



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2013 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Adrian Reid (Chair, City Engineer), Jane Fleig (Vice Chair, Utilities), John Collisson (County Highway), Jim Ude (INDOT), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Michelle Allen (FHWA), Lew May (BT), Perry Maull (Campus Bus), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), David Sabbagh (CAC), and Andrea Roberts (City Public Works),

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT), Bill Williams (County Highway), Mary Jo Hamman (Baker), David Miller (Baker), Ting Wei (American Structurepoint), and Rich Zielinski (American Structurepoint).

MPO Staff: Vince Caristo, Josh Desmond, Scott Robinson, and Anna Dragovich.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

A. January 23, 2013 –Jane Fleig asked for clarification about which TIP the BT funds were coming from. It was agreed that the funds would be obligated before the end of 2013 which is a part of the FY2012-2015 TIP. Ms. Fleig moved approval. Mr. May seconded. Unanimous approval.

III. Communications from the Chair –Mr. Reid noted that Road School would be in the next week.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. MTP Task Force –Ms. Dragovich said staff would be meeting with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Task Force on Monday. They will get to know the consultant. There will be public input meetings coming up at the Monroe Co. Public Library and at the Ellettsville Fire Station. Pre-test surveys have been distributed to collect data and then will be distributed to the general public. Comments from the TAC indicated that the survey was perceived as very complicated.

B. Updates on Projects in the TIP – Mr. May reported that the Downtown Transit Facility is under construction and should be finished a year from now. Mr. Collisson said they have all the property for Karst Farm Greenway, Phase 1. There will be a July letting. They are acquiring property for Phase 2 of the Karst Farm Greenway. Ms. Griffin said Ellettsville is finishing up their scoring process for an RFP for selection of a consultant for Heritage Trail Phases 1 & 2. Mr. Reid said the City is acquiring right-of-way for 17th and Arlington. We are starting our S. Rogers St. Project. It will be shut down for a month starting at Spring Break. After that it will be one-way north until Dec. Mr. Ude reported that INDOT moved the SR 37 and Tapp Rd. project has been moved out to better coordinate with I-69 schedule. The deck replacement of the bridge on N. Walnut St. project has been moved out too for redesign. It should let later this year. Ms. Flum reported that FHWA has approved INDOT to use a partial interchange of I-69 at N. Walnut St. They will bring a TIP amendment forward at the next meeting to approve 8 miles.

C. ADA Transition Plans—Mr. Caristo said that the City is working on finishing the GIS analysis at which time the draft will be able to go through the approval process.

D. Fullerton Pike Project Update – Mr. Williams said the County finished the Vernal/Curry Pike project. American Structurepoint has been hired to consult on the Fullerton Pike project. They are looking at a corridor that starts at Rockport Rd and ends at Sare Rd. Mr. Zielinski, project manager, said that this project has been in the County’s thoroughfare plan since the 1960s and is in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the TIP. Public input is being solicited. There are many advantages of this

connection for both motorized and non-motorized transportation. Congestion should be reduced and safety improved for all travelers. Current conditions of this roadway were described. They recommend 2 lanes in each direction from SR 37 to Walnut St. and one lane in each direction from Walnut to Sare. Other proposed details of the roadway were discussed. Estimated cost for one section was \$37 million. Some concerns are treatment of the Clear Creek Trail. They have collected a lot of input from 3 CAC and one public information meeting. They will produce an Environmental Impact Report to be presented to the public for comment in early summer. The County's plan is to utilize federal money to help build this project so all federal highway and INDOT standards will have to be met. Mr. Sabbagh was in favor of the project. Mr. Reid asked if they are considering roundabouts. Mr. Zielinski said yes. Mr. Reid said he would like an alternative to the signal at Walnut. Ms. Hamman said there is an active and historic quarry in that area. This historic landscape districts is referred to as North Clear Creek. She noted that I-69 has a "No Adverse Effect" on the property. Their alignment should not impact Monroe County's Fullerton Pike alignment. Mr. Reid asked about the relationship between an interchange at Fullerton and the Fullerton project. Are they mutually exclusive or intertwined? Ms. Hamman said that the design of I-69 takes into account all projects in the LRTP. All of their assumptions assume the project will be built. Mr. Caristo asked about the average design speeds. Mr. Zielinski said he believed it will be 35-40 mph. They expect the number of crashes to go down due to area road and crossing improvements. Mr. Williams expects an annual 25% safety improvement after the reconstruction of this corridor. Ms. Fleig asked Mr. Williams if we do have money programmed into our current TIPs. Mr. Williams said we have money on hand for matching funds. He added that this isn't a "new project."

E. Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. Sabbagh said he had no report.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff -- No reports

VI. Old Business -- None

VII. New Business

A. FY 2014-2017 TIP Projects – Ms. Dragovich asked the LPAs to report on their own projects. Mr. May reported on BT's 6 new projects including paratransit AVL & scheduling technology, portable maintenance lifts, fuel usage hardware and software, paratransit security camera technology, bus radio communications technology, purchase support and maintenance vehicles. Mr. Ude reported that they did not have any new projects. Mr. Reid said the City's new projects include High St. improvements, University Courts Brick Replacements, 17th St. Improvements, and a project at Law Lane and 10th St. There was discussion about the replacement of the planned roundabout with a smart signal. Mr. Robinson said it is important to work with the LPAs and create a useful draft TIP.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections Statewide (INDOT) - Ms. Dragovich presented the amendment. Mr. Nsonwu noted that this is a Statewide TIP. Mr. Williams asked if this covers the County's amount. Mr. Nsonwu said it covers INDOT bridges statewide and not County bridges. ***Nsonwu moved approval. **Mr. Maull seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – March 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

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

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

These minutes were approved by the TAC at their regular meeting held on March 27, 2013 (SR).