



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2012 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Jason Eakin (County Planning), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Connie Griffin (Ellettsville Planning), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Adrian Reid (City Engineer), Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Jim Ude (INDOT), Dave Williams (City Parks), Mike Trexler (City Controller) and Doug Norton (Rural Transit).

Others: Steve Walls (INDOT), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Jodie Snyder (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Dawn Replogle (URS Corporation), Robin Thompson (URS Corporation), Vince Caristo (MPO Staff), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order and Introductions - Mr. Reid called the meeting to order ~10:05 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes - none.

III. Communications from the Chair - None

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. LRTP Task Force - Mr. Desmond said three of the seventeen consulting firms contacted submitted a Statement of Qualification (SOQ) for the Request of Qualifications issued regarding the update of the transportation plan. Staff and a subcommittee of the Task Force will review the SOQs and make a selection on a preferred consultant for the Policy Committee to consider.

B. Updates on Projects in TIP - Mr. May said floor plan design work is currently taking place on the new Bloomington Transit Station. Mr. Reid said Crider and Crider is the apparent low bidder for the Sare Rd. and Rogers St. Roundabout. Work should commence by June and take up to 120 days. Right of Way certification will be complete for South Rogers Street and anticipate a bid letting by years end. Mr. Ude said signal improvements are taking place on SR 46 at Arlington Rd. and the SR 45/46 Bypass project should be completed by November. Mr. May said full closure of East 10th Street will significantly impact several transit routes and requested specific information regarding this road closure. Mr. Thompson 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. Ms. Hamman, on behalf of INDOT, gave a similar presentation on Section 5 of I69 to the Public Information Meeting on 4/24/2012. She handed out maps and other material (available at the Section 5's office as well as on-line). The presentation highlighted key milestones on design considerations, the approval process, as well as differences between Alternatives 4, 5, 6, and 7. Mr. Micuda asked if there was any new information on future funding available for Section 5 and Mr. Walls said there was no new information.

C. ADA Transition Plans - Ms. Griffin said Ellettsville is making significant progress on their transition plan and is collecting data for mapping purposes. Mr. Caristo reported that Bloomington is using ¼ mile buffers around civic destinations to evaluate sidewalks, ramps, and other features, but together the buffers and destinations essentially include the whole City. Staff will need to look at other methods to help prioritize areas within the City.

D. Citizens Advisory Committee - The agenda for the CAC is the same as the TAC agenda and there were no other announcements reported by Mr. Desmond.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. A. 2012 MPO Conference - Mr. Desmond reported that staff continues to plan for the fall MPO conference. Staff is working on registration materials, mobile workshops, and finalizing the contract for the keynote speaker from the Victoria Transportation Policy Institute. He said BMCMPPO members are encouraged to attend (reasonable registration fee) and to contact staff if they would like to present a session.

VI. Old Business

A. 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (*Recommendation Requested*) – Mr. Desmond reported on the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and nothing changed other than information on two elements for Bloomington Transit. Mr. May said this would include a ridership survey to update 2006 information and a Title VI update for compliance with the Civil Rights Act. Both would involve hiring consultants to complete this work. *****Mr. May moved approval of the UPWP. Mr. Eakin seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

a. Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant (*Recommendation Requested*) – Mr. Carter gave an overview of the non-infrastructure grant award to 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. Desmond said the grant needs to be reflected in the TIP. *****Mr. Micuda moved approval of the Amendment. Mr. Reid seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*) - Mr. May asked about a timetable for the next TIP and Mr. Reid asked about the status of the pending transportation bill. Staff expects TIP development in the fall and no change in the federal bill.

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – none.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – May 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

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

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

Adjournment ~11:00 AM

These minutes were approved by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 5/23/12 (SR).