



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2014 Council Chambers 115, City Hall

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner.

Policy Committee: Kent McDaniel (BT), Michelle Allen (FHWA), Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Jason Banach (IU Real Estate), Cheryl Munson (County Council), (INDOT), Dan Swafford (Town of Ellettsville), Jack Baker (City Plan Commission), Laurel Cornell (CAC), Susie Johnson (Public Works), Iris Kiesling (County Plan Commission), Jason Lowther (INDOT), and Bill Williams (County Highway).

Others: Janelle Lemon (INDOT—Section 4 office), Sandra Flum (INDOT—Section 5 office).

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Scott Robinson, and Jane Weiser

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

a. March 7, 2014 – Iris Kiesling moved approval. Jack Baker seconded. Unanimous approval.

III. Communications from the Chair --None

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

a. Citizens Advisory Committee – Ms. Cornell discussed the Mobility Management Project. People must plan when they will need a ride in advance. There is a senior citizen rate for taxis. Barbara Salisbury is making a list of existing transportation that could be used.

b. Technical Advisory Committee – Mr. Reid was not in attendance. Mr. Desmond introduced Sandra Flum. She reported that INDOT is finished with contract negotiations with the I-69 Development Partners. Some preliminary work is being done on the southern end of Section 5 since the trees have been removed. Ms. Munson asked when the contractor will be having public meetings. Ms. Flum said that the project manager of Section 5 had said he would like to meet with local officials. She suggested an open house might be better format. They will have to have a public meeting about the noise wall placement. That meeting would probably happen in the late summer. There will be meetings about aesthetics, too. Ms. Lemon, the project manager for Section 4 of I-69 spoke about runoff and erosion control in Section 4. She said they are regulated by lots of permits. They don't have the option to not do anything. INDOT has adopted pro-active approach to Section 4 regarding soil and sediment control. She explained that INDOT is doing a lot but still some problems crop up. They have 11 people dedicated fulltime to erosion control. Each contractor is also required to have a staff person dedicated full time to stormwater compliance. She has learned that the erosion control measures are organized in systems. It is very important to understand that these measures are to reduce sediment in water. Water won't be crystal clear coming out of these systems in every case. She asked what questions they may want answers for.

Mr. Baker said that several specific issues were brought up by Ms. Munson. Have they answered those questions? If you can't answer today, I would like you to come back with answers. Ms. Lemon said she gets lots of emails every day. It takes lots of time to answer questions in letters. When they receive letters they are shared with other staff and agencies. Usually when something is brought to their attention, it has already been known to INDOT. Mr. Baker asked if anything has been started to correct problems brought up by Ms. Munson. Ms. Lemon said yes but changing conditions can affect corrections. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Munson if she was satisfied with answers. Ms. Munson said, "Not entirely." She continues to get reports about erosion in Section 4. People have trouble observing problem areas since they are not allowed in the construction zone. She asked Ms. Lemon when they

would like to get the questions so that you can make your presentation. Ms. Lemon said she would like the questions in 2 weeks. Mr. Desmond requested the questions to be submitted to the MPO staff and staff will forward them to Ms. Lemon. Ms. Munson said she wants the public's questions answered. It was decided that the public should submit questions to Ms. Munson who will submit to Mr. Desmond for submittal to Ms. Lemon. Ms. Lemon said she will plan to come back on May 9 to address the questions.

Ms. Johnson asked Ms. Lemon if people find these problems that are the result of a failure of an INDOT system, would it get quicker attention if they contact INDOT directly. Lemon said yes. Ms. Allen said she has seen problems fixed on the spot in most cases. Really general comments are difficult to address. She noted that she had observed a lot of dirty water for various reasons in the area when there is a lot of rain. They have not had a lot of experience working in areas like this. She has lots of questions, too. Ms. Cornell suggested presenting a presentation on erosion and sediment control like they saw at Road School. Ms. Kiesling asked if there are people on the site 24 hours a day that we can contact. Ms. Lemon's contacts are: jlemon@INDOT.in.gov and phone: 812-895-7356.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. **MTP Task Force** – Mr. Desmond presented the report. He talked about built roads. The report covers projects that had been done and those that hadn't been done. The next meeting will be 5/19. Ms. Allen asked about pavement preservation and maintenance. Mr. Desmond said they are not that far along yet but intend to include that.
- b. **Administrative Amendments to the TIP** – Ms. Dragovich said that there had been 2 administrative amendments. Both were approved by email. One amendment was about moving funding for the downtown pedestrian curb ramp project from 2015 to 2016. The other project was for the purchase of one bus by BT.

VI. Old Business --None

VII. New Business

- a. **Fiscal Years 2015-2016 UPWP Discussion** – Mr. Desmond presented the draft of the FY 2015-2016 UPWP. The numbers in this document do not reflect an addition of \$10,000. That will be corrected in the document. The work elements have been reduced from 8 down to 4 elements. This simplifies the plan. 1.) Administration, 2.) Programming, 3.) Planning and 4.) Data Collection and Analysis. He explained what each task classification includes. Staff has to update the memorandum of understanding with INDOT by FY 2015. The MPO has to go through FHWA re-certification. Planning task group includes completing our MTP. Mr. May has a couple of BT transit studies. The MPO has helped with funding in the past. Another task (that was suggested by the CAC) would be doing another project or two with students from Rose Hulman. Staff is proposing to conduct a Bus Stop Accessibility study in FY 2016. Staff plans to bring the FY 2015-2016 UPWP to the PC for a vote on May 9th.

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

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

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **Technical Advisory Committee – April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- b. **Citizens Advisory Committee – April 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- c. **Policy Committee – May 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment—2:29 pm