



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2013 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Adrian Reid (Chair, City Engineer), Jane Fleig (Vice Chair, Utilities), John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Jim Ude (INDOT), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Connie Griffin (Ellettsville), Kurt Babcock (County GIS), Lew May (BT), Perry Maull (Campus Bus), Tom Micuda (City Planning), and Laura Haley (City ITS).

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT) and Mary Jo Hamman (Baker).

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Vince Caristo, Anna Dragovich, Scott Robinson, and Jane Weiser.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

A. March 27, 2013 -- *Ms. Fleig moved approval. Mr. Micuda seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.**

III. Communications from the Chair -- None

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. MTP Task Force – Mr. Desmond reported that work is continuing with the consultant on the travel demand model. They have around 500 responses to the travel survey. The transit survey will be put together in a month. The initial public input phase is complete. A summary report will be presented at the next meeting.

B. Updates on Projects – Mr. May reported that construction is progressing on the downtown terminal. Mr. Carter said that there are 2 grants for Safe Routes to School Programs. One is with IU Health. They are popular programs that will go on for the next year or so. There was discussion about completing sidewalk systems to contribute to Walk to School programs. Mr. Reid said that Rogers St. will soon be open one-way northbound. They are getting 17th and Arlington ready for construction next year. Ms. Flum said that the Walnut St. bridge will get a new deck this year. Ms. Hamman reported said that they are writing updates to the DEIS. It will be published as a FEIS and Record of Decision in June. She reported on upcoming meetings including the new “kitchen table” meetings being held in Section 5 with interested property owners regarding right-of-way acquisition. Ms. Flum introduced David Butts an I-69 project manager. He will work on local I-69 related projects. Ms. Griffin announced that Ellettsville missed their 1st funding window. The Heritage Trail has been moved to 2015 and now there is a possibility that the funding will not be guaranteed.

C. ADA Transition Plan --- Mr. Caristo said that the State ADA Transition Plan is on the legislative agenda. We expect to address the approvals this summer.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. 2012 Crash Report – Mr. Caristo presented the draft 2012 Crash Report which covers 2010-2012. (see report for details) There are some new tables added. Crash numbers remain fairly stable from year to year. Committee members discussed crash locations and crash locations ranked by different criteria. Mr. Reid suggested pulling out crashes that involved alcohol. Mr. Micuda asked Mr. Reid about his interpretation of the crash severity at 3rd & Cory. Mr. Reid had noticed the same thing but didn't have an



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answer yet. Mr. Desmond pointed out that that particular intersection actually appears to be trending downward. Mr. Micuda asked Mr. Caristo if there is any data analysis about crashes in which texting was a factor. Mr. Caristo said that Indiana doesn't track those. Other states are beginning to. There was discussion about fatalities and circumstances. Also covered were bicycle and pedestrian crashes by location. Those crashes are most common in the area of the university.

B. Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Ms. Dragovich said that staff is still working on the draft TIP. Mr. May provided a correction on the BT Access vehicle project description. That will be corrected before the next meeting. Mr. Ude had a correction on page 9. “State Road 45 from State Road 46” should be added. There will be a public comment period between May 3 and June 3. That will allow the Policy Committee to vote on it at the June 14 meeting.

Mr. Desmond pointed out that the funding estimates may need to be revised later. Two funding sources, Transportation Alternatives and HSIP, are illustrative only from 2014 to 2017. Calls for projects and criteria for eligibility need to be updated. Ellettsville might be able to secure funding through Transportation Alternatives. People shouldn't be caught off guard by depending on the funding numbers at this point. Mr. Reid said that they are planning to apply for HSIP funding for the N. Dunn/Old SR 37 project. Mr. Desmond said there is no need to apply for anything until staff puts out a call for projects. Mr. Micuda suggested having an MPO meeting focused on new projects and new funding procedures to help inform LPAs. Mr. Nsonwu said that INDOT is reviewing the draft TIP. He wants to assist the MPO so that the draft TIP can get the governor's approval before you present it to your PC so that it doesn't have to go through twice. Mr. Micuda asked Ms. Hamman if there are additional monies associated with the construction of I-69 that will be needed in our urbanized area. Ms. Hamman said yes. Mr. Desmond pointed out that in the appendix additional funds are listed. TAC will be voting on the Draft TIP next month.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Fiscal Year 2014 UPWP Amendment – Mr. Desmond said that every 2 years we adopt a new Work Program. We are currently in the latter stages of the first year of the last Work Program. Our federal funding for 2014 is less than we had planned on. We have \$144,000 in federal carryover funds. We decided to bank \$44,000 for the next work program. The reason is primarily due to costs associated with the LRTP. He explained the new Planning Emphasis Areas. MPO staff intends to study the way MACOG has Quarterly Project Tracking meetings so that we can start having them in 2014. Mr. Nsonwu suggested the BMCMPPO start conducting Quarterly Project Tracking meetings earlier than that. Mr. Desmond said 2014 would be the latest that we would start having the meetings. The only really new area is the functional classification review. All of our roads are classified on a federal functional class system. MAP21 has changed the hierarchy of those functional classes. We need to review the classifications on our roads and make sure they make sense. We will do this with guidance from FHWA and INDOT. We will work with all our LPAs so that we are all on the same page. Mr. Desmond presented a synopsis of the key changes to FY 2014 UPWP. *** **Mr. Micuda moved approval of the amendment. Mr. Nsonwu seconded. The amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

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

A. Topic suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – May 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)



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- B. Technical Advisory Committee – May 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment

These minutes were approved by the TAC at their regular meeting held on, May 22, 2013 (JFW)