



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2013 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 David Sabbagh (Citizen), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), John Kehrberg (Citizen), Sarah Clevenger (Citizen), Ted Miller (Citizen), Sarah Ryterband (Citizen), James Reed (Citizen), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast Downtown NA), Ken Campanella (Citizen), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Tamby Wikle-Cassidy/Miller (Citizen), Anita Douglas (Citizen), Liz Irwin (Chamber of Commerce), Cheryl Munson (County Council), and Glenn Carter (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Sandra Flum (INDOT), Jim Ude (INDOT), Rich Zieluski (American Structurepoint), Bill Williams (Monroe County), Mary Jo Hamman (Baker), Sabri Dogan (Student), Orsolya Mikola (Researcher), Nan Brewer (Fullerton Pike CAC), Steve Brewer (Fullerton Pike CAC), Randy Cassady (Citizen), Stephen Burns (Citizen), Jim Holthaus (Citizen), Bob Cummins (Citizen), Morrison Buckley (Citizen), Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO Staff), and Anna Dragovich (BMCMPPO Staff).

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

II. Approval of Minutes – The January 23, 2013 minutes were accepted by the Committee.

IV. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Sabbagh attended the TAC meeting this morning and an I69 coordination meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was a great meeting for all interested parties to talk about the I69 project. It is open to the public and he encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting in March (date unknown). Ms. Ryterband asked if there was any discussion on project costs and the legal issues featured in the newspaper. Mr. Sabbagh said no the discussion was mostly on identifying local needs.

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. MTP Task Force – Ms. Dragovich provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Task Force (formerly known as the LRTP Task Force). Currently a household travel survey is in a pretest mode that BMCMPPO members and City and County employees are taking. Public workshops are scheduled for March 18th and 19th with more information forthcoming. The Task Force will be meeting March 4th to review work completed thus far. Mr. Robinson explained the reason for the lengthy survey and its relationship to the National Household Travel Survey. He thanked everyone for taking the time to complete the pretest survey to help identify bugs with the survey. He said some of the responses (with complete travel diaries) will be used as part of the overall survey results.

B. Project Updates – Ms. Flum said the I69 Section 5 TIP request is currently out for public comment and MPO staff is compiling comments for the BMCMPPO March and April meetings where INDOT will be seeking approval. Ms. Hamman continued, comments from the DEIS are being used to further refine the preferred alternative for Section 5 that will include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations for all interchanges within Bloomington. The FEIS and ROD

are anticipated to be completed by this June. Mrs. Brewer wanted clarification if the I69 or the County's Gordon/Fullerton Pike project is driving design decisions for the interchange and feels this is a chicken and egg scenario. She continued with many concerns over this corridor and the impacts to the residential area. Discussion ensued, as others expressed similar concerns (traffic, safety, scope) and confusion on how to have their concerns addressed. Ms. Flum explained that the I69 project will cover the Fullerton Interchange over to the Rockport Road intersection. Comments are being taken until March 20th for the TIP request. Mr. Robinson said MPO staff will be happy to assist anyone wanting to submit comments for I69 or Fullerton Pike. This meeting is not the forum to submit formal comments.

C. Fullerton Pike Project Update - Mr. Williams explained the Fullerton corridor project is in the current TIP and several Long Range Transportation Plans. The project has been in the planning process for a long time with over 40 meetings on project concepts. Mr. Zieliuski provided an overview of more immediate efforts including the Engineering Study, project scope and benefits, and the next steps. They hope to complete the Environmental Assessment (similar to an EIS) this summer and move into the design process late summer or this fall. Mrs. Brewer and others expressed frustration that other alternatives for the project are not being considered at this time. Lack of information and general awareness of the project for area's residents run high and more needs to be done to improve coordination with the public. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burns asked about how alternatives are considered because the study does not mention alternatives. He also questioned the economic benefit since most of this area is residential. Mr. Miller wondered what is the purpose of the project, is it for a southern bypass, what is really the most important part of the project? Mr. Zieliuski explained at this stage these are concepts, and design alternatives will be evaluated for the Environmental Assessment and further refined once design begins.

VI. Reports from MPO Staff - None

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

A. FY 2014-2017 TIP Projects – Ms. Dragovich provided an overview of the packet material and explained this project list is intended to help everyone understand what projects are being considered for the next TIP. This should allow more opportunity for feedback prior to the draft TIP that will be presented next month. Staff will be working with the LPA's to refine the list based on cost, timing, and available funding in order to prepare the draft TIP. MPO staff then gave a brief overview of the new projects.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

- i. **Statewide Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection (INDOT)** - Ms. Dragovich explained that this request will allow bridge inspections. Mr. Ude continued that this request is statewide, but will included inspections both within the BMCMPPO area and Monroe County. *****Ms. Ryterband motioned approval and Mr. Carter Seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.*****



IX. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – Mr. Miller suggested Fullerton Pike design alternatives since this committee will be making a recommendation on project funding. Ms. Clevenger suggested ways to improve communication and coordination with the public.

X. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – March 8, 2013 (Council Chambers)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 27, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:05 PM)

These minutes were by the CAC at their regular meeting held on March 27, 2012 (AD).