



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 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: Kurt Babcock (County GIS), John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Laura Haley (City GIS), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Tom Micuda (City Planning Director), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), and Dave Williams (City Parks).

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT), Steven Walls (INDOT), Alisa Wood (City Controller's Office), Morgan Hutton (Chamber of Commerce)

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

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

**A. May 25, 2011--\*\*\***Mr. Micuda moved approval. Ms. Fleig seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. Communications from the Chair—No report.**

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

**A. Updates on BMCMPO funded projects—**Mr. May had nothing new to report. Mr. Williams said the B-Line Trail is nearly complete. The ribbon-cutting will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Grimes Lane bridge location. Mr. Carter said that the Batchelor project is finished. Mr. Collisson said that Vernal Pike should be open in 30 days. They are still working of right-of-way for the Mt. Tabor Road Bridge. Mr. Maull reported that the Hawk Signal on Dunn St. should be functional by the end of September. Mr. Reid reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> St. signal modernization project is pretty much done. The Atwater/Henderson signal will turned on later this week. West 3<sup>rd</sup> St. should be open around Labor Day.

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee—**Mr. Hess reported the CAC wants to forward their ADA Position Statement to the TAC and Policy Committee (PC). They are discussing their approach to public input at their meetings. Mr. Reid said there will be a CAC member presentation concerning roundabouts at the meeting tonight. Will there be any committee action regarding removing roundabouts from the TIP? Mr. Hess said the CAC may choose to not approve the proposed TIP amendments but that removal of an entire project from the TIP would require a much more involved process including a 30 day public comment period. Staff believes the whole CAC would have to sponsor any amendment to the TIP for removal of a project—not just a single member.

**C. ADA Transition Plans**—Ms. Griffin reported that Town Council and the public are being kept up to date on Ellettsville’s ADA Transition Plan. They are going to form a task force. Self evaluation check lists and inspection sheets will be used by people evaluating their own facilities and should be available soon. Mr. Reid said the City attended the local workshop and believes they are well positioned to meet the first half of the requirements by the end of this year. There will be a meeting next week where they will discuss how the maps will be done. Mr. Williams attended the workshop. Mr. Hess pointed out some helpful links on the MPO webpage.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

**A. FY2011 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Report**—Mr. Hess presented the report. The numbers look good at this point.

**B. LRTP Task Force**—Mr. Desmond reported that the Task Force continued to meet over the summer and discussed how to update the LRTP which will extend to 2035. A consultant will need to be hired to complete the travel demand model. The next meeting will be on Sept. 19. They will work on an RFP for a consultant and some target dates for the public input process.

**VI. Old Business**—There was no old business.

**VII. New Business – *Recommendation Requested on all New Business\****

**A. 2012 Meeting Schedule**—Mr. Hess asked the TAC if the meeting times and dates still work for the members. The Committee was in consensus to keep the meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00am.

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

- a. Fullerton Pike/Gordon Pike/Rhorer Road (Monroe County)
- b. Karst Farm Greenway Phase I (Monroe County)
- c. Karst Farm Greenway Phase IIa (Monroe County)
- d. Mt. Tabor Road Bridge #33 (Monroe County)
- e. 17<sup>th</sup> St. and Arlington Rd. Roundabout (City of Bloomington)
- f. Sare Road and Rogers Road Roundabout (City of Bloomington)
- g. Tapp Road and Rockport Road Roundabout (City of Bloomington)
- h. Upgrade Signs Zone 1 (City of Bloomington)
- i. Upgrade Signs Zone 5-8 (City of Bloomington)
- j. Fare Collection Equipment (Bloomington Transit)
- k. Financial Management Software (Bloomington Transit)
- l. Maintenance Equipment Rehab (Bloomington Transit)
- m. Next Bus Customer Info System (Bloomington Transit)
- n. Security Equipment (Bloomington Transit)
- o. Bus Replacement (IU Campus Transit)
- p. Passenger Amenities (IU Campus Transit)
- q. State Road 45 and Liberty Drive/Hickory Leaf Drive Intersection (INDOT)
- r. State Road 46 and Smith Road (INDOT)
- s. I-69 Section 4 (INDOT)

Mr. Hess reminded the members why these amendments need to be made. INDOT has not accepted the MPO's FY 2012-2015 TIP (new TIP) since I-69 was not included in it. Therefore, the only valid TIP is the FY 2010-2013 TIP (old TIP). Amendments are needed to bring the old TIP up to date. These projects were all reviewed by all of the MPO this past spring as part of the review and approval of the new TIP. There are no changes (except as noted in your packet) to these projects from the accepted descriptions included in the new TIP. These are all considered minor and major amendments. All major amendments were publicly noticed for public comment. There are 5 administrative modifications as detailed in the packet. Staff notified the PC members giving them time to register any objections to these modifications.

