



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Sept 13, 2013 Council Chambers 115, City Hall

*Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. **Technical difficulties: No audio recording can be found by MPO staff. CATS did not attend the meeting to produce a DVD.*

Policy Committee: Chris Smith (Bloomington Plan Commission), Jason Banach (IU Real Estate), Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Andy Ruff City Council), Iris Kiesling (County Commissioners), David Sabbagh (MPO-CAC), Cheryl Munson (County Council), Mark Kruzan (Bloomington Mayor), Tony McClellan (INDOT), Michelle Allen (FHWA) and Bill Williams (County Highway).

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich and Jane Weiser

Since Mr. McDaniel was not in attendance, Mr. Martin asked for nominations for acting chair. Mr. Ruff nominated Mr. Martin, Mr. Sabbagh seconded. Voice vote was unanimous for approval.

I. Call to Order – Mr. Martin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. June 14, 2013 Mr. Sabbagh moved approval of the minutes, Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair--none

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

- a. Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Sabbagh reported that the CAC unanimously approved the Resolution Recommending the Prioritization of Alternative 2 of the 10th Street Mobility Study Beginning with Phase 3. They felt this was especially important since some Bloomington Transit buses can't get through the railroad overpass on 10th St. It was moved to forward the resolution to the Policy Committee. Mr. Martin asked how we should go forward. Mr. Desmond said we would work with IU.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee** – Ms. Flum updated the Policy Committee on I-69. Work is starting on Section 4. They are acquiring right-of-way. Four teams of consultants/construction companies were selected. Open bids will be in January. Selection process will be finalized in March/April. Financial close will be in July. Construction will start in 2014. She explained that the Indiana Financial Authority and Federal Highway helped vet the responsible teams.

Mr. Martin asked if the prioritization of Section 5 still stands. Ms. Flum said INDOT is trying to focus attention on those additional projects needed for Section 5. They will focus on projects that need to be finished in time for particular phases of I-69. For example, where a future overpass will be—INDOT will ask the team to do accompanying projects early on.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. MTP Task Force** – Mr. Desmond said the next meeting will be on Sept. 23. The task force is working on the goals and vision to help with project selection. The consultants are working on the model. The next meeting with the consultant will be on October 3. They expect a fully functioning

model at that time.

- b. Annual Completion Report for Fiscal Year 2013** – Ms. Dragovich explained that the report is a compilation of the tasks that staff has done in FY 2013. The Total Expenditures Ratio is 60/40 spent to unspent. More money has been spent earlier than usual due to expenses connected with hosting the MPO Conference and expenses associated with the consultant for the MTP.
- c. Quarterly Project Tracking Report** – Ms. Dragovich said that in the future the Policy Committee will get a report like this every quarter. The first one that staff has produced is for the last quarter of FY 2013. Project updates are most recently as July 22, the date of the quarterly tracking meeting. Mr. Martin asked if the letting date for the Karst Farm would be in 2015. Mr. Williams said everything is on track and should be in 2014.
- d. 2014 Meeting Calendar** – Mr. Desmond presented the calendar and asked for any comments. Mr. Martin said he had no objections.
- e. Fullerton Pike Report** – Mr. Desmond reported. He noted that there had been a lot of discussion on June 14 Policy Committee meeting. In the interim there have been several meetings between City and County staff, consultants and INDOT. Traffic analysis was discussed, as well as, lane width and location. There was concern about the financial impact on the MPO. Further exploration with INDOT is needed for options for changes. Mr. Williams said there were several meetings and conclusions were drawn after the meetings. It was decided to proceed with the 2 lane version with a center turn lane. Environmental assessment is needed.

Mr. Martin asked about the bridge portion. Mr. Williams answered. Mr. Martin said this was a great example of LPAs getting together and solving a problem for us. Mr. Ruff said it was a great collaborative effort and thanked all involved. Mr. Kruzan thanked all involved. Lots of patience and expertise went into this process.

VI. Old Business -- None

VII. New Business

- a. HSIP Selection Process** -- Mr. Desmond said this would be an informational meeting this time. A vote would be held at the next meeting. INDOT wants to make sure we spend MPO money effectively and in a timely fashion. HSIP and TAP funds replace the old TE funds. We need to review the procedures involved in selecting projects. We have received information from INDOT helping to refine the current project selection process. Most changes to the process were straightforward and cosmetic. The biggest change is to the scoring system to prioritize intersection projects. The scoring system is similar to the one used by OKI (Cincinnati MPO). It has been presented to the CAC and TAC. The biggest concern raised was the subjective category called Project Impact. Staff will review and revise that category. The Selection process will be brought back in October for action. Mr. Martin asked staff to annotate substitute letters.
- b. TA Selection Process** – MAP-21 replaced TE, SRTS and RTP with TAP. All those entities will be competing for funding from the same smaller pot of money. We have worked in the past with a local selection process based on TE selection process. We will focus on some core basic things, will streamline the process, and simplify the selection process. Also, partial awards may be granted which will add some flexibility. The scoring system will be developed and reviewed with the TAC, CAC and LPAs.



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

- a. **Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas**

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **Technical Advisory Committee – September 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- b. **Citizens Advisory Committee – September 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- c. **Policy Committee – October 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment

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

The minutes were approved at the PC meeting held on October 11, 2013 (JFW).