



POLICY COMMITTEE
March 8, 2013; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers (#115)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. February 8, 2013
- III. Communications from the Chair
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - A. Citizens Advisory Committee
 - B. Technical Advisory Committee
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff
 - A. MTP Task Force
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
 - i. Statewide Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections (INDOT)*
- VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)
 - A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- IX. Upcoming Meetings
 - A. Technical Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - B. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - C. Policy Committee – April 12, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

**Action Requested / Public comment prior to vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Feb. 8, 2013 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), Jack Baker--Bloomington Plan Commission, Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Kent McDaniel (BT), and Dan Swafford (proxy--Ellettsville Town Council). Iris Kiesling, Andy Ruff, David Sabbagh, Cheryl Munson, Bill Williams.

Others: Michelle Allen (FHWA), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), David Baker? (Michael Baker), Lew May (BT), Jane Fleig.

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, Jane Weiser

Call to Order

Elections

- A. Chair-RM nom MC/IK Unam approval
- B. Vice-Chair RM nom JB/IK Unam approval

Approval of Minutes:

- A. November 9, 2012 – RM/DS unam

Communications from the Chair – KM said next Wed is Public Transit Day at the Statehouse. Invited citizens and MPO. COB and BT building transfer system. Should be done in one year. Also voice enunciator and bus tracking system.

Reports from Officers and/or Committees

- A. Citizens Advisory Committee –
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – Jane Fleig reported on mtg. MJ Hamman updated PC on progress of DEIS. Refining the preferred alternative. Moving forward with decision on N. Walnut intersection, decisions on other intersections, FEIS, want to advance the record of decision so that they can start construction....

Reports from the BMCMPPO Staff

- A. FY 2012 Annual Completion Report – JD. Closed key projects including MTP consultant selection, TIP management, 2012 MPO Conference, progress on ADA transition plans. Spent 67.2% of FY12—84% in FY 11. probably due to being short one full-time staff member for the last half of 2012.
- B. FY 2014 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) – JD. Red Flag Investigations is part of Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) initiative—already in progress. Quarterly project tracking—already in progress. ADA Transition Plans Part II—already in progress. Function Classification Review. MPO Change Order Process—already in progress.
- C. Metropolitan Transportation Plan--JD. Formerly called LRTP. Consultant under contract. Working on model. Building a web-based household travel survey. Providing lots of GIS and Traffic count data to consultant. Initial public input phase—2 workshops week of 3/18 Key transportation stakeholder group interviews. March 4 Next MTP TF meeting.

RM asked how does professional development impact work. Reports? Incorporated into the work program. JD agreed that formal reports on development opportunities would make sense. RM said in

previous reports we had listing of projects and their status to track the progress. Would like to see in minutes. Change in way fed govt is looking at transportation by including local arterials.

AR said he didn't think there would be any additional funding for local projects due to I-69.

VI. Old Business – none.

VII. New Business

A. FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments*

a. Bloomington Transit

- i. Downtown Transfer Facility Equipment (Bloomington Transit) – requesting non-construction funds for various kinds of equipment—groundskeeping, snow removal, office, and office furniture. Asking for \$150,000. DS said he was glad to see intergovernmental agencies cooperating. RM/KMc

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

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas –AR distributed literature concerning TN halting construction of their section of I-69. Governor said too much to spend on one project and dangerous to take funds away from needed repairs to roads and bridges. I-69 will almost certainly stop at SR 37 in Indiana. Gov said can't afford it. Asked PC to read article. Directing too large a percentage of funds toward one project. Corruption allegations along the route. Parts of highways are sinking and some bridges have been built to substandard standards. Gov Daniels has said it is fine if the highway stops at Bloomington. Not many improvements between Bloomington and Indianapolis. Okay to serve Crane and south. 3rd article on national funding of highway projects due to decrease in gas taxes. Would have to increase gas taxes.

Cheryl Munson invited people to visit the construction in Section 4. Breeden Rd., Harmony Rd., etc. Need to see what is ongoing at present and how it is affecting people. Concerns about access to I-69. Vicky Sorenson is here today and could give update.

Vicky Sorensen said she is very disappointed that she has been ignored. Has asked for study to be done on Fire Station on Rockport Rd. Wants INDOT to sit down and talk to her. A little angry.

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MEMORANDUM

To: BMCMPO Policy Committee
 From: Anna Dragovich, Senior Transportation Planner
 Date: March 8, 2013
 Re: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Indiana Department of Transportation

The TIP amendment request is for additional funds to be added to an existing INDOT project. Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections, Des# 1297452, is currently in the FY 2012-2015 TIP with funding provided for FY 2013. This amendment would add funding for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015.

State of Indiana Projects		Funding Source	Fiscal Year			
			2012	2013	2014	2015
Project: Bridge Inspections	PE	BR State		\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Location: Various				\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Description: Statewide fracture critical bridge inspections	ROW					
DES#: 1297452	CON					
Support:						
Allied Projects: n/a	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

Recommendation

Both the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee recommended approval of this TIP amendment at their meetings on February 27th.