



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Aug. 26, 2009 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: Kurt Babcock (Monroe Co. GIS Coordinator), John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), John Collisson (County Highway), Laura Haley (City ITS), Perry Maull (Campus Bus), Lew May (BT), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Andrea Roberts (Bloomington Public Works), Mike Trexler (City Controller), Jim Ude (INDOT), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Gregg Zody (Monroe Co. Planning).

Others: Jason Eakin (County Planning), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Morgan Hutton (Chamber of Commerce), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

**I. Call to Order**—Adrian Reid called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

**A. June 24, 2009**—Perry Maull moved approval of the minutes. Andrea Roberts seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**III. Communications from the Chair**--None

**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**

**A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects**

Mr. Carter reported on the Batchelor Safe Routes to School project.

Mr. Norton reported that Rural Transit has added two new routes to Ivy Tech. They now have extensive coverage to Park 48, Cook, Wal-Mart, Goodwill, etc.

Mr. Collisson said the County hopes to open the Smith Rd. and Rogers project by the end of August. Vernal Pike is moving along.

Mr. Reid said the Safe Routes to School project on S. Henderson looks like it will be done early. They have selected consultants for the 17<sup>th</sup> & Arlington and the Sare & Rogers roundabout. The one at Tapp & Rockport is being advertised.

**B. Updates on ARRA projects**

Mr. Hess said that he will be attending MPO Council tomorrow to report on the ARRA projects to INDOT and the other MPOs. Any last minute updates should be provided now. The Policy Committee asked for ARRA project reports at their Sept. 11 meeting.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

**A. FY2009 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Report**

Mr. Hess presented the report. Mr. Micuda asked for an idea of how we are doing with money spent versus money allocated. Mr. Hess said that by the end of 2010, we should be close to having spent 75-80%.

## B. Quarterly Reporting

Mr. Hess reported. FHWA required us to include a quarterly reporting for all road projects in the MPO. This is already required by INDOT for projects outside of the MPO. The new reporting is related to federal road funds such as Surface Transportation Program Funds, Transportation Enhancement, and Safe Routes to School. He presented 2 different handouts for quarterly reporting: INDOT's form; and MACOG's form. MACOG's form is approved by INDOT. Quarterly reporting will not be required until after the first quarter ends which will be September. County Highway has found this reporting to be helpful for tracking projects. Next month, staff will come up with a draft that incorporates elements of these two documents. The adopted quarterly reporting sheet will be sent out to everyone in October. We will submit your completed reports to the State. Mr. Micuda asked if other MPO's are using INDOT's form or creating their own. Mr. Hess wasn't sure at this point.

## C. North Campus Area Study

Mr. Hess presented an update on the study. Gorove/Slade is the consultant. They were the sub-consultant on the Campus Master Plan. The consultant has synthesized most of the data that was collected. The second round of workshops with the consultant should take place in mid- to early-September. Currently, 3 alternatives are being analyzed. One alternative is to do nothing. Another approach would be looking at 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Law/14<sup>th</sup> St as a one-way pair. The last approach is to keep 10<sup>th</sup> as two-way and to create another two-way street at Law/14<sup>th</sup>. After gathering feedback at the Sept. workshops, the consultant will finalize their work as to what the preferred alternative is. A final presentation could be as early as late October.

## VI. Old Business--None

## VII. New Business

### A. Transportation Enhancement Review Committee

Scott Robinson asked for nominations for up to 2 committee members to sit on our Local TE Selection Committee. This committee will review and make recommendations as to which TE applications to award funds. The recommendation will work its way back through all of the committees and finally to the PC where they will approve it. The recommendations will be forwarded to the State by Oct. 15 for their approval. We have 3 projects. Two were submitted by the City of Bloomington Public Works Department.

- 1.) University Courts historic brick streets restoration (\$130,000 in TE funds)
- 2.) Improving the center landscaping of 3 proposed City roundabouts (\$150,000)

The last application is from Monroe County for the continuation of Karst Farm Trail, Phase II (\$560,000—the entire amount of allocated funds over 2 years).

Mr. Reid requested nominations but added that he wanted to recuse himself since he wrote one of the applications. Mr. Micuda suggested that people indicate their interest. Mr. Robinson added that the MPO staff is able to nominate other people who might possess particular expertise. **Mr. Micuda nominated Dave Williams.** Mr. Williams asked for clarification about the County's 2-year allocation versus the City's 2 1-year requests. Mr. Robinson explained that since we didn't spend last year's money, we have two years of allocations to award. The estimated pots of money are \$280,000 per fiscal year. The



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selection committee cannot make partial awards. **Mr. May seconded Mr. Williams nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. May nominated Mr. Micuda. Ms. Roberts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Policy Committee – September 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**B. Technical Advisory Committee – September 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**C. Citizens Advisory Committee – September 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment

*These minutes were adopted by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on September 23, 2009 (RCH 09/23/2009)*