



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2013 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

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Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Adrian Reid (Chair, City Engineer), Jane Fleig (Vice Chair, Utilities), John Collisson (County Highway), Jim Ude (INDOT), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Michelle Allen (FHWA), Lew May (BT), Perry Maull (Campus Bus), David Sabbagh (CAC), Laura Haley (City ITS), and Doug Norton (Rural Transit)

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT), Bill Williams (County Highway), Mary Jo Hamman (Baker), David Miller (Baker), and Jordan Miller (Rural Transit)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, and Scott Robinson.

- I. Call to Order and Introductions ~10:03 AM**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 27, 2013** – Mr. Nsonwu made a correction that the TIP amendment covers INDOT bridges and not County bridges. *****Mr. Micuda moved approval as corrected. Mr. Nsonwu seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*****
- III. Communications from the Chair** –Mr. Reid noted a tornado drill will occur at 10:15, but this room is very safe and is appropriate as a shelter location. There is no need to stop the meeting for the drill.
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. MTP Task Force** –Mr. Desmond said the consultant is updating the network and Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ). Progress on the transit and household survey is going well. Staff has begun public workshops there was one in Ellettsville and there will be one at City Hall on April 1st. Staff has also begun stakeholder interviews for various community organizations. He encouraged everyone to take the much improved household survey as well as spread the word.
 - B. Updates on Projects** – Mr. Reid said South Rogers will be closed for 30 days as major construction commences. There were no other project updates.
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff -- No reports**
- VI. Old Business -- None**
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Draft FY 2014-2017 TIP Projects** – Mr. Desmond provided an overview of the development, adoption process, and fiscal aspects of the TIP. Most projects are carry-over from the current TIP that still need funding. Staff is still working with INDOT to finalize their projects and will need to work with the LPAs on balancing the TIP for fiscal constraint. There is no request to take action today and questions about projects are best answered by the project sponsors. Mr. May asked to clarify the difference between the phases of the Heritage Trail and made corrections to BT’s request to purchase buses (5307 funds FY 2015 and 2016 for 3 buses each year and 5309 funds FY 2017 for 4 buses). Ms. Fleig expressed concerns over the timing of 17th and Jordan and City of Bloomington Utility’s (CBU) project schedule. The project was FY 2015 and is now FY 2014. Mr. Reid said this was mostly a funding issue than a timing issue. Mr. Micuda asked if the phases of Fullerton

Pike have been finalized. Mr. Williams said it will be finalized this summer. Mr. Micuda expressed concerns over the 4-lane aspect and the large financial commitment to the project. He supports a connection, but the overall cost and design raise policy concerns. There are over 200 acres of rural land that will not have sewer service per CBU policy. Development follows new roads and utilities and conflicts with growth and CBU policies in this rural area.

- B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: I69 Section 5 (INDOT)** - Ms. Dragovich presented the amendment and explained the scope and funding for Section 5 and the portions within the MPO area. The public comment period ended and the comments are included in the packet. Mr. Micuda was pleased with progress being made to address local concerns, but is concerned about the narrow scope INDOT is taking for 17th/Vernal in comparison to Fullerton Pike. Ms. Flum explained that the access closure at That Rd. led to the wider scope for Fullerton Pike in the DEIS process. The 17th/Vernal request came after the DEIS. She also said the total costs are high and will be less in the FEIS. The timing of this request is in response to Section 5 safety concerns raised over the timing of completion for Section 4 and its associated traffic. Mr. Sabbagh asked if voting members are held responsible for fiscal constraints and Ms. Allen said FHWA and INDOT perform the fiscal constraint analysis in the STIP and is not a technical responsibility of other voting members. Ms. Flum further explained the funding is cash on hand for this request. Mr. Reid asked what if this request is delayed. Ms. Flum replied that safety improvements would be delayed with consideration to Section 4 opening. Ms. Allen explained that in order for FHWA to sign the FEIS and ROD this needs to be in the TIP/STIP. Bloomington Transit experienced funding ramifications because of approval delays for Section 4 explained Mr. May. He asked if similar ramifications would happen if this request is delayed. Ms. Flum was confident in the 3C process and asked the LPA's the same respect for INDOT's request. MPO's with less than 200,000 people have funding discretionary agreements with INDOT and there is no direct FHWA funding to these smaller MPO's explained Ms. Allen. *****Mr. Maull moved approval. Mr. Nsonwu seconded.***** Mr. Micuda said he would abstain because of his previous concerns, but felt the progress being made is going in the right direction. He would like more progress on important 17th/Vernal, Gates Drive, corridor aesthetics, and the free standing bicycle/pedestrian bridge. Ms. Fleig asked if the Policy Committee will hear the request based on the TAC and CAC recommendations. Mr. Desmond explained the request will be heard by the Policy Committee regardless of the TAC and CAC recommendations. *****The motion passed by a 10 to 0 vote with 1 abstention.*****

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)

- A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas** – none.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee** – March 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)
B. Technical Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment – 10:50 AM

*These minutes were approved by the TAC at their regular meeting held on April 24, 2012.
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