



**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22, 2012 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), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), David Walter (6<sup>th</sup> and Ritter NA), Marc Cornett (Citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Sarah Ryterband (citizen), and David Sabbagh (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): John Kehrberg (Citizen), Randy Paul (self), James McLary (E2 Taxi/citizen), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO Staff), and Vince Caristo (BMCMPPO Staff).

**I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:30 PM)**

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

**III. Communications from the Chair** – Mr. Murray had no communications.

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

**A. LRTP Task Force** – Mr. Hess stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force met in early February to finalize a draft request for qualifications (RFQ) to hire a consultant to perform the technical analysis required of the LRTP. The RFQ is anticipated to be released in early March. Ms. Ryterband added that the RFQ asks for creative solutions to develop a truly multi-modal plan. Mr. Sabbagh asked about how to get involved on the Task Force.

At the request of Ms. Cornell, Mr. Baker provided an update of the work of the Policy Committee's I-69 Subcommittee. He stated the subcommittee has had continued discussions with INDOT and FHWA about Section 4 of I-69 before a vote is taken to include construction in the TIP. Currently, the subcommittee is working on a 'wants' list. The Policy Committee wants assurances that the MPO is included in the process to develop the project. The Policy Committee on February 24<sup>th</sup> will likely postpone the I-69 decision to allow for continued discussion. A meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> with I-69 Section 4 will be the only thing up for consideration. Discussions concerning Section 5 of I-69 are ongoing and aided by Participating Agency status for the City, County, and Ellettsville. Mr. Paul asked about threats to the MPO if I-69 is not approved. Mr. Baker responded that INDOT has the ability to withhold funding and is growing increasingly impatient with the MPO. Ms. Cornell thanked the Subcommittee for the work they have done.

**V. Reports from MPO Staff**

**A. FY2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Report** – Mr. Hess highlighted the budget status for the fiscal year of the Unified Planning Work Program and invited questions about any particular items found in the report.



**B. 2012 MPO Conference** - Mr. Hess stated Bloomington will host the annual MPO conference October 16-18, 2012. It is attended by the 14 MPOs, INDOT, and FHWA. We hope to have a reduced registration for committee members. Committee members may also be asked to help with speakers or door prizes.

**C. 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program** – Mr. Hess stated the MPO develops its operational budget every two years, known as the Unified Planning Work Program. Staff works with FHWA, INDOT, and local public agencies to develop tasks which will be accomplished over the two years. A draft may be available by the next meeting.

**D. Standing Committee Membership** – At the last meeting, Mr. Cornett asked about membership on various subcommittees. The CAC representation on the LRTP Task Force is Jack Baker, Ted Miller, Sarah Ryterband, and Laurel Cornell. The Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee is selected every grant cycle with Sarah Ryterband and Paul Ash representing the CAC in the last round. Staff would like to keep the numbers of members on each committee the same, but the CAC may change its representation if the membership wishes. Mr. Sabbagh asked if meetings are open to the public – Mr. Hess replied yes. Mr. Sabbagh and Mr. Cornett expressed interest in the LRTP Task Force.

**E. Project Tracking** – Mr. Hess quickly went through the report to show the progress of road-type projects identified in the TIP. The report has contact information, TIP cross reference material, and budget status. The report also now includes a table of administrative modifications and change orders. Mr. Brown asked about changes to the Sare and Rogers Roundabout project.

## VII. New Business

**A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments** – Mr. Hess explained Bloomington Transit is sponsoring three TIP amendments which should be made to both the FY2010-2013 TIP and the FY2012-2015 TIP. The first amendment is to purchase two new hybrid buses. Mr. McLary asked about the cost of each bus and Mr. Cornett asked whether the added cost for a hybrid is justifiable. Mr. Paul stated Bloomington Transit is a very efficient operation and probably considers seriously the added costs of hybrids. The second amendment is for fuel capitalization. There is a special provision which would allow BT to recoup 80% of fuel costs as opposed to 50% which is typical. The last amendment is to upgrade the exhaust system at the maintenance facility. Bus exhaust runs much hotter and the current facility needs to be upgraded. Ms. Cornell motioned to amend these projects into the TIP. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Old Business

**A. Relationship of Local Adopted Documents** – At a previous meeting, the CAC discussed the notion that projects in the TIP should be checked against the local documents like the Growth Policies Plan. This discussion evolved into a request to develop a list of locally adopted documents – which was produced by staff and is included in the packet. It is staff's opinion that the MPO should not be charged with checking projects against local documents but rather just the MPO's documents. Mr. Cornett suggested that intersection plans were not following the GPP and that projects should be checked against the comprehensive plans at a minimum. Mr. Murray suggested the list provided by staff should be used as a reference list.

### **VIII. Communications from Committee Members**

**A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas** – Mr. Hess stated the TAC reviewed the final version of the CAC's ADA Policy Statement this morning. They still have concerns over the universal design concept and postponed a decision on the policy. Mr. Hess asked the CAC if they wish to revisit the policy statement. There was consensus the subcommittee (Mr. Paul, Mr. Walter, Mr. Murray, Ms. Salisbury, Mr. McLary) would be reconvened to discuss this issue and revisions for consideration would be brought before the CAC and ultimately the TAC and PC. Mr. McLary recommended Easter Seals Project Action as a resource to help further define universal design. Mr. Paul emphasized the point that the ADA is often not enough and that the universal design concept helps fill that gap.

Mr. McLary announced E2 Taxi has 4 universally designed taxis which are fully accessible.

Mr. Brown announced that Mark Fenton will do a walking audit and presentation on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Policy Committee – February 24, 1:30pm (location to be determined)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – March 28, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 28, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

### **Adjournment (~8:00 PM)**

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on March 28, 2012.  
(RH: 3/28/2012)*