



I-69 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2011 4:00pm

McCloskey Conference, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St. Ste. 135, Bloomington, IN 47404

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I-69 Subcommittee: Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Richard Martin (Monroe County Plan Commission), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transportation Corp.), Mayor Mark Kruzan (City of Bloomington), Mark Stoops (Monroe County Commissioner), Jason Banach (Indiana University – proxy for Lynn Coyne).

Others: Patrick Murray (CAC Chair), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway Department), Julie Thomas (Monroe County Council) and Mick Harrison.

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Raymond Hess and Tom Micuda.

The meeting opened with a motion by Mr. Kruzan to appoint Mr. Martin as Sub-committee chairperson with a second by Mr. McDaniel. With unanimity the members agreed. Mr. Martin reviewed the MPO motion of September 9, 2011 establishing the sub-committee. The charge is to collect from MPO Policy Committee members a set of questions for INDOT and FHWA to clarify issues important to participants, submit those questions to INDOT and FHWA on or about September 20, review responses to the questions from INDOT and FHWA to be delivered on or about October 4, negotiate appropriate responses to the questions and the issues they raise, and report the result of those negotiations to the Policy Committee at its next meeting November 4, 2011.

Staff suggested that we set another meeting for October 10 to discuss the responses with INDOT and FHWA. Mr. Martin indicated that some sub-committee members may want to meet prior to that to identify questions for discussion or clarification of responses. Participants agreed with unanimity to the October 10 meeting date at 4PM and instructed staff to make arrangements and notify INDOT and FHWA of the date, time, and meeting place.

The sub-committee members agreed with unanimity to limit public participation to observation and access to documents without the opportunity for input at committee meetings. Mr. Martin noted that anyone could contact individual members to discuss progress and issues. Mr. Stoops moved and Mr. Kruzan seconded that all submissions to the sub-committee should be assembled as raw input and transmitted to INDOT and FHWA as part of the September 20 document submission. The motion passed with unanimity. Jack Baker moved and Mark Stoops seconded that all materials sent to INDOT and FHWA should be complete sets without differentiation. The motion passed with unanimity.

Mr. Hess stated that the material submitted so far included four separate packages including: 1) a list of 169 Questions/Concerns/Issues raised by the public received between 10/21/2010 and 09/19/2011 assembled by staff; 2) a Summary of Issues Raised by PC Members at November/May Meetings assembled by staff; 3) I-69 Questions/Concerns/Issues raised by BMCMPPO staff as a result of DEIS in October, 2010; and 4) a packet of question submitted by BMCMPPO Policy Committee members. There appear to be a total of about 150 individual questions submitted.



Mr. Hess began a review of document 1) above. Mr. Stoops pointed out that time was insufficient to review each submitted document and the questions they raise. Members discussed various ways to organize the material for submission to INDOT and FHWA as topics where some questions applied to more than one topic. Topics suggested include: financial and fiscal constraint, environmental impacts and mitigation, design issues, alternative transportation, project sequencing, consequences for failure to approve project, context sensitive solution process, safety, traffic increases, SR37 upgrading and maintenance and leverage for the MPO.

The members agreed with unanimity to request staff to compile a list of questions from the submitted material and arrange those questions into rough topical categories but presented as a single list. For material that is not in question form, they are to craft suitable questions where possible. All questions, unless they are identical, are to be included. Staff is to contact sub-committee members if they have specific questions about the material but the sub-committee will not need to review the list before submission. The list is to be sent under a cover letter signed by Mr. Martin and is to be accompanied by the raw input. Staff acknowledged the tasks and timeline.

The responses from INDOT and FHWA are to be distributed to sub-committee members as soon as delivered to the MPO. Members can then decide if another meeting will be useful before October 10. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Martin