



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes\*\***  
**Nov. 18, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

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***Attendance***

Technical Advisory Committee: John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), John Collison (County Highway), Brandi Fischvogt (INDOT), Laura Haley (City ITS), Perry Maul (IU Campus Bus), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), and Andrea Roberts (City Public Works)

Others: Bethany Nolan (HT), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

- I. **Call to Order**--Adrian Reid called the meeting to order. There was **no quorum** due to lack of committee members in attendance. The following are notes from the meeting.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. **September 23, 2009**—The minutes could not be voted on and will be considered at the next TAC meeting.
- III. **Communications from the Chair**—Mr. Reid said that he had had some correspondence with INDOT since the article in the Herald-Times. It appears that some work is going forward.
- IV. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
  - A. **Updates on BMCMP/ARRA funded projects**

Raymond Hess said that project quarterly reports were submitted on time. The information will be compiled and distributed to the MPO committees in 2010. Josh Desmond reported that the MPO received draft ARRA letting lists for December and January. All City and County projects were on that list except for the B-Line Trail. John Collison said that the County's Hartstrait Rd./Vernal Pike project was removed due to inadequate pavement. Mr. Desmond noted that the BMCMP received the Outstanding MPO Project Award at the State MPO Conference for the Complete Streets Policy. The BMCMP was mentioned during many sessions as being a leader for adopting this progressive policy before other MPOs.
- V. **Reports from the MPO Staff**
  - A. **Progress Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2010**—Mr. Hess presented the report. The MPO staff has been talking with INDOT about getting these billings processed. Our 2009/2010 Unified Planning Work Program has not been approved yet. Mr. Micuda asked if any MPOs have had their Work Programs approved. Mr. Hess said that other MPOs are waiting while some have received their approval.
- VI. **Old Business**—There was discussion about the articles in the Herald-Times that indicated that our funding might be impacted by recent MPO decisions. Since staff had not received any information about this from INDOT, they were under the impression that projects were going to move forward. The Mayor sent a letter to INDOT requesting information related to that. To

date there has been no direct response from INDOT. The State's TIP is out and there is a notable absence of local projects identified in our TIP and projects identified in the STIP. Mr. Hess talked to a person from INDOT who stated that the reason the local projects are not identified in the draft STIP is because our TIP is incorporated into the STIP by reference. They do not generate a second list of local projects but refer to our TIP. They will however include TE projects in the STIP. Mr. Desmond noted that we are still awaiting the approval of our TIP. Mr. Collisson said that INDOT has told the County that there is a December 9 letting date for their Old SR 37 project. Mr. Reid said that his consultants have told him that we are running the risk of having a frozen MPO program. The indication was that projects that are already funded will go forward but that no new projects will be approved. Mr. Robinson said that the current confusion is not unprecedented. Mr. Hess discussed projects that will have to be added to the BMCMPPO TIP eventually.

- VI. New Business**—Mr. Hess said that the City will be hosting Dennis Lee from FHWA. He will be making a presentation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He will speak on ADA Transition Plans.

Mr. Hess announced that on Dec. 9 the MPO will host an Open House starting at noon in the McCloskey Room.

- VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)**  
**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

- IX. Upcoming Meetings**  
**A. MPO Open House – December 9, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**  
**B. Policy Committee – January 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**  
**C. Technical Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**  
**D. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**Adjournment**