



**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 28, 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), Ted Miller (Citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Sarah Ryterband (citizen), John Kehrberg (Citizen), and David Sabbagh (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Mallory Rickbeil (citizen), Michele Boulais (citizen), Robin Thompson (URS), Steven Walls (INDOT), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO Staff), Josh Desmond (BMCMPPO Staff).

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

**II. Approval of Minutes** – The 2/22/12 minutes were accepted by the Committee without modification.

**III. Communications from the Chair** – Mr. Murray indicated Community Access Television Services will no longer tape CAC and Technical Advisory Committee meetings – only Policy Committee meetings will be taped. Mr. Murray also stated he was invited to a Community Advisory Committee meeting for the I-69 Section 5 project. They are soliciting input from stakeholders on this section of the project. There was concern raised by emergency responders about maintenance of traffic during construction. Additionally, neighborhood representatives expressed concern about noise. He said the consultant identifies the schedule for the project to be as follows: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and public hearings by the third quarter of this year; Final Environmental Impact Statement by the first quarter of 2013; Record of Decision in the second quarter of 2013. Ms. Ryterband asked Mr. Murray why he voted for inclusion of I-69 Section 4 at the last Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Murray responded he felt the issue at hand was ‘when not if’ the project was going to happen and that further delays would not be constructive. The State’s offer of Participating Agency status to local governments shows a willingness to coordinate on Section 5. He also didn’t want to take the chance that the State would delay or withhold funds for local projects, especially transit. Mr. Baker agreed with Mr. Murray. He also said there are many decisions left to make related to Section 5 and that the MPO can try to be engaged as that project advances.

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

**A. LRTP Task Force** – Mr. Desmond stated the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant services to develop the Travel Demand Model was released in mid-March and will be due by mid-April.

**B. Project Updates** – Mr. Hess indicated this will be a recurring agenda item and will be reserved for any project sponsor to address the committee. Tonight INDOT wishes to give an update on I-69. Mr. Walls reviewed the percent completion of Sections 1-3 of I-69. Mr.

Thompson explained the interchange of I-69 and SR37 is being re-evaluated. A “double roundabout” interchange and “trumpet” interchange will be released for a 15 day public comment the second week of April. He illustrated how traffic will move through each interchange design. The double roundabout is the preferred alternative because it will be safer, follow the typical character of this kind of interchange, and will cost less. In response to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Walls indicated the re-evaluation will include noise impact analysis of the two alternatives. Mr. Walls also explained the re-evaluation process and how a final decision will be made. Ms. Hamman explained the Michael Baker Group is currently analyzing four different alternatives for Section 5 of I-69 which runs from the interchange of I-69 and SR37 to Morgan County south of Martinsville. Section 5 of I-69 will largely follow the existing SR37 alignment. She indicated a revised screening of alternatives and revised purpose and need will be published in late March and a public information meeting will follow in April. She offered to present the same information from the public information meeting at the next CAC meeting. She also mentioned the target for release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012. This will be followed with a public hearing, similar to what was done for Section 4. The Record of Decision is anticipated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013. Mr. Walls indicated someone who can answer questions about the I-69 project will regularly attend CAC meetings from here on out. People are also encouraged to visit the project office if they wish to receive additional information or meet off-site. Mr. Hess thanked INDOT and the consultant for presenting this information.

#### **V. Reports from MPO Staff**

**A. 2012 MPO Conference** – Mr. Desmond reminded the CAC the BMCMPPO will host the statewide MPO conference October 16-18, 2012. Organization for the event is ongoing. Usually between 120 and 150 people participate. The Committees are invited to participate as well but the registration cost has not yet been determined.

In response to a question from Mr. Murray, Mr. Desmond said the national transportation legislation reauthorization continues to languish. The Senate passed their version of the Bill in early March but the House has failed to pass their version of the Bill. Meanwhile, the existing Bill expires at the end of March. Mr. Hess added the Senate version of the Bill would result in the dissolution of our MPO because of increased population thresholds that Bloomington does not meet.

#### **VI. Old Business**

**A. ADA Policy Statement** - Mr. Hess reported the subcommittee has not reconvened to address the concerns about the universal design language in the draft policy statement.

#### **VII. New Business**

**A. 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Desmond reported the time has come to develop a two year work program for the MPO. The budget is about 3% less than previous years. Fiscal year 2014 is expected to receive rollover of unspent funds from this current fiscal year. He explained FHWA and INDOT have encouraged the MPOs to adopt the following planning emphasis areas into work programs: Red Flag Investigations as part of Planning and Environmental Linkages; Quarterly Project Tracking and Meetings; ADA Transition Plans; Adjust Urban Area Boundaries and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries in response to new Census information. He reviewed an outline of the proposed work elements



in the new draft UPWP and highlighted the changes. The draft FY2013-2014 UPWP is largely similar to the existing UPWP except for the planning emphasis areas previously mentioned. Two of the large identified expenses are related to the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan and hosting of the 2012 MPO Conference. The CAC student assisted study was eliminated from the UPWP. Transit studies have changed: the Grimes Lane Facility study is complete and has been removed; a ridership study was added; and an accessibility study was added. Review of the full draft UPWP by the advisory committees is expected to occur in April and final adoption by the Policy Committee is expected to occur in May at a special meeting.

**B. LRTP Task Force Vacancy** – Ms. Cornell has indicated she can no longer represent the CAC on the LRTP Task Force. Mr. Cornett and Mr. Sabbagh have previously expressed interest in sitting on the Task Force but neither is present. Mr. Ash said he also expressed interested but recent developments in personal responsibilities will preclude him from serving on the Task Force. The Committee decided to carry this item forward to the next CAC agenda. This won't be problematic since the Task Force isn't expected to meet before then.

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

**A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas** – Mr. Milroy suggested a public forum be set up for congressional delegates over the summer to discuss transportation and other issues important to the MPO. Mr. Walter stated the League of Women Voters does this regularly. Mr. Desmond said some organizations often provide candidates with a questionnaire and then publish the written responses. Mr. Desmond suggested staff talk with Rick Dietz to explore what it would take to organize such a forum or if there is another event with which the MPO can 'piggyback.' Mr. Walter said his wife is involved with the League of Women Voters and he will consult with her as to what events are planned for the year.

Mr. Baker asked for updates from the Participating Agencies in the I-69 project development and how well local input is being incorporated into the project.

#### **IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Policy Committee – April 13, 2012 1:30pm (location to be determined)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – April 25, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 25, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

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

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on April 25, 2012.  
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