



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept. 28, 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: John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Michelle Allen (FHWA), Jim Ude (INDOT) and Dave Williams (City Parks).

Others: Clint Sparks (American Structurepoint), Steven Walls (INDOT) and Alisa Wood (City Controller's Office)

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

- I. Call to Order**—Adrian Reid called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes: August 24, 2011**—Perry Maull moved approval of the minutes. Dave Williams seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Communications from the Chair**—No report
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
  - A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects**—Mr. Maull reported the White Lot is nearly done. Roofs are going on the two shelters this week. They will do an information campaign for the HAWK signal. Mr. Williams said the B-Line is done. Mr. Reid reported right-of-way is nearly complete on the S. Rogers project. The 4<sup>th</sup> St. signal project and the Henderson and Atwater project are done. S. Rogers St. and the Sare/Rogers projects will be the next slated for construction. Mr. Collisson reported Vernal Pike is open. Preliminary work on Bridge 33 in Ellettsville will be done next week. Mr. Hess explained the Policy Committee has requested that all projects within the Urbanized Area (including State projects) should use the new project tracking form from INDOT Seymour District for this quarter.
  - B. Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Hess said the CAC has been discussing roundabouts to better understand them. Staff is also trying to figure out how to keep Committees informed so that there are no surprises when it comes time for a project to move forward.
  - C. ADA Transition Plans**—Ms. Griffin said Ellettsville is about 2 weeks behind on their self evaluations but they will be done soon. They are turning their attention to employment practices, emergency management, building facilities and webpage design. Mr. Desmond reported the internal group in the City is moving ahead with prioritizing trouble spots and adopting the PROWAG standards. Mr. May said at the recent ATCI event, the issue of making accessible pathways to bus stops was made a high priority. He offered to work with staff on this project.

- V. **Reports from the MPO Staff**—Mr. Desmond reported the Policy Committee adopted all TIP amendments with the exception of I-69 at their last meeting. The PC was given the opportunity to submit questions to INDOT and FHWA about the project. A subcommittee of the PC has developed and submitted 109 questions. The responses will be discussed at subcommittee meetings prior to the November 4<sup>th</sup> PC meeting. Mr. May asked when they would know if projects will be adopted into the STIP. Mr. Desmond said they meet once a month. Mr. Hess noted that the questions and responses will be posted on the PC’s Nov 4 packet.
- VI. **Old Business**—There was none.
- VII. **New Business – Recommendation Requested on all New Business\***
- A. **CAC ADA Policy Statement**—The CAC would like to reiterate that meeting the ADA guidelines should be part of the MPO process. Since ADA requirements are federal law, they felt that the guidelines are clearer and more enforceable. The CAC would like the TAC and PC to endorse their resolution. The CAC would like to ensure that people with disabilities have a seat at the table in project development. They also call for specifying clear, concise and realistic performance measures. Our Complete Streets policy calls for these points as well. They would like more outreach to people with disabilities to serve on the CAC. They would like an amendment to the bylaws to allow people with disability interests represented on other BMCMPPO committees. They would like to hold regular educational trainings related to accessibility issues and ADA compliance. They want to require LPAs to have ADA Transition Plans which are already in process. Dave Williams noted that the ADA policy has many chapters and addresses many types of infrastructure. Will there be any more specificity on exactly what plans govern what type of infrastructure? Mr. Hess said that there is a new draft ADA policy for which public comment is being taken. FHWA has suggested that LPAs look to the new draft legislation for guidance. Ms. Allen said that in a few years PROWAG will be policy. Mr. Williams said that everyone will do their best to comply with the most far-reaching aspects of the plan. There is a difference between a guideline and a standard. Mr. Hess suggested possible steps that the BMCMPPO could take to address the CAC’s ADA compliance concerns. Mr. Reid stated that the Vice-Chair of the CAC already has a seat on the TAC. They are welcome to come to these meetings. He wondered if it was appropriate to have an advocate as opposed to a professional of some sort on the TAC. He said that IV isn’t really necessary since LPAs are already bound to adhere to ADA standards. He would like to take out the words “Universal Design” from “i (2).” He thinks that the emphasis should just be on ADA standards. He wanted to know who would be holding the educational training sessions. Would they be put on by experts? Mr. Hess said he had the sense that the MPO would host the training. Mr. Reid said he was okay with that as long as staff has control over them. Staff would look to ITE or FHWA. Mr. Williams said they could look to the National Center on Accessibility affiliated with IU. Mr. Reid asked why they would want to be on the TE Selection Committee. Mr. Hess said the TE Selection Committee is already made up of CAC, TAC and PC representatives. Mr. Reid asked Mr. Hess to relay their concerns to the CAC. He would rather hold a vote after receiving the feedback. The general opinion was that it would be better to have on the committee someone representing a disability group (like the one at IU). Mr. Hess said staff would take the feedback and concerns to the CAC before a vote.
- \*\*\***Mr. Williams moved to postpone the vote until after they receive feedback from the CAC. Mr. Ude seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**



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

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Technical Advisory Committee – October 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee – October 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**C. Policy Committee – November 4, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

**Adjournment**

*These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 10/26/11 (RCH).*