



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2011 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

*Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner.
Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning Department for reference.*

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Vice-Chair Laurel Cornell (Citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Jack Baker (McDoel NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Ted Miller (Citizen), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), and David Sabbagh (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Randy Paul (Citizen), and Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO Staff).

I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:30 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were accepted by the Committee without modification.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray summarized the November 4, 2011 Policy Committee meeting and the decision to postpone the I-69 TIP amendment to their February 10, 2012 meeting. The discussion focused around interest to enter into a “Participating Agency” status with INDOT and FHWA as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process for Section V of the I-69 project. More needs to be learned about the Participating Agency status and how it may provide a means to better mitigate issues over I-69. It is not clear how this would affect Section IV, but ongoing discussions continue. Several mentioned the need to address safety improvements along Section V that are necessary with anticipated Section IV construction. He said many are concerned over safety in addition to the status of local funding issues tied to the approval of I-69. Most see the ongoing discussions a positive development and that FHWA is taking a more proactive role to resolve the impasse over I-69 between INDOT and the BMCMPPO.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees – There were no reports.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. Project Tracking – Mr. Robinson gave an overview of the Project Tracking report Raymond Hess compiled. Staff’s aim with required reporting is to give sufficient information for a quick status report and more importantly to provide contact information if there are questions about any of the listed projects. CAC members agreed this reporting has been very helpful and likes how it is organized. Mr. Jacobs asked if Ellettsville’s funding was in jeopardy, Mr. Baker asked about the grandfathering with the Complete Street policy, and Ms. Ryterband suggested some terms be defined such as “Certification of ROW” and Categorical Exclusion”. Mr. Robinson said the funding issue remains unclear for all agencies, and said projects that completed preliminary engineering or about the 30% complete status were grandfathered from the Complete Streets Policy, and staff can include definitions in future reports after he explained these examples.

B. 2012 Meeting Schedule - Mr. Robinson said the meeting schedule for next year is included



in the meeting packet. Mr. Murray said the date for the August meeting should be the 22nd.

VI. Old Business

A. CAC ADA Policy – Mr. Robinson explained staff made changes to the draft policy based on feedback from the CAC and TAC. Members agreed the changes addressed the concerns on defining Universal Design and other points previously discussed. Ms. Cornel motioned to approve the policy and Mr. Ash seconded, there was no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Robinson said the policy will be forwarded to the TAC for their consideration and then the Policy Committee.

B. Relationship of Local Adopted Documents - Mr. Robinson gave an overview of this topic and past discussions. He said there are many local documents to consider, some beyond the direct scope of the MPO and transportation. It would be difficult for staff to fully represent all these documents. They are intended for Local agencies to implement and not necessarily the MPO. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is the GPP of the MPO and the CAC has discussed developing a scoring system for projects based on the LRTP. However some want scoring based on local plans too because they feel local plans are not implemented in regards to transportation. They would like a better connection to MPO activities with the respective local plans. Mr. Sabbagh said the LRTP sets goals for the MPO and the Committees of the MPO are the board of trustees for the MPO. Discussion ensued around the role of the MPO taking oversight on local plans. Ms. Ryterband wondered how well all the plans fit together and Mr. Baker said livability and land use are important at the local level. CAC members would like staff to compile a list of local planning documents to help them understand what each local public agency has adopted. Mr. Robinson said staff will provide a master list of planning documents at an upcoming CAC meeting.

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. MPO Winter Open House – December 9, 2011 at 12 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – January 25, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 25, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- D. Policy Committee – February 10, 1:30pm (location to be determined)

Adjournment (~7:55 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on January 25, 2012.
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