



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Oct 11, 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:** Angie Chalfant (proxy for Iris Kiesling/County Commissioners), Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Jason Banach (IU Real Estate), Susie Johnson (Public Works), Richard Martin (County Plan Commission), Dave Rollo (proxy for Andy Ruff City Council), David Sabbagh (MPO-CAC), Cheryl Munson (County Council), Adam Wason (proxy for Mark Kruzan/Bloomington Mayor), Jim Ude (INDOT), Karen Bobo (FHWA) and Bill Williams (County Highway).

**MPO Staff:** Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich and Jane Weiser

**I. Call to Order** – Jack Baker called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. September 13, 2013 minutes \*\*\***Mr. Martin moved approval of the minutes. Mr. Sabbagh seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**III. Communications from the Chair** – Ms. Munson would like to make a short report on I-69.

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

- a. **Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Sabbagh said the CAC had a detailed discussion on the roles of chairman and vice chairman. Then they discussed the rest of the agenda.
- b. **Technical Advisory Committee**--- Mr. Reid said the TAC voted unanimously in approval of the business items that this committee is considering under New Business.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

- a. **MTP Task Force**—Mr. Desmond reported. The last meeting of the Task Force was on 9/23. They are working on the vision statement and how we incorporate performance measures that are required by MAP 21. The next meeting will be 10/28. They hope to have a much more completed version of vision statement. The travel demand model has been somewhat delayed. The consultant has had personnel complications. They are catching up and we will meet with them on 10/31.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. **HSIP Selection Process**\*---Josh Desmond presented changes from the last meeting. Both advisory committees voted unanimously for approval. Mr. Williams asked about the stipulation that the highest financial officer has to sign off on this rather than highest elected official. Mr. Desmond said that it calls for both signatures. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Desmond what we would do if we have a conflict between recommended projects. Mr. Desmond said we would take it on case by case basis. Ultimately any projects will come before the Policy Committee. Mr. Martin said they might want to talk about this with the MTP. Mr. Baker said that the CAC never quite finished their list of projects. \*\*\***Mr. Martin moved to adopt the HSIP guidelines as written in our packet today. Ms. Munson seconded. (There was no public comment.) There was unanimous approval.**
- b. **TAP Selection Process**\*---Mr. Desmond said that we are in a situation that is similar with HSIP Selection Process. We have added a scoring system for selection of projects. This is our smallest pot of funds. The scoring system is not too complicated. The details are in the packet. We will open up



a call for projects for both TAP and HSIP as soon as these selection processes are adopted. Mr. Williams said he would like to see the chief financial official added to highest elected official and people to sign off on projects. Mr. Martin asked for a definition of “how many.” Mr. Desmond said staff could add some language above the table for clarification. There was more discussion about HSIP vs. TAP projects and their goals. **\*\*\*Mr. Martin moved for adoption of the Transportation Alternatives Program Guidelines as printed in our packet today subject to the correction to ad “financial officer” and subject to the addition of some explanatory text to talk about how the point assignment for the selection criteria is to be done. Ms. Munson seconded.** (There was no public comment.) **The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

## VII. New Business

a. **Transportation Improvement Program Amendments** – Ms. Dragovich explained all 4 amendments.

1. **INDOT – Bridge Inspections – Quality Assurance/Quality Control on Statewide Bridge Inspection Data\* (\$250,000 in FY2014)**
2. **INDOT – Bridge Inspections – Statewide Bridge Rehabilitation and Emergency Inspections\*(\$50,000 in FY 2014)**
3. **INDOT – Reflector Refurbishment for SR 37\*(\$200,000 in FY 2014)**
4. **MCCSC – Safe Routes to Schools Non-Infrastructure\***

Ms. Dragovich said these bridges are pulled randomly and the bridges and accompanying forms are re-inspected. The second amendment is to make sure that money is in place in case an emergency inspection is needed. The next one is for refurbishment or replacement of pavement markings (reflectors) on south State Road 37. The 4<sup>th</sup> amendment was in our previous 2012-2015 TIP and needs to be included in the new TIP. Both CAC and TAC approved all 4 amendments.

