



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, Jack Baker, Andrea Roberts (proxy), Richard Martin, Kent McDaniel, Dan Swafford, Iris Kiesling, Andy Ruff, David Sabbagh, Cheryl Munson, and Bill Williams.

Others: Michelle Allen (FHWA), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), and Jane Fleig (Vice-Chair TAC).

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, Scott Robinson, and Jane Weiser

I. Call to Order ~1:30 PM

II. Elections

A. Chair – Kent McDaniel volunteered to continue on as chair. There was unanimous approval.

B. Vice-Chair – Richard Martin nominated Jack Baker to continue as vice-chair. There was unanimous approval.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. November 9, 2012 – Richard Martin moved approval and David Sabbagh seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. **Communications from the Chair** – Mr. McDaniel said next Wednesday is Public Transit Day at the Statehouse. He invited citizens and the MPO to attend. He gave an update on the Bloomington Transit downtown transfer facility and said that construction should be done in one year.

V. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**

A. Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. Sabbagh stated that he has no report from the CAC, but he is glad to be serving as their newly elected chair.

B. Technical Advisory Committee – Ms. Fleig reported on the January TAC meeting. Mary Jo Hamman updated the Policy Committee on progress of the section 5 I-69 DEIS. Ms. Hamman reported that they are refining the preferred alternative and that they are moving forward with a decision on the North Walnut interchange.

VI. **Reports from the BMCMPO Staff**

A. FY 2012 Annual Completion Report – Mr. Desmond discussed the MPO’s annual completion report. The complete report includes key projects that staff has worked on in the past fiscal year. Topics that Mr. Desmond discussed include: Metropolitan Transportation Plan consultant selection; TIP management; 2012 MPO Conference; and progress on ADA transition plans. Mr. Desmond explained that the MPO spent 67.2% of FY2012 and 84% in FY 2011. He explained that this was most likely due to being short one full-time staff member for the last half of 2012.

B. FY 2014 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) – Mr. Desmond explained that Red Flag Investigations, Quarterly Tracking, ADA Transition Plans, Function Classification Review, and MPO Change Order Process are planning emphasis areas that are being mandated under the new transportation legislation and are currently in progress.

C. Metropolitan Transportation Plan- Mr. Desmond explained that the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is now being called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He explained that the consultant is now under contract and will be working to gather data, through a household travel survey and transit survey. This information will be utilized in the transportation model. The initial public input phase will include two public workshops the week of March 18th. Additionally, staff will be holding key transportation stakeholder group interviews to gain further input. The next MTP Task Force meeting will be on March 4.

Mr. Martin asked how professional development impacts the work performed by staff. Mr. Desmond agreed that professional development is incorporated into the work program and that formal reports on development opportunities would make sense. Mr. Martin stated that in previous reports meeting packets had listing of projects and their status to track the progress. He stated that he would like to see these return.

VII. Old Business – none.

VIII. New Business

A. FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments*

a. Bloomington Transit

- i. Downtown Transfer Facility Equipment (Bloomington Transit) – Mr. May explained the request is seeking non-construction funds for various kinds of equipment—grounds keeping, snow removal, office, and office furniture. ***
Mr. Martin motioned for approval and Mr. McDaniel seconded.
Amendment was approved unanimously.***

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

- A. **Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas** – Mr. Ruff distributed literature concerning the state of Tennessee halting construction of their section of I-69. Mr. Ruff asked the PC to read the article. Ms. Munson invited people to visit the construction site of Section 4, I-69.

X. Upcoming Meetings

- A. **Technical Advisory Committee – February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
B. **Citizens Advisory Committee – February 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
C. **Policy Committee – March 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment ~2:10 PM