition, businesses, nonprofits and organizations are being asked to submit resolutions supporting referenda addressing local transit funding, and call lawmakers to make such referenda possible. More information about submitting resolutions (and resolution templates) also can be found at www.cirta.us. Nearly 20 organizations already have submitted resolutions, including:

- AARP, Indiana
- Arc Rehab Services - Boone County
- Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
- Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization
- CIRTA
- Eden Collaborative
- Gateway Services/Access Johnson County
- Greenstreet Ltd.
- Hamilton County Commissioners
- Health by Design

- Hoosier Environmental Council
- Indianapolis Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Indiana Citizens Alliance for Transit (ICAT)
- Indy Hub
- JTPR Inc.
- League of Women Voters of Indianapolis
- Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS®
- Self Advocates of Indiana, Inc.
- The Arc of Indiana
- Use What You've Got Prison Ministry Keeping Families Connected, Inc.
- Workforce, Inc.

Companies, nonprofit organizations and neighborhood groups are encouraged to submit resolutions. Samples can be found at www.CIRTA.us.

“For central Indiana to continue to grow and prosper, we need a better transit system,” said Steve Sullivan, CEO of MIBOR (the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS®). “Economic development and quality of life go hand-in-hand, and that’s why we’re encouraging our membership to get involved and learn more about the issue and how transit impacts everything from housing to job attraction.”

Public transportation also is vital for those who don’t drive or have access to private vehicles.

“The Arc of Indiana works to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state,” said John Dickerson, executive director of The Arc of Indiana. “Transit is one of the many ways individuals with disabilities can be more self-sufficient, and that’s why our board of directors submitted a resolution.”

In conjunction with the America Public Transportation Association’s annual Dump the Pump Day, IndyGo is joining transportation agencies across the U.S. to offer free rides on its Fixed Route and Open Door buses for the entire day. For more information, visit www.indygo.net.

ABOUT CIRTA

CIRTA is a quasi-governmental organization (IC 36-9-3) working to bring more transportation options that will better connect the urban core of Indianapolis with suburban and rural communities in Marion, Boone, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Morgan and Shelby counties. More information is at www.CIRTA.us.

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