



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2011 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: Michelle Allen (FHWA), Robin Bolte (INDOT), John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Jason Eakin (County Planning), Jane Fleig (City Utilities), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Russell Goodman (City GIS), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Barbara Phipps (County Auditor), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Andrea Roberts (City Public Works), Mike Trexler (City Controller), Steve Walls (INDOT), and Dave Williams (City Parks).

Others: Alisa Wood (City Controller's office)

MPO Staff: Vince Caristo, Josh Desmond, Raymond Hess, Scott Robinson and Jane Weiser.

- I. Call to Order**—Mr. Reid called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. April 27, 2011**—Ms. Fleig moved approval. Ms. Roberts seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Communications from the Chair**—Mr. Reid attended the International Roundabout Conference put on by the Transportation Research Board. Roundabouts are widely gaining acceptance around the U.S.
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects**—Mr. Williams reported that they are landscaping on the B-Line for an end date in late August or early September. Mr. Carter said the Batchelor project will start after school is out. Mr. Reid said the 4th St. signals project has begun construction. There is a public meeting for the Sare/Rogers roundabout on June 9th at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Rights-of-way have all been acquired. The design has been approved by INDOT. The Henderson/Atwater signals and intersection project has begun.
 - B. Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Hess reported that the CAC wants to discuss the 17th/Arlington roundabout. They want to review their public comment procedure. They are concerned about “approving” projects without much detail. Staff does not want MPO committees to become design review boards. They have found that transit projects don't fit well into their scoring matrix.
 - C. ADA Transition Plans**—Mr. Hess asked the various LPAs about progress on their ADA Transition Plans. Ms. Griffin from Ellettsville said she and a coworker have logged about 150 hours on the project. They are working on a draft transition plan and a draft self-evaluation form. She has gone before Town Council and has publicly advertised that. She has let the Supervisors know that they will also take a role in the plan. She has advertised for the development of a task force. She has attended training at IU. Submitting status reports monthly

to the MPO has proven to be a good way to keep her on track. She wants to actually get people out to begin evaluations soon. Mr. Reid reported that Barbara McKinney working on it for the City. She did the original plan. He asked if INDOT has to do this, as well. Ms. Allen said INDOT is in the early stages of their plan which they intend to have finished by the end of the year. Mr. Collisson said that Monroe County is working on it but Toby is on vacation this week so they didn't have details. Mr. Hess reminded the TAC that the LPAs all have money programmed for them for reimbursement. Mr. Desmond reported that MPO Council will have MPO Director and staff training for ADA Transition Plans. We will pass that along to everybody. Ms. Allen said the FHWA will put on training programs around the state.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Quarterly Project Tracking—Mr. Hess presented the tracking report. He thanked the LPAs for providing information regularly for the report. He has added a Project Contact for every project to assist people needing to find answers to specific questions. He is considering expanding the Project Description area. He may add a link on the MPO website to this report. Mr. Williams asked if project reports are only necessary up to the point of letting the project. Mr. Hess agreed that was the case but asked for informal updates for public information until the project is completed.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force (LRTP)—Mr. Hess said that the Task Force met on Monday. Research has been done with peer communities across the country concerning how they developed their Long Range Plan, how they developed their travel demand models, etc. We have developed a peer community spread sheet. Mr. Reid said that they discussed surveys which he doesn't particularly like. He would like to talk to stakeholders like the Chamber for input. Ms. Fleig noted that W. Lafayette wasn't included in this table. Ms. Allen made sure that FHWA's recommendations will be included. Mr. Hess said that the LRTP should be finished and adopted by the end of 2013. The City and the County will likely partner with the MPO to cover the cost of the update.

Mr. Reid asked Ms. Allen if she had any idea what the ramifications of the Policy Committee's decision not to include I-69 in the TIP. Ms. Allen said that it is an unusual situation. They are trying to figure out how this decision would move forward. The BMCMPPO was certified already by FHWA. FHWA has a couple of points where they have an action to take. The certification takes into account the 3 Cs ("continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive"). The whole state is responsible for this cooperative planning process. Without the 3Cs things start to break down. That is what is happening. FHWA has another approval step when they review the STIP which includes the TIPs. That usually happens in July. When we did the Certification review, things were not the best, but the PC had adopted the project. We need to see how we can get the 3Cs process back again. They will let the State and the MPO know what actions we will take soon. Mr. Reid spoke to INDOT's director at the roundabout conference. He said the same sort of things. Mr. Reid asked if KIPDA was still frozen. Ms. Allen said it had been but they are not any more. They had "fiscal constraint" issues on a project. If we can't figure the cooperation aspect there will be consequences. Ms. Allen said she met with the District yesterday and they looked at the Certification Review. INDOT is looking at the MPO's Crash Report and will get back to us on project prioritization. They hope to start doing that on an annual basis. The agreement between the State and the MPO is about 30 years old. FHWA is

recommending looking at that. Coming up with a more modern agreement might help people's roles to get identified better. She went over a few more recommendations from the Certification. Including more environmental groups when you are planning a project was suggested. They would like to see something about land use and growth management in the LRTP was also suggested. Putting in a map laying out bicycle and pedestrian needs would be helpful to INDOT. Putting in multimodal livability measures and performance measures should be done. How are you meeting the needs of the community? They would like to see the MPO and the State get together and work out some of our safety needs. The Transit commendation was included in the Certification. FHWA thinks the MPO is doing a good job on so many things. There were no corrective actions.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – June 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – June 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – June 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 8/24/11 (RCH).