



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2013 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

*Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner.
Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning Department for reference.*

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): David Sabbagh, Paul Ash, Elizabeth Cox-Ash, James Reed, Ken Campanella, Patrick Murray, Glenn Carter, Sarah Ryterband, Sarah Clevenger, Anita Douglas, Mary Jane Hall, Ted Miller, Jack Baker, Morris Buckley, Ross Dybrig, Randy Cassidy, Ayman Ashwaiheen, Bill Milroy, Keith Williamson, and John Kehrberg

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Jim Ude (INDOT), Vince Caristo (MPO Staff), Scott Robinson (MPO Staff), and Anna Dragovich (MPO Staff)

I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:30 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes – The September 25, 2013 minutes were approved by the Committee.

III. Communications from the Chair – none

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. MTP Task Force – Ms. Dragovich reported that the Task Force continues to regularly meet and provide general direction over the development of the Master Transportation Plan. The next meeting is October 28 and the Task Force continues to review draft goals and objective. The consultant will be here on October 31st for a model update.

B. Project Updates – none

V. Reports from MPO Staff – none

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

A. National Highway System – Mr. Caristo provided an overview of the materials included in the meeting packet. He gave a presentation of all three items under new business together. All MPO's are doing a comprehensive review of state and federal updates to the National Highway System (NHS), National Truck Network (NTN), and Federal functional classification networks. Each of these networks has undergone changes as a result of the passage of MAP-21 and 2010 Census. Caristo explained the changes to these three networks and their respective recommendations for revisions, and the approval process. Ms. Ryterband asked for clarification on removing some roads from the NHS and its funding sources. Caristo explained that some roads were removed because there is no local benefit to designate and continue to be the responsibility of INDOT. He continued that in the future the MPO could change these designations. Mr. Baker asked why would we take them out and Caristo said there are design, data, and other requirements they must meet, but with no access for additional local funding. Mr. Carter asked why the western-most portion of SR 48 was not included and Caristo said staff assumes because it has little significance in the national network as it becomes very rural in character beyond the MPO boundary.

B. National Truck Network

Mr. Caristo said there were no changes to this network other than including I69. Staff is recommending that it be the same as the NHS network. Ms. Clevenger said trains play a large role in freight and Caristo said this map does not reflect freight in regards to the rail road networks.

C. Federal Functional Classification

Mr. Caristo explained the 12 classification system changed into a 7 classification system. This resulted in classification changes, but there are several new, corrected, or removal of a roadways classification based on our preliminary review. Caristo reviewed the specific roads identified on the map where changes occurred. Ms. Ryterband asked if classification designations are based on funding and Caristo said classification changes will not change current funding arrangements. Discussion ensued about the purpose of designations from a user standpoint and Mr. Sabbagh said these designations are important. Mr. Baker asked about future connections such as Fullerton and their funding. Caristo said this is a factor for near future connections. Mrs. Cox-Ash asked that the truck network be passed on to trucking agencies for their GPS. *****Mr. Ash motioned to include all three new business items as one item and Ms. Hall seconded, motion was approved by voice vote*****
*****Mr. Baker motioned approval of the three networks with the recommended changes, Mr. Ash seconded, motion was approved by voice vote*****

D. Project Selection Process Discussion – Ms. Dragovich included some materials in the packet regarding examples of ways other MPOs select their projects based on Mr. Baker’s topic request. The CAC developed one based on the Vision Statement, but it was never fully utilized. CAC members mentioned issues over transit, maintenance, and other items that it did not do well at considering. There was interest from the CAC to have priorities that reflect our values. Mr. Sabbagh asked everyone if a system should be very detailed as this one is, or one that is more general. Discussion ensued over the objective and subjective nature of evaluating projects, the transportation model, and other decision tools. Mr. Robinson explained that staff is seeking ways for more meaningful CAC involvement and will continue to work with the CAC on this topic.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – Mr. Carter requested a presentation on innovative financing by INDOT.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – November 8, 2013 (Council Chambers)**
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – November 20, 2013 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – November 20, 2013 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)**

X. Topic Suggestions under Consideration for Future Discussion

Communication & Public Coordination Improvements, Bike/Pedestrian Set Aside Money

Adjournment (~7:40 PM)

These minutes were accepted (SR) by the CAC at their regular meeting held on November 20, 2013.