



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012 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), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Jack Baker (McDoel NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), David Walter (6th and Ritter NA), Marc Cornett (Citizen), Mary Boutain (Area 10 Agency on Aging), and David Sabbagh (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): John Kehrberg (Citizen), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO Staff), and Vince Caristo (BMCMPPO Staff).

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

II. Election of Officers

A. Chair – Patrick Murray and David Sabbagh were nominated for Chair. After a secret ballot election, Patrick Murray was elected Chair of the CAC.

B. Vice-Chair – Laurel Cornell was nominated for Vice-Chair. As the only nominee, the CAC elected her Vice-Chair of the CAC by voice decree.

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

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray had no communications.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. LRTP Task Force – Mr. Hess stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force met in December and reviewed a draft request for qualifications (RFQ) to hire a consultant to perform the technical analysis required of the LRTP. The LRTP Task Force will likely meet again in February to review and finalize the RFQ. Mr. Milroy asked about the relationship between the LRTP and the City’s Growth Policies Plan update. Mr. Hess replied that there may be an opportunity to conduct a survey of the community which can influence both documents. Mr. Sabbagh stated that a real survey that captures the community’s intent would be needed.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. 2008-2010 Crash Report – Mr. Caristo reviewed the findings of the Crash Report. Data is obtained from a state database and significant effort is made to eliminate errors in the data. The data is analyzed using five characteristics: types of vehicles involved; severity of crash; time of day; location; and primary cause. He discussed in detail the characteristics of the 12,415 crashes that occurred in 2008-2010. Mr. Sabbagh noted the crashes at SR46 and College Mall Road and said the median prohibiting turns into the bank should be put back. Mr. Hess replied that this is part of the Bypass project and will check the plans to see if that will be reinstalled. Mr. Jacobs suggested looking at crashes per season to see how weather affects the



crash trend. Mr. Baker suggested that a table showing the cause of fatal crashes would be helpful. Mr. Caristo stated that staff hopes to work on the 2009-2011 Crash Report very soon.

B. FY 2011 Annual Completion Report - Mr. Hess explained this is a synopsis of the four progress reports for fiscal year 2011. He highlighted the summary table at the back of the report which indicates the MPO spent 84% of its federal planning funds and that the unspent portion is rolled over into fiscal year 2012. Mr. Cornett asked how accomplishments are measured. Mr. Hess explained that it mostly relates to how much staff time was dedicated to each element and the corresponding accomplishments are listed.

C. MAP-21 – Mr. Hess reviewed key components of the draft federal transportation legislation before the Senate. Some of the provisions to be concerned about are: the new population threshold for MPOs would be 200,000 which would result in the dissolution of our MPO; and dedicated funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects would be eliminated. The MPO has sent a letter to Indiana’s congressional delegation opposing some of these measures. Mr. Kehrberg asked if this was in relation to the dispute over I-69. Ms. Cornell suggested this is a power play by the States to regain more control over how federal transportation funding is spent.

VI. Old Business

A. Relationship of Local Adopted Documents – Mr. Murray suggested this item be moved to the end of the agenda. The Committee agreed to the change.

VII. New Business

A. Coordinated Human Services and Public Transportation Plan Update – Mr. Hess explained federal legislation requires the development of a Coordinated Plan to identify transportation needs and strategies to meet those needs related to older adults, persons with disabilities, and people with no/low income. Projects identified in a Coordinated Plan are eligible for 5310 funding, New Freedom funding, or Job Access and Reverse Commute funding. The BMCMPPO developed its Coordinated Plan in 2007 and there is a need to update it to identify new transportation providers, needs in the community, and strategies to meet those needs. Mr. Baker suggested adding Martha’s House since they provide transit passes. Mr. Hess reviewed the new language focusing on the needs and strategies. Mr. Cornett asked how the needs list is developed. Mr. Hess explained a Mobility Steering Committee, made up of different transportation and human service organizations, was formed and generated the list. Mr. Sabbagh motioned to recommend approval of the update to the Coordinated Plan. Ms. Boutain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jacobs motioned to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Ms. Cornell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Mr. Hess stated INDOT has withdrawn its TIP amendments for the SR37/Tapp Road Intersection Improvement and SR46/Matthews Drive Signalization project. Though it was inadvertently left off of the agenda, included in the packet is information on a TIP amendment for Bloomington Transit to add voice enunciators on all of its buses. The enunciators will announce key bus stops, major intersections, and major destinations to assist those with visual impairments. This project is



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identified in the Coordinated Plan update and Bloomington Transit hopes to pursue \$240,000 in New Freedom funds for this project. Ms. Boutain motioned to recommend adding this project to the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Sabbagh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – It was suggested the agenda item not discussed, Relationship of Local Adopted Documents, be carried over to the next meeting.

Mr. Cornett asked about membership on standing committees such as the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Hess was asked to put together a list of all members on standing committees for the next meeting.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – February 10, 1:30pm (location to be determined)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – February 22, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – February 22, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:10 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on February 22, 2012.
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