



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2012 Council Chambers Room 115, City Hall

*Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department. **Technical difficulties - no audio recording was produced for this meeting.***

Policy Committee: Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Susie Johnson (City Public Works), Lynn Coyne (IU Real Estate), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transportation Corp.), Tom Micuda (proxy - City Planning), Patrick Murray (CAC Chair), Andy Ruff (Bloomington City Council), Mark Stoops (Monroe Co. Commissioner), Dan Swafford (proxy--Ellettsville Town Council), and Bill Williams (County Highway).

Others: Michelle Allen (FHWA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Samuel Sarvis (INDOT) and Steve Walls (INDOT).

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

- I. **Call to Order**—Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order (~1:35 PM).
- II. **Communications from the Chair**—Mr. McDaniel said that Mr. Desmond had received a letter from Michael Cline, Commissioner of INDOT, advising that the 2012-2015 TIP had been approved by INDOT and FHWA.
- III. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**—Ms. Johnson said that Participating Agency meetings have begun. The City has met with Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington Police Department, etc. Mr. McDaniel said he had received long detailed reports regarding I-69 Section 5. Mr. Reid said that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had a presentation about intersection choices for I-69 and SR 37 which were a roundabout design or a “trumpet” design. The Engineering Department prefers the roundabout since that design would slow traffic speeds. Mr. Williams said he is concerned with trucks negotiating a roundabout. Mr. Murray said that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had the same presentations as TAC.
- IV. **Reports from the BMCMPO Staff**
 - A. **2012 MPO Conference**—Mr. Hess updated the Policy Committee (PC) on the progress of plans for the MPO Conference to be held in Bloomington in October 2012.
 - B. **Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force**—Mr. Desmond discussed the deadline for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He would like to form a subgroup of the LRTP Task Force in order to review submitted statements of qualifications received and assist in making a recommendation on a preferred consultant. The PC will have an opportunity to review the finalist and delegate contract negotiations to staff.
 - C. **Transportation Legislation Reauthorization**—Mr. Desmond reported that the US Senate passed MAP-21. The House did not pass the bill by the end of March. SAFETEA-LU was extended for 90 days. MAP-21 would raise population thresholds to qualify as an MPO from 50,000 to 200,000. Mr. McDaniel noted that the State MPO Council collected letters about the legislation and they were delivered to Congress. Mr. Reid asked what might happen and when. Mr. Desmond said there would likely be no immediate change but now is the time for smaller MPOs to “justify their existence.”
- V. **Old Business** – There was none.



VI. New Business

A. FY2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program –Mr. Desmond said that about \$255,286 is expected to be coming from the federal government for each of the two years of the new UPWP. We can add some carryover funds for additional work in the 2nd year. Staff will be trained on “Red Flag Inventories” and then will train the LPAs. The ADA Transition Plans need to be complete by the end of this calendar year. After the census numbers are back, we will likely adjust the MPO’s Urbanized Area. The LRTP process will straddle fiscal years. The Indiana State MPO Conference this fall will use some money although much of the expenses will probably be covered by registration fees and sponsorships from consulting companies.

Lynn Coyne presented an informal resolution acknowledging the hard work that Mr. Hess had done throughout his tenure working for the MPO. He presented a Proclamation declaring this day “Raymond Hess Day.” Other PC members praised Mr. Hess for his work and wished him well in his new job.

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

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

Mr. Stoops wanted to put on the record his formal objection to the method used to process conflicts of interest for the MPO, and noted that he was still researching the issue as it related to the I-69 TIP amendment that was approved by the MPO in March.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Policy Committee – May 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

The meeting was adjourned (~2:40 PM).

The minutes were approved at the PC meeting held on June 8, 2012 (SR).