



**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 2011 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

*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 (Citizen), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Jack Baker (McDoel NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Ted Miller (Citizen), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Mary Boutain (Area 10 Agency on Aging), Marc Cornett (Citizen), Barbara Salisbury (Council on Community Accessibility), and David Walter (6<sup>th</sup> and Ritter NA).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): David Sabbagh (Citizen), John Kehrberg (citizen), Rhett Salisbury (Citizen), Justin Wykoff (City Engineering), Sandra Flum (INDOT), Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO Staff), and Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO Staff).

**I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:35 PM)**

**II. Approval of Minutes** – The minutes were accepted by the Committee without modification.

**III. Communications from the Chair** – There were no communications.

**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees** – Mr. Baker reported on the Policy Committee’s I-69 Subcommittee which was formed to resolve questions and explore options with the IN. Dept. of Transportation and the Fed. Highway Admin. related to I-69. The Policy Committee submitted and received responses to 109 questions. The dialogue between the Policy Committee, INDOT, and FHWA also is focused on how to get commitments to address local concerns. The work of the I-69 Subcommittee will be compiled for review by the Policy Committee at their next meeting and the information is available online.

**V. Reports from MPO Staff**

**A. Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force** – Mr. Hess stated the Task Force met in early October. The next task will be to develop a Request for Qualifications to select a consultant which will help the MPO develop its Travel Demand Model.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. CAC ADA Policy – TAC Recommendations** – Ms. Cornell asked why the TAC objected to the “universal design” language. Mr. Hess replied the concept is not well understood and since it is not defined in the Policy, the TAC was hesitant to agree to this language. Mr. Walter expressed support for universal design because it is more inclusive than what is spelled out in the Americans with Disabilities Act and associated guidelines. Mr. Walter volunteered to work with staff on a definition of universal design. Mr. Murray asked why the TAC had concerns about the credentials of someone serving on the TAC or Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee. Mr. Hess replied that the TAC is technical in nature and felt a technical person would be better to represent accessibility issues than a citizen advocate. Mr. Baker and Ms. Cornell suggested tweaking the language of the Policy to address the TAC’s concerns. The

TAC also would like assurance that trainings on accessibility will be organized by staff and conducted by experts. The CAC agreed to add language that trainings are organized by staff. Lastly, the TAC questioned the need for language on Transition Plans since this is a federal requirement. The CAC felt this was important to keep since Transition Plans have been required for years and compliance with this requirement has been poor.

**B. Project Prioritization and Scoring System** – Mr. Hess explained this item has been carried over from past meetings. Previously, CAC members indicated a desire to revisit their scoring system to make it more user-friendly and determine to which projects the scoring system would apply. Ms. Ryterband said it also matters how a project is defined. The group indicated that this discussion is difficult to have in the abstract. The CAC agreed to revisit this topic the next time a project is up for consideration.

**C. Relationship of Local Adopted Documents** - Mr. Hess reminded the CAC that this item is also a carry-over from past meetings at which CAC members expressed interest in linking MPO funding decisions to policies found in local land use documents. Mr. Hess said the difficulty of this task is to realize there are different documents for each local government. Mr. Cornett said MPO projects should be supported by local planning documents. Mr. Wykoff stated the City's Growth Policies Plan is used in the development of City projects.

## VII. New Business

**A. FY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**-Ms. Cornell motioned to review the Bicycle Lockers amendment before the I-69 amendment. Mr. Walter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Bicycle Lockers for Downtown Transfer Facility** – Mr. Hess explained Bloomington Transit received a grant for \$24,900 to install bicycle lockers at the new downtown transfer station. Therefore, a TIP amendment is warranted. Mr. Baker motioned to approve the amendment. Ms. Cornell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**a. Removal of I-69 Section 4** – Policy Committee member Andy Ruff has sponsored an amendment to remove I-69 from the FY2010-2013 TIP. Mr. Hess indicated FHWA has already obligated funds for engineering and right-of-way for the project. Additionally, INDOT has indicated they will not accept a TIP amendment into the STIP to remove the project. Mr. Cornett stated that perhaps sentiments have changed and there is more opposition to the project now. Mr. Milroy asked about what happens if the issue goes to court. Mr. Hess responded the Policy Committee has directed staff to research legal representation for the MPO. Ms. Cornell expressed support for the work done by Mr. Baker and others on the I-69 subcommittee to engage INDOT and FHWA in meaningful dialogue. Mr. Walter made a motion to continue the issue until the next meeting. Ms. Cornell seconded the motion. Mr. Sabbagh stated the amendment does nothing to improve relations with the State. Ms. Ryterband stated the CAC has consistently voted against I-69 and should support the amendment. Mr. Jacobs asked staff to review the fiscal impact analysis. Mr. Hess explained the impacts to local projects if the TIP and its funding is in jeopardy - Bloomington Transit stands to lose the most over the next several fiscal years. Mr. Milroy suggested the issue be put to a referendum. Mr. Walter's motion failed 4-9.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to recommend denial of the proposed amendment. Ms. Cornell seconded. Mr. Cornett stated there is no assurance transit money will be taken if I-69 is voted down.



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Ms. Ryterband motioned to extend the meeting ten minutes. Mr. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller stated the Committee's opposition to the project is well documented but there is little point to this amendment. Mr. Jacobs motion carried 9-4.

**VIII. Communications from Committee Members** – In response to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Hess showed the Committee where to find the project prioritization spreadsheet.

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Policy Committee – November 4, 2011 at 1:30pm (Council Chambers)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – November 16, 2011 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee– November 16, 2011 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

**Adjournment** (~7:55 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on November 16, 2011.  
(RH: 11/16/2011)*