Mr. Reid said that Engineering is having problems with the Sare and Rogers Rd. project since CBU is planning to build the waterline now. If we don't start the roundabout sooner, there might be a gap between the two parts of the project. Could the project be moved back to 2012? Mr. Hess said they could process a change by taking it through the usual steps for a TIP amendment.

Mr. Micuda asked INDOT officials how long the construction would last for Section 4 with a FY 2013 start. Mr. Walls said it would last until 2014. Mr. Micuda asked about the expected completion of Section 5, the gap of time between completion of Section 4 and Section 5, and the effect on traffic. Sandra Flum said they have to get through the NEPA process before construction can begin. The final ES would be in 2013. They do not believe the LOS would be significantly affected on SR 37 after the connection with I-69 is made. Mr. Micuda asked if the modeling information which concluded that no improvements are needed on SR 37 could be shared with City and County officials. Mr. Reid said he has seen it. Mr. Micuda asked about sharing the information with the public. Ms. Flum said that some improvements to SR 45 and SR37 have been suggested.

Mr. Hess noted that items a-r are simply to bring concurrence between the old and new TIPs. INDOT has requested to add a construction phase of I-69 into the old TIP (item s.). This is a new addition to the TIP. Mr. Micuda asked INDOT if they are planning to talk to local officials before the meeting or will INDOT plan to answer questions about the project at the meeting. Mr. Walls said they have been working on concerns previously raised and believe they have been addressed. Several people from INDOT had a meeting 2 weeks ago with all local officials once the Final Environmental Impact Statement was released. Mr. Micuda said that the PC members wanted to make sure that the MPO officials had direct discussions with INDOT on these issues prior to taking further action regarding I-69. Ms. Flum said that INDOT has made an effort to be engaged. Mr. Hess said it was uncertain if INDOT would accept amendments a through r if the I-69 amendment wasn't also approved.

**\*\*\*Ms. Fleig moved for approval of FY 2010-2013 TIP with the amendments as reflected in the document presented by MPO staff in its entirety. Mr. Micuda seconded the motion.**

Mr. Hess asked if the change to the construction costs could be explained. It was \$56 million for 2014 and now it is \$32 million in 2013. Ms. Flum speculated it was the result of



updated engineering and cost estimates now that INDOT is in the final stage of design. Mr. Hess asked if it was due to changes to the proposed interchange at SR 37. Mr. Reid said there is not a proposed interchange at this time. Ms. Flum promised to find out why the change and let the MPO know.

**\*\*\*The motion was passed unanimously.**

**C. FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

- a. Upgrade Signs (Monroe County)
- b. Upgrade Signs Zones 5-8 (City of Bloomington)
- c. Heritage Trail Phase II (Town of Ellettsville)
- d. I-69 Section 4 (INDOT)

Mr. Hess said that even though the new TIP has not been approved by INDOT, there are some amendments that need to be reflected. Most of these changes to projects have already been approved by the MPO as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program and Transportation Enhancement Program award process. The exception is the I-69 amendment which would add right-of-way and construction to the new TIP.

**\*\*\*Mr. Micuda moved to approve the requested modifications to the FY2012-2015 TIP. Dave Williams seconded.**

Ms. Fleig said she would like to hear if they can get an answer on the cost differential for construction of I-69. Ms. Flum confirmed that it was a refinement of numbers for Segment 9 of Section 4. Mr. Reid asked if the project costs only represent the work to be done in the urbanized area. Ms. Flum said yes.

**\*\*\*The motion was approved unanimously.**

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

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Policy Committee – September 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (Location TBD)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – September 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – September 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

**Adjournment**

*These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 9/28/11 (RH 092811).*