



**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 27, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

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

***Attendance***

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), John Kehrberg (citizen), Ted Miller (citizen), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Buff Brown (B-TOP), and Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA), Randy Paul (citizen), Regina DiLavore (Environmental Commission), Jay Mitchell (INDOT), David Butts (INDOT), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker Group), Scott Robinson (BMC MCO Staff), and Raymond Hess (BMC MPO Staff).

**I. Call to Order (~6:35 PM)**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 27, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented by the CAC.

**III. Communications from the Chair - Mr. Murray had no reports.**

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

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

**A. FY 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Report**

Mr. Hess distributed a copy of the Fiscal Year 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Report. He explained that this is for informational purposes and that Committee members can contact him if they have any questions.

**B. Ball State Student Study**

Mr. Hess indicated that there is no news related to this since he has been unable to get a hold of Mr. Scott Truex from Ball State University. He will continue to try to do so to make sure that the proposals submitted by the CAC are still open for consideration by Ball State University faculty. Mr. Hess quickly reviewed the two existing project proposals by the CAC.

**C. Crash Report CY 2005-2007**

Mr. Robinson distributed the Crash Report for calendar years 2005 – 2007 and explained that it is for informational purposes and does not require any action by the Committee. Mr. Robinson explained that the some of data has been reorganized and now identifies crashes with buses & motorcycles/mopeds. He highlighted that total fatalities are down, that failure to yield the right of way is the leading cause of crashes, and that Jordan Ave. has the highest crash incidence involving bicyclists/pedestrians. Ms. Ryterband asked why bike/ped crashes have doubled since

2005. Mr. Robinson said it is hard to determine the cause of trends with the data we get from the State.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization Discussion**

Mr. Robinson distributed an outline that could be used as the foundation from which a scoring sheet could be developed to score projects for the Transportation Improvement Program. He explained that the language comes directly from the Long Range Transportation Plan Vision Statement. He encouraged CAC members to look at the outline and assign rankings to each of these core principles and goals. Ted Miller noted that some of the core principles overlap with the goals and that distinction needs to be made between the two. Mr. Robinson noted that the full language of the vision statement is available online. He also suggested that CAC members work on this criteria for the next meeting. Mr. Brown suggested negative scoring be incorporated into the process so that if a project scored less than zero than it could not proceed.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Unified Planning Work Program Amendment**

Mr. Hess distributed copies of the draft amended FY2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program. He explained that staff is not seeking a recommendation from the CAC until the June meeting. He highlighted that the total budget has gone up to \$961,037; that any remaining projects and programs remain untouched; and that the 2010 budget elements were refunded at levels similar to 2009. Notable additions to the UPWP are a Grimes Lane Operations Facility study (Element 502); Census Support and Coordination (Element 104), Quarterly Project Tracking (Element 201.A.4), Transportation Enhancement Administration (Element 201.D), and American with Disabilities Act Compliance Plans (Element 201.E). Ms. Ryterband asked about the status of the W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street study and expressed concerns if the project would proceed while part of the project area is currently closed or when W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. begins construction. Mr. Robinson stated that the City just wants to bring closure to the study that was started over 2 years ago. Mr. Brown suggested that the UPWP should include more 'big-picture' transit focused planning initiatives, like a bus rapid transit (BRT) study. Mr. Robinson explained that there needs to be a local public agency (LPA) sponsor for the project so that the up-front local money is available to carry forth such an initiative. He also explained that staff could initiate something in-house but that they must be mindful of their core duties that need to be accomplished.

### **B. FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Hess reviewed that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the timeline in its development. He noted that the Complete Streets Policy was applied in the development of the TIP (but only to new projects). Mr. Hess quickly reviewed the Complete Streets compliance forms for six local projects as submitted by the LPAs. Staff is not seeking a recommendation from the Committee tonight. Instead, members are asked to review the document and the Complete Streets compliance forms and come prepared to make a recommendation at the next meeting. Members were also encouraged to send comments during the public comment period (ending June 18, 2009) so that they could be recorded and so that possible changes could be considered before the draft is finalized. Ms. Ryterband asked the INDOT representatives about the SR45 project (from the bypass to Pete Ellis) and whether any of the MPO's concerns will be

incorporated before it proceeds in FY 2010. Mr. Mitchell indicated he did not know the status at this time but would get with the project manager and provide a response and whether a public hearing would be held on the project. Mr. Hess stated that INDOT has not yet finalized its project list. All State projects identified in the FY2010-2012 TIP are simply the ones reflected in the current TIP carried over to the new document. Ms. Ryterband also asked about the SR45/46 Bypass project and indicated there is uncertainty about the details of the final project, especially from the Green Acres Neighborhood. She asked if there will be any public communication about this project before it begins. Mr. Mitchell stated that a public information meeting will be held to describe the concept of the project, what the project hopes to accomplish, and other project details. He admitted that he was not too familiar with this project and did not know what phase the project was in but would try to get in touch with the project manager and get back to the MPO with details.

Ms. Ryterband motioned to extend the meeting to 8:30pm. Mr. Kehrberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. I-69 Hardship Right-of-Way Acquisition (INDOT)**

Mr. Hess explained that in February the CAC heard a request from INDOT to acquire a property at the corner of SR37 and Tapp Rd. for I-69 through their hardship acquisition process. This request was ultimately turned down by the Policy Committee on two key grounds: 1) It was assumed at the time that INDOT could acquire the property using State funds which would not warrant a TIP amendment; and 2) The ramifications of turning down the amendment were not known. INDOT would like the MPO to reconsider the request because of a Code of Federal Regulations citation that states that regionally significant projects need to be identified in the TIP, regardless of their funding source. Mr. Butts reviewed further details about the project and how the property owner meets the hardship acquisition criteria. He explained that the project remains relatively unchanged from the last time it was before the CAC but that costs for demolition are now included. Several CAC members expressed that the demolition costs seemed high. Mr. Butts responded that it is only an estimate which is intentionally high to make sure all the costs are covered. Mr. Hess stated that further information is expected on this item, especially related to the ramifications of a negative vote by the MPO, and for this reason the Technical Advisory Committee tabled their vote until the June meeting. The CAC may opt to do this as well if it so chooses, especially since the Advisory Committees will meet once again before the next Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Cox-Ash asked if the property was in a state of foreclosure and if the acquisition accounts for improvements on the property. Ms. Hamman indicated that she believes the property owner owns the property outright and that structures and improvements are factored into the purchase price for the property. Mr. Paul expressed interest in helping out this property owner since they are in a state of hardship. Ms. Henriot was surprised to learn that INDOT wanted to help out a property owner. Mr. Mitchell replied that acquiring the property at this time through this process is meant to serve the interests of INDOT as well as the property owner. Otherwise, the property would be acquired during the normal right-of-way acquisition phase of the project. Ms. Ryterband moved to table further discussion of this item until the next meeting since the ramifications are still unknown. Mr. Kehrberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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**VIII. Communications from Committee Members**

- A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – no suggestions.**

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A.** Technical Advisory Committee – June 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)  
**B.** Citizens Advisory Committee – June 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)  
**C.** Policy Committee – June 26, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)

**Adjournment (~8:30 PM)**

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on June 24, 2009.  
(staff initials: RCH 6/24/2009)*