

## **IC 8-24-10**

### Chapter 10. Planning

#### **IC 8-24-10-1**

##### **Development of long range comprehensive transportation plan**

Sec. 1. After reviewing the transportation plans of the Indiana department of transportation, regional and other planning agencies, and of each division, the district shall develop, continuously update, and implement long range comprehensive transportation plans to ensure the orderly development and maintenance of an efficient system of public transportation in the district. The plan must be approved by the board. The district shall periodically amend and update the plan as appropriate or as requested by a division.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-2**

##### **Plan requirements**

Sec. 2. The plan must identify goals and objectives with respect to the following:

- (1) Increasing ridership and passenger miles on public transportation funded by the district.
- (2) Coordination of public transportation services and the investment in public transportation facilities to enhance the integration of public transportation throughout the district territory.
- (3) Coordination of fare and transfer policies to promote transfers by riders among service boards, public transportation agencies, and public transportation modes, which may include goals and objectives for development of a universal fare instrument that riders may use interchangeably on all public transportation funded by the district, and methods to be used to allocate revenues from transfers.
- (4) Improvements in public transportation facilities to bring those facilities into a state of good repair, enhancements that attract ridership and improve customer service, and expansions needed to serve areas with sufficient demand for public transportation.
- (5) Access for transit dependent populations, including access by low income communities to places of employment, using analyses provided by the department of workforce development and other planning agencies regarding employment and transportation availability, and giving consideration to the location of employment centers in each county and the availability of public transportation at off peak hours and on weekends.
- (6) The financial viability of the public transportation system, including both operating and capital programs.
- (7) Limiting road congestion within the district territory and enhancing transit options to improve mobility.
- (8) Other goals and objectives that advance adequate, efficient,

and coordinated public transportation in the district territory.  
*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

### **IC 8-24-10-3**

#### **Evaluation of proposed capital improvements**

Sec. 3. The plan must establish the process and criteria by which proposals for capital improvements by a service board will be evaluated by the district for inclusion in the five (5) year capital program. The plan may include criteria for the following:

- (1) Allocating funds among maintenance, enhancement, and expansion improvements.
- (2) Projects to be funded.
- (3) Projects intended to improve or enhance ridership or customer service.
- (4) Design and location of station or transit improvements intended to promote transfers, increase ridership, and support transit oriented land development.
- (5) Assessing the impact of projects on the ability to operate and maintain the existing transit system.
- (6) Other criteria that advance the goals and objectives of the plan.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

### **IC 8-24-10-4**

#### **Performance standards for public transportation services**

Sec. 4. The plan must establish performance standards and measurements regarding the adequacy, efficiency, and coordination of public transportation services in the region and the implementation of the goals and objectives in the plan. At a minimum, the standards and measures must include customer related performance data measured by line, route, or subregion, as determined by the district, on the following:

- (1) Travel times and on time performance.
- (2) Ridership data.
- (3) Equipment failure rates.
- (4) Employee and customer safety.
- (5) Customer satisfaction.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

### **IC 8-24-10-5**

#### **Public transportation finances**

Sec. 5. The plan must describe the expected financial condition of public transportation in the district territory prospectively over a ten (10) year period, which may include information about the cash position and all known obligations of the district and the service boards, including operating expenditures, debt service, contributions for payment of pension and other post-employment benefits, the expected revenues from fares, tax receipts, grants from the federal, state, and local governments for operating and capital purposes and issuance of debt, the availability of working capital, and the

resources needed to achieve the goals and objectives described in the plan.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-6**

##### **Subregional or corridor plans**

Sec. 6. The district may adopt subregional or corridor plans for specific geographic areas of the district territory to improve the adequacy, efficiency, and coordination of existing, or the delivery of new, public transportation. The plans may also address areas outside the district territory that may affect public transportation use in the district territory. In preparing a subregional or corridor plan, the district may identify changes in operating practices or capital investment in the subregion or corridor that could increase ridership, reduce costs, improve coordination, or enhance transit oriented development. The district shall consult with any affected service boards in the preparation of any subregional or corridor plans.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-7**

##### **Annual capital improvement plans**

Sec. 7. The district shall annually establish a capital improvement plan to govern the distribution of grants to each service division. The capital improvement plan shall cover at least a five (5) year period and incorporate information concerning the capital improvement plans of the service divisions.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-8**

##### **Service division information**

Sec. 8. Each service division shall provide the district with the information that the district determines necessary to prepare the plans required by this chapter.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-9**

##### **Interagency cooperation**

Sec. 9. The district and the service boards shall cooperate with the various public agencies charged with responsibility for long range or comprehensive planning for the district territory. The district shall, before the adoption of any plan under this chapter, submit its proposals to these agencies for review and comment. The district and the service boards may make use of existing studies, surveys, plans, data, and other materials in the possession of any state agency or department, any planning agency, or any unit of local government.

*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*

#### **IC 8-24-10-10**

##### **Plans submitted to budget committee**

Sec. 10. The district shall, not later than January 1 of the second

year following the year in which the district is established, submit the plans for review by the budget committee.  
*As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.*