



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 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), John Kehrberg (Citizen), David Sabbagh (Citizen), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Jack Baker (McDoel NA), Ted Miller (Citizen), Sarah Ryterband (Citizen), and Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Mary Jane Hall (Citizen), Levi Bolton (Citizen), Michael Lukens (Citizen), Glen Carter (Citizen), Sarah Clevenger (Citizen), Cheryl Munson (Citizen), Mary Boutain (Area 10 Agency on Aging), James Reed (Citizen), Dawn Replogle (URS), Steve Walls (INDOT), Julie Thurman (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO Staff), and Josh Desmond (BMCMPPO Staff).

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

II. Approval of Minutes – The 4/25/12 minutes were accepted by the Committee without modification.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray reported on the business at last Policy Committee meeting. He said there were also presentations by consultants on I69 similar to ones given at the last CAC meeting. The focus was on the alternatives for the interchange at SR 37 and I69.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. LRTP Task Force – Mr. Desmond said two consulting firms were interviewed and the Task Force will make a decision on a preferred firm by this Friday. The Policy Committee will finalize the consultant selection process at their June 8, 2012 meeting so staff can begin contract negotiations. He anticipates work will commence by the end of this summer. He expects to schedule the next Task Force meeting for late June. Mr. Miller asked if the Switchyard consultants could do this kind of work because they did provide technical insight on the Hillside connection. It is not clear how their decision was made. Mr. Desmond said they did a micro-level traffic analysis and the model update will require a system-wide, and more complex, analysis.

B. Project Updates – Ms. Thurman said the four I69 alternatives within Section 5 are continuing to be reviewed as they work towards a preferred alternative by this Fall in preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Ms. Replogle said the public comment period for the reevaluation of two interchange designs at SR 37 and I69 for Section 4 has closed and will be reviewed before a final design is selected and approved by FHWA. There were eighteen detailed comments received. She also said the Rolling Glen Neighborhood has requested visual screening with landscaping which is being considered by INDOT. Mr. Walls said the letting schedule for Section 4 is posted on the I69 website. Mr. Miller said the cost differences between the four alternatives for Section 5 are significant, but

wondered how one alternative could be selected if no funding was identified. Mr. Walls explained that for purposes of the environmental impact documentation process funding does not need to be identified. This would happen once a project moves into the Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Ryterband asked about the mitigation process for damage to properties throughout this planning process. Mr. Walls said there is a claims process in place for property owners seeking damages.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. 2012 MPO Conference – Mr. Desmond reported that staff is working to finalize many items associated with the fall MPO conference. Details will be continuously updated on the website and BMCMPPO members will have a discounted registration rate. He was asked about the status of the next transportation bill and said that the legislators are working within a conference session between the House and Senate. He does not expect to see anything for a few more weeks, but will keep the BMCMPPO membership apprised of any developments.

VI. Old Business

A. ADA Policy Statement (*Recommendation Requested*) - Mr. Robinson provided a background on the Policy Statement and the most recent changes are based on feedback from the TAC. These changes were also reviewed by the CAC Subcommittee and supported these minor changes. All revisions are based on concerns over a reference to Universal Design and a marked up Policy Statement is included in the meeting packet detail all revisions since last Fall. Mr. Murray said the Subcommittee had previously discussed Universal Design, but finds these changes still embody the intent of their work. Robinson explained the voting process for the CAC and said comments are welcome from anyone. *****Mr. Baker moved approval and Ms. Cornell seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.*****

VII. New Business

A. FY 2011-2012 UPWP Amendment (*Recommendation Requested*) - Mr. Robinson provided a summary of the memo included in the meeting packet and said this request is similar to a previous one for aerial imagery. The funds would be switched from the 201 Element for the travel demand model update and moved to the 302 Element since most model work will commence in the new fiscal year and not be needed for this fiscal year. Mr. Sabbagh asked how the Walnut Street and Allen Street median happened without review. Mr. Robinson explained there were neighborhood and other coordination meetings. Funds were approved by the Redevelopment Commission and this project went through a different process. Mr. Murray asked about the facilities and Robinson explained that there are a variety of on-street facilities recommended. There is everything from bike lanes to bicycle boulevards. Recommendations will be available and specific questions should be directed to Public Works. ***** Ms. Ryterband moved approval and Mrs. Cox-Ash seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.*****

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

Mr. Sabbah said he is concerned over the new B-Line trail signal at Country Club Drive, especially for new people in town. A green light would improve expectations. He also expressed concerns over turning movement for E. 3rd Street. Mr. Lukens said he crosses Country Club Drive at this location frequently. Ms. Ryterband said the signage at all B-Line crossings has made a big difference and should be considered for this location. Mr. Ash said



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he is very concerned over the increased traffic I69 will bring to Rockport Road. The road is dangerous now and Ms. Munson and Ms. Boutain agreed. Ms. Munson has concerns over emergency access along I69. Mr. Walls said INDOT is working hard to address these concerns. He also contacted the project manager regarding E. 3rd Street and has not yet received a response. Ms. Ryterband reported she was in Spokane Washington and they don't have stop or yield signs for local streets which makes everyone go slow. This is a good thing and could work here.

Mr. Desmond said there are no pertinent items for the June meeting and any could be addressed at the August meeting. He suggested canceling the meeting. There were no objections by members and Mr. Murray agreed as chair to cancel the June meeting.

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – Mrs. Salisbury reported on MCCAM's efforts and they will be having a retreat on May 29th. Details on the retreat are being finalized, but would be good to report on at a future meeting for the CAC membership.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – June 8, 2012 1:30pm (Council Chambers)**
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – June 27, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – June 27, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment (~7:20 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on August 22, 2012.
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