



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2012 Council Chambers 115, City Hall**

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**Policy Committee:** Lynn Coyne (IU), Kathy Eaton-McKalip (INDOT), Susie Johnson (Public Works), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Kent McDaniel (BT), Patrick Murray (CAC Chair), Mark Stoops (County Commissioner), Dan Swafford (proxy--Ellettsville Town Council), and Bill Williams (County Highway).

**Others:** Michelle Allen (FHWA), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Dawn Replogle (URS), and Steve Walls (INDOT).

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

- I. Call to Order** – Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order (~1:35 PM).
- II. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2012 & May 11, 2012** – Richard Martin moved approval of both sets of minutes. Dan Swafford seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- III. Communications from the Chair** – Mr. McDaniel said he was looking forward to hearing Todd Litman speak at the MPO conference.
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
  - A. Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Murray said the CAC approved the revised text for the ADA policy statement. They approved an amendment to FY 2011-2012 UPWP to add the Bloomington Community Bicycle Facilities Study to the Work Program.
  - B. Technical Advisory Committee** – No report
- V. Reports from the BMCMPPO Staff**
  - A. 2012 MPO Conference** – Mr. Desmond reported on plans for the MPO Conference. The Conference now has a website. He will email conference registration information to MPO committee members.
  - B. Transportation Legislation Reauthorization** – Mr. Desmond reported that the reauthorization legislation still has not passed. June 30 is the deadline. He expects another extension of SAFETEA-LU.
  - C. FY 2011-2012 UPWP Administrative Modification** – Staff took care of this item on an administrative level Mr. Desmond reported. The City of Bloomington asked the MPO for \$75,000 for the Greenways Implementation Plan and 80% of this money will be reimbursed through the PL funds of the MPO. The TAC and CAC heard this as an amendment request at their May meetings with their unanimous support. INDOT informed staff that this can be dealt with administratively since no new PL funds are involved and this is only a transfer within work program elements.
- VI. Old Business -- None**

## VII. New Business

### A. Long Range Transportation Plan Consultant Selection *\*Action Requested* – Mr.

Desmond reported that a subgroup of the LRTP Task Force has chosen to hire The Corradino Group as consultants. What they offered in services and their vision seemed most compatible with our needs. They have a very talented modeler who will be working closely with us on this project. They will provide support after the plan is completed. Mr. McDaniel asked what this might cost. Mr. Desmond said that this was a qualification-based search at this point and we will move into contract negotiations soon. The City and the County will split the final cost. Mr. McDaniel noted that Corradino has worked for BT in the past. Mr. Stoops asked about the scope of work. Mr. Desmond said staff will do the plan development while the consultant focuses on the travel demand modeling. Mr. Stoops said he was hoping to see an analysis of the 2009 Emissions Data and how it affects the area. In an on-going lawsuit with I-69, there was a discovery motion on the lack of use of the 2009 emissions data that generated 30,000 pages of correspondence and documentation. Part of the emails show that the only way that I-69 could proceed was to only use the 2004 emissions data so that's what INDOT did. When you look at the 2009 data, emissions are shown to have increased 30% over the 2004 data. That put several counties that I-69 goes through out of attainment. It was not clear that Bloomington would not become out of attainment with I-69 or even are now. It affects local businesses that might need to increase their present emissions. He hoped that a 2009 emissions analysis could be performed by Corradino. Mr. Desmond said he would talk to them about that. Mr. Martin said that the discussions with the consultants made sure that they were aware that the project management aspect would be minimized. The overhead with Corradino will be minimized since the project manager is the principal. The Travel Demand Analysis is required by statute. He wasn't sure that Corradino is the right firm to do the air quality work. It is important for us to understand up front the air quality impacts since it would drastically change the modeling. He would prefer to have two separate entities doing the work and deal with both contractors directly. He asked staff to look for companies that do air quality analysis. Mr. Desmond said he thought staff could talk to Corradino about their ability. We have to consider that we had not anticipated funding this. Mr. Martin said he would consider this part of the LRTP but not part of the modeling component. Mr. Mc Daniel asked when staff would start. Mr. Desmond said as soon as the contract is signed. We anticipate public workshops this fall. The time frame of both an air quality study and the LRTP were discussed. Mr. Martin thought that modeling wouldn't start for 6 months or so. Mr. McDaniel asked if since the next PC meeting is in Sept., would we be able to do an email vote on this air quality component if necessary. Mr. Desmond thought they could. **\*\*\*Mr. Martin moved that the PC request that the staff begin negotiating a contract for services with Corradino Group to provide the technical work that is necessary to create a travel demand model for our 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Lynn Coyne seconded. There was no public comment and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

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

Mr. Martin asked if the I-69 people could present an update. Mr. Walls said that Ms. Replogle would report on Section 4 and Ms. Hamman on section 5. Ms. Replogle said they are analyzing

the PC comments from May 18 and will produce a recommendation that will go to FHWA for approval. There is no change in schedule for letting dates. Ms. Johnson had asked for information the location of mitigation areas in the Section might be particularly in the Garrison Chapel Valley area. She has not heard back. Mr. Walls said he would get the information to Ms. Johnson. Mr. Martin requested digitized files that would be compatible with our system for I-69 from URS or INDOT. Ms. Replogle said there are some areas where the boundaries are not completely set yet. Mr. Walls will contact the Mr. Martin about that next week.

Mary Jo Hamman with Baker reported on Section 5. They continue to receive comments and are working on the DEIS. There will be a public meeting when it is released. Participating agency meetings continue. Baker had received similar requests from the County and will be sending the requested material when the information is less preliminary. They have posted the maps at the improved clarity level on their website.

Mr. Williams reported that the County will be holding their 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Advisory Meeting on June 20 at Jackson Creek Middle School at 5:00 pm.

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Technical Advisory Committee – August 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee – August 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**C. Policy Committee – September 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

The meeting was adjourned (~2:20 PM).

*The minutes were approved at the PC meeting held on September 14, 2012 (SR).*