



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 22, 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), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), John Collisson (County Highway), Jim Ude (INDOT), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Connie Griffin (Ellettsville), Lew May (BT), Laurel Cornell (CAC), Bill Williams (Monroe Co. Highway), Tom Micuda (City Planning), and Laura Haley (City ITS).

Others: Jordan Miller (Rural Transit), David Miller (Michael Baker), and Jason Eakin (Monroe County Planning).

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

- I. Call to Order and Introductions** – Mr. Reid called the meeting to order and the committee members introduced themselves.

- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. April 24, 2013** – *****Mr. Micuda moved approval of the minutes of 4/24. Ms. Fleig seconded. Mr. Miller (Baker Assoc.) offered a correction in Section IVB in the 6th line from the bottom of that section there is a reference to (I-69) Section 4 which should be Section 5. Voice vote was taken and the corrected minutes were unanimously approved.**

- III. Communications from the Chair** -- None

- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - a. MTP Task Force** – Mr. Desmond said the most recent meeting of the Task Force was on May 13. After evaluating some of the data collected, the next meeting will be on June 24 and monthly thereafter. We will be developing a vision statement, goals and policies for the new transportation plan. Those will help us select the type of projects to do. The travel demand model update is progressing well. The consultants are working on data processing and assignment geographically in the model.
 - b. Updates on Projects** -- Mr. May reported on continued progress on their downtown facility. They are installing bus tracking and voice enunciator technologies in time for the fall semester. Mr. Reid said that they are installing a signal at Walnut and Smith. Right-of-way acquisition is nearly finished at 17th and Arlington. Construction continues on S. Rogers St.

- V. Reports from MPO Staff**
 - a. Quarterly Tracking** – Ms. Dragovich reported that will begin having formal meetings with the LPAs and INDOT. On 7/22, Bloomington, Monroe County and Ellettsville will meet. Other MPOs have said that these meetings really help projects move along more efficiently. Mr. Reid said he had requested not having all consultants come to these meetings for cost control. Is your idea to have the consultants call in at a certain time? Ms. Dragovich said that other MPOs like having the consultants attend the meetings in person. Staff has decided to schedule the projects being discussed so that the consultants can call in at that time. Mr. Williams said he has not found consultants to be necessary at all meetings. Ms. Dragovich said staff has arranged to submit the LPAs reports to Seymour so that they will not need to submit two. Mr. Micuda asked Mr. Williams for any other suggestions. Mr. Williams said the bottom line is that the LPAs are responsible for the project. Maybe for this



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1st meeting we could have them call in but in the future it didn't seem necessary. Mr. Desmond noted that the MPO they have been talking to have a lot of very small LPAs. Our LPAs are more seasoned. He suggested trying a meeting with the consultants the 1st time and see how it goes.

Mr. Reid asked Mr. Miller to report on Section 5. Mr. Miller said the FEIS is still shooting for mid to late June. The kitchen table meetings continue. A copy of the Wapehani memorandum of agreement is awaiting signature from the City. People seem relieved that the project is not in limbo any longer. Mr. Reid asked if the scoping process has begun. Mr. Ude said the bypass project is wrapping up. Ms. Griffin said there would be an announcement from Ellettsville soon about their Heritage Trail project.

VI. Old Business -- None

VII. New Business

- a. **Fiscal Year 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program*** -- Mr. Desmond said that this has been on your agenda previously. This time we have the full document for your review and staff is asking for your recommendation to the Policy Committee. He presented a few changes in the funding amounts. The total program amount will be about 6% less than last year. (details in report) Mr. Reid asked when the next HSIP call would be. Mr. Desmond said staff needs to revise our criteria and selection procedure with INDOT and FHWA. We anticipate a call for projects in the fall. He pointed out that the numbers may change. Mr. Reid asked if there were any red flags from PC. Mr. Desmond said there was a discussion about Fullerton Pike project. Ms. Fleig noted that the mapping for Jordan and 17th project, you show the intersection as a circle. It is a linear project. Mr. Micuda said that regarding the Fullerton project, he didn't have any problems with this phase. He has concerns with the project overall. It is going to be very expensive and will be a big drain on projects that other LPAs might want to do. He still questioned if it needed to be a full 4-lanes west toward SR 37. There is significant acreage that is very rural, not planned for sewer extension or other utilities. There will be significant pressure for development after the highway is there. It will have significant impacts on the City and the County. *****Mr. Nsonwu moved approval. Mr. Micuda seconded. There was a majority voice vote fore approval with one vote against.**

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

- a. **Topic suggestions for future agendas**

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **Policy Committee – June 14, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**
- b. **Technical Advisory Committee – June 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- c. **Citizens Advisory Committee – June 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment

These minutes were approved by the TAC at their regular meeting held on, August 28, 2013 (8/28/2013, ALD)