



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2012 Council Chambers 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 –an incomplete audio recording was produced for this meeting. See DVD for complete recording.***

Policy Committee: Lynn Coyne (IU), Ryan Gallagher (INDOT), Jack Baker--Bloomington Plan Commission, Susie Johnson (Public Works), Laurel Cornell (CAC), Mark Kruzan (Bloomington Mayor), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Kent McDaniel (BT), and Dan Swafford (proxy--Ellettsville Town Council).

Others: Michelle Allen (FHWA), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), Lew May (BT), Adrian Reid and Sam Sarvis (INDOT).

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Vince Caristo, Anna Dragovich, Jane Weiser

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. September 14, 2012 ***Richard Martin moved approval of the minutes. Jack Baker seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. McDaniel complemented the MPO staff members on a successful MPO Conference.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Citizens Advisory Committee – No report.

B. Technical Advisory Committee – Mr. Reid noted that the I-69 DEIS is out. Ms. Hamman discussed the DEIS is available on the web and at the IU Library, Monroe County Library and Morgan County Library. The public comment period extends from the present through Jan. 2, 2013. There will be a public hearing on Dec. 6 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Mr. Martin asked for suggestions for reviewing such a huge document. Ms. Hamman offered help through her office. Mr. McDaniel asked for more DVD copies for the Policy Committee.

V. Reports from the BMCMPPO Staff

A. New Staff Introduction – Mr. Desmond introduced new MPO staff member, Anna Dragovich. She will be in charge of the MPO Winter Open House at noon on 12/7.

B. 2012 MPO Conference – Mr. Desmond reported on the MPO Conference which was well-attended and received very positive reviews. He thanked the attendees and presenters.

C. Long Range Transportation Plan – Mr. Desmond said that the contract with the Corradino group is ready to be signed. The Long Range Transportation Plan Task Force will meet on 12/10 at noon in the Hooker Conference Room.

VI. Old Business – There was none.

VII. New Business

A. FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments*

a. Bloomington Transit TIP Amendments

i. Mobility Management/Transit Vouchers – Mr. May reported on the BT TIP amendments. The 1st amendment is a new program to allow access and mobility throughout Monroe County for all modes of transportation. Several groups formed



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the Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility that worked on this Mobility Management program. They hope to implement a volunteer transportation network in Monroe County utilizing other programs in place. Vouchers will help defray customer costs. BT got a New Freedom grant for \$45,000 in federal funding. That will be matched with in kind funds.

- ii. **Next Bus Technology** – This project was previously included in the 2013 TIP. There are 2 changes being made to the project. The funding source now will be out of their regular 5307 formula funding instead of 5309 discretionary funding. It will now be funded at \$250,000 in 2013. That would be \$200,000 in 5307 funding and \$50,000 in local match. He said Next Bus Technology allows computer/smart phone access real time information on the location of buses. Mr. McDaniel said he understood that the New Freedom funds were phased out. Mr. May said that was true, but INDOT has an accumulation of “old” New Freedom that they have not obligated so we were able to secure those funds. Mr. Martin was concerned about mitigating the risk when volunteers are driving. Mr. May said they are researching how this has been done elsewhere.

There was no public comment.

*****Mr. Martin moved approval of the Bloomington Transit TIP amendments to the 2012-2015 TIP dealing with Mobility Management, Transit Vouchers and the Next Bus Technology with the following corrections to the Next Bus Technology entry: This will come from FTA 5307 for \$200,000 and local match of \$50,000 for FY 2013 total of \$250,000. Mr. Swafford seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

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

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

Mr. Martin noted that emergency responders are having trouble on W. 3rd St... A few weeks ago it took 4½ minutes and 2 light cycles to get through one of the intersections because people couldn't figure out that they should all go to the same side. We need to figure out how to address and improve this situation somehow. Secondly, Mr. Martin asked how the MPO as a body would review Section 5 (I-69). Do we as a body take a role in that or we going to expect that our member organizations will take the lead on this review and inform us as a result of that review? Ms. Johnson suggested that they rely heavily on the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. McDaniel noted that the PC will not meet until February which is past the comment period. Mr. Desmond suggested having the individual member organizations comment as they can. The MPO staff will be involved with the City of Bloomington work the participating agency process.

Mr. Baker noted that there has been newspaper coverage of questions about funding I-69 (especially Section 5). He requested that INDOT and FWHA present the MPO their funding services that will likely be used. He asked staff to look at other areas and how they have gathered information and dealt with air quality attainment and/or non-attainment.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – November 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – November 28, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – February 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Adjournment