



**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 22, 2010 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

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

***Attendance***

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Vice-Chair Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), Ted Miller (citizen), Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Barbara Salisbury (Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living), David Walter (6<sup>th</sup> & Ritter NA), Paul Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), and Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO staff), and John Kehrberg (citizen).

**I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:30 PM)**

**II. Approval of Minutes** - The June 23, 2010 minutes were accepted with one correction.

**III. Communications from the Chair** – There was no communication.

**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees – ADA and Accessibility** – The ADA and Accessibility subcommittee will meet on September 30, 2010. Ms. Ryterband also reported that she and Scott Robinson met to discuss Transportation Enhancement project selection and prioritization.

**V. Reports from MPO Staff** – Mr. Hess informed the CAC that the Policy Committee postponed action until November 5<sup>th</sup> on the I-69 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment at the request of INDOT. Mr. Hess also reported that the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Section 4 of I-69 was extended until October 28, 2010. Mr. Miller thought it would be useful for the Committee to better understand how the intergovernmental coordination works between the State and the MPO. Mr. Hess explained why the State had to come before the MPO to request that Section 4 of I-69 be amended into the TIP. He also explained the possible ramifications if the MPO did not honor the State’s request. The Policy Committee also did not vote on the revised Public Participation Plan (PPP) because of concerns over the new administrative modification provision. They would like to see a dollar limit placed on administrative modifications and would also like a mechanism written into the PPP that would allow Policy Committee members to hear the details of the administrative modification before it is approved if any member requests it.

**A. CY 2011 Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Hess provided the meeting schedule for next year.

**B. 2009 Crash Report** – Mr. Hess presented the Crash Report, highlighted key findings, and answered questions about methodology and conclusions that could be made about the report. Ms. Ryterband noted the increase in crashes at 2<sup>nd</sup> and College.

**C. Annual Completion Report** – Mr. Hess present the Annual Completion Report and highlighted key findings.



In the interest of addressing action items first, Laurel Cornell moved that the agenda be modified to discuss New Business before Old Business. David Walter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Application Review and TIP Amendment** - Mr. Hess explained the MPO gets an allocation of HSIP funds every year which are to be spent on projects which address safety concerns, especially fatal and incapacitating crashes. The MPO has \$407,734 in HSIP funds to program for local safety projects. Monroe County requests \$58,500 in HSIP funds (project total = \$65,000) to upgrade regulatory, warning, and guide signs to meet new retro-reflectivity requirements. The City of Bloomington requests \$162,000 in HSIP funds (project total = \$180,000) also to upgrade signs to meet the new standard. These low-cost, programmatic, system-wide projects have been deemed eligible by the Federal Highway Administration and INDOT and therefore do not need to perform the typical analysis required for HSIP funds. Additionally, these projects can be implemented quickly, which is preferred because there is a threat of rescissions of unspent funds by next summer. Mr. Walters motioned to recommend funding of the County and City applications as presented. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Ryterband then motioned to amend the projects into the TIP. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Performance Based Vision Score Prioritization Sample Project Trials** – Staff had requested the CAC evaluate two projects using the updated prioritization scoring sheet: W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; and 17<sup>th</sup>/Arlington/Monroe roundabout. Three CAC members completed the task. The 3<sup>rd</sup> St. project had an adjusted score of 29.7 and the roundabout project had an adjusted score of 23.2. There was much discussion from Committee members about whether enough information is available about a project to effectively score it. Ms. Wrubel asked if a minimum score is required. Mr. Hess explained that the subcommittee structured the scoring structure from -5 to +5 with this in mind – any project which receives a negative score would not be recommended for funding. Ms. Ryterband moved to adopt the scoring system as it stands and use it with the understanding that it can be modified in the future. Ms. Cox-Ash seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Communications from Committee Members**

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas** – There were no suggestions.

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – October 27, 2010 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – October 27, 2010 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – November 5, 2010 at 1:30pm (Council Chambers)

**Adjournment (~8:00 PM)**

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on October 27, 2010.*

*(RH: 10/27/2010)*