Mr. Martin asked why we put bridge inspections in the TIP, then INDOT asked to remove them from the TIP and now they want them back in again. Why? Mr. Ude wasn't sure because except for the emergency money, they were done by our central office people. Mr. Martin said he assumed they are in our MPO area rather than simply statewide. Ms. Dragovich said they are statewide. Mr. Martin said he assumed they are putting money in big pool so that INDOT can use when needed wherever needed.

Ms. Munson asked where the raised marking on SR 37 would be placed. Ms. Dragovich said there is a little sliver below where Section 4 will meet up and markers will be refurbished on that sliver if there is any money left over. Ms. Munson asked if similar markings will be placed south of that little sliver. Mr. Ude said INDOT will do SR 37 to the Lawrence Co. line.

**\*\*\*Mr. Martin moved approval of the 4 INDOT amendments listed above to incorporate them into the TIP. Ms. Munson seconded.** (There was no public comment.) **The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

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

a. **Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas**

## IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **Technical Advisory Committee – October 23, 2013, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- b. **Citizens Advisory Committee – October 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- c. **Policy Committee – November 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

X. Ms. Munson said she had hoped that Sandra Flum would be at this meeting to hear her questions. She made comments on the condition of Section 4. After strong rains in June and July, INDOT had a contractor seed and mulch to decrease the erosion that was taking place. Large amounts of sediments washed into streams. There were no big rainfalls from then until Saturday, Oct. 6. She collected water samples in Section 4 east of Harmony Rd. on Sunday. East of Harmony Rd. the water flows into Clear Creek eventually to the White River. West of Harmony Road the water flows into Indian Creek and eventually into the White River. What they observed on Sunday was very different than what they observed in July. On the east side of Harmony Rd there were areas that were not terribly cloudy. The steps INDOT had taken in those areas were working. On the east part of Section 4 near the intersection with SR 37, there was lots of erosion sediment in streams. On the west side of Harmony Rd. samples were taken and were essentially the same as the samples taken in the spring. The steps taken were not adequate. She showed video of erosion and breaching of edges of the berm. She showed video of lots of sediment on Birch Rd. Two miles from the construction area there was a lot of sediment in Harp Spring. Many people are very concerned that construction will be taking place during the winter when it is almost impossible to grow vegetation. Steps need to be taken now while vegetation is still possible to be grown. INDOT had promised to mitigate this. Steps need to be taken now before the ground freezes. Brown water is getting into well water. She charged INDOT and FHWA to fix these problems.

Ms. Bobo said she saw the erosion on the site. Michelle Allen had talked to INDOT about taking more erosion control measures. Only seeding is happening on the site now. FHWA is very concerned and expressing that to INDOT. Rick Marquis has been meeting with the Commissioner of INDOT. Ms. Munson said heard that construction had been halted but it is still going on. People have seen drilling at Breeden Rd. that suggests it's for an overpass. Ms. Bobo said INDOT has said they couldn't work on dirt movement but could work on bridge construction. Ms. Munson said she appreciated that earth moving has stopped. It's not just east of Harmony Rd. There's a big problem at the northeast end where the connection is into SR 37. Mr. Rollo asked Ms. Munson if she had the samples or have they been submitted. Ms. Munson said she has submitted the samples to Todd Stephenson of the Monroe County Stormwater office. Mr. Rollo asked if anyone was trying to assess the impact on aquatic wildlife. Mr. Martin said he wasn't aware that anyone has done any specific studies. Mr. Stephenson had taken samples prior to construction to establish baseline readings. Mr. Rollo asked if this body could request an analysis by Fish and Wildlife to assess the impact on stream quality. **\*\*\* Mr. Rollo moved that staff present a letter at the next meeting that the PC could to Fish and Wildlife asking for an analysis of samples to make a determination of the impact on these affected streams. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.**

Ms. Munson said there is baseline data on these streams that can be found in the EIS. Mr. Banach asked if we are able to make this motion since the item is not on the agenda. Are we able to vote on this without public comment? Mr. Desmond said he thought they could act on the motion but staff could bring a letter to the next meeting if the PC would be more comfortable.

(There was no public comment.)

**\*\*\*The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Mr. Baker thanked FHWA for their vigilance on this issue and asked them to stay involved to keep the environment clean there.

*Adjournment*

*The minutes were approved at the PC meeting held on November 8, 2013 ( ALD ).*