



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2012 Council Chambers 115, City Hall

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Policy Committee: Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Kathy Eaton-McKalip (INDOT), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Patrick Murray (CAC Chair), Andy Ruff (Bloomington City Council), Dan Swafford (proxy--Ellettsville Town Council), and Bill Williams (County Highway).

Others: Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), Mike Jett (INDOT), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Dawn Replogle (URS), and Steve Walls (INDOT).

MPO Staff: Scott Robinson and Jane Weiser.

- I. **Call to Order** - Mr. Baker called the meeting to order (~1:30 PM).
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. **February 24, 2012** ***Mr. Murray moved approval. Mr. Ruff seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. **March 9, 2012** ***Mr. Murray moved approval. Mr. Ruff seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- III. **Communications from the Chair -- None**
- IV. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. **Citizens Advisory Committee** – Mr. Murray reported that David Sabbagh had been elected to serve on the LRTP Task Force.
 - B. **Technical Advisory Committee** –Mr. Reid introduced the people working on I69 to present their report. Mr. Walls provided a status report on Section 4 of I69 on behalf of INDOT. He noted anticipated letting dates for subsections of Section 4 as well as a public comment period for the two interchange designs at SR 37 and I69. Mr. Williams, Baker, and Martin asked several design questions on the interchange alternatives. Ms. Replogle explained the design differences between the alternatives and Mr. Walls said the roundabout design will be safer because of slower travel speeds. Ms. Hamman, on behalf of INDOT, gave a similar presentation on Section 5 of I69 to the Public Information Meeting on 4/24/2012. The presentation highlighted key milestones on design considerations, the approval process, as well as differences between Alternatives 4, 5, 6, and 7. She also provided informational material on Section 5 (available at the Section 5 office as well as on-line). Mr. Martin asked if any other alternatives would be considered and Ms. Hamman said they want input to assist in carrying forward alternatives. Safety is a priority as well as looking to minimize impacts. Archeological and endangered species studies will commence this summer. Mr. Reid said now is the time for input and discussions are going well with the participating agency process.

V. Reports from the BMCMPO Staff

A. 2012 MPO Conference -- Mr. Robinson reported that staff is working to finalize many items associated with the fall MPO conference. Mr. Todd Litman will be the keynote speaker and Robinson highlighted the conference website and logo. Details on the conference will be continuously updated and BMCMPO members will have a discounted registration rate.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force-- Mr. Robinson said three statements of qualifications were received and from this two consulting firms will be interviewed on May 16. The Task Force will make a decision on a preferred consulting firm and report to the PC at their June 8 meeting.

C. Transportation Legislation Reauthorization – There was nothing new to report and staff anticipates there will not be any new legislation until after the elections.

VI. Old Business

A. FY2013-2014 Unified Planning Work ProgramAction Requested* * -** Mr. Robinson said a detailed memo is included in the packet and INDOT and Federal Highway have reviewed the draft work program with only minor revisions. The draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was also presented at the April 13 Policy Committee meeting. *****Mr. Martin moved approval. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

VII. New Business

A. SRTS TIP AmendmentAction Requested** -** Mr. Robinson gave an overview of the Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure grant award. This grant will educate and encourage children to walk and/or bike to school. Seven schools are covered by this grant and it is similar to a previous award. Robinson said the grant needs to be reflected in the TIP. *****Mr. Martin moved approval of the Amendment. Mr. Swafford seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)- Robinson said the June 8th meeting will have two important items on the agenda – LRTP consultant selection and possibly a Complete Street exemption request for N. Dunn and Old SR 37.

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas --None

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Technical Advisory Committee – May 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Policy Committee – June 8, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

The meeting was adjourned (~2:25 PM).

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