



POLICY COMMITTEE

January 9, 2015

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers (#115)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 12, 2014
 - b. November 7, 2014
- IV. Communications from the Chair
- V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - a. Citizens Advisory Committee
 - b. Technical Advisory Committee
- VI. Reports from the MPO Staff
 - a. Upcoming Business for 2015
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments*
 - i. DES# 1401351 - Concrete Pavement Restoration
 - ii. DES# 1401344 - Concrete Pavement Restoration
- IX. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)
 - a. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- X. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Technical Advisory Committee – January 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - b. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - c. Policy Committee – February 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

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



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2014 Council Chambers Room 115, City Hall

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Policy Committee: Laurel Cornell (CAC), Cheryl Munson (Monroe County Council), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway), Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Andy Ruff (Bloomington City Council), Scott Wells (Monroe County Plan Commission), Tony McClellan (INDOT), Tom Micuda (City of Bloomington), Jason Banach (IU)

Others: Rachel Bunn (Herald Times), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Liz Irwin (Chamber of Commerce), Sandra Flum (INDOT)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Jane Weiser

I. Call to Order:

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. June 13, 2014:

Tom Micuda moved approval of the June 13, 2014 minutes. Scott Wells requested the record reflect there were pictures presented during the meeting as part of the discussion of I69. The minutes were approved with the amendments requested by Scott Wells through unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair: None at this time.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees:

A. Citizens Advisory Committee: None at this time.

B. Technical Advisory Committee:

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held August 27th, 2014. The agenda for that meeting was the same as the agenda for today's MPO Policy Committee meeting. The committee voted unanimously in support of the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment which is on the MPO Plan Commission agenda for today.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff:

A. MTP Task Force:

Josh Desmond reported that the next meeting for the Task Force currently scheduled for September 22nd will be cancelled to give staff and the consultant for the travel demand model more time to wrap up the last steps in preparing the model and creating documents. The next meeting will take place in October 27th. That should give lots of time for staff to make progress. It will also give staff time to prepare for some open houses for the public to give input on the transportation plan. The open houses will be held in early to mid November.

B. Quarterly Tracking Report:

Desmond said the quarterly report is included in the packet. It is to show progress as projects proceed from the time they enter the TIP until their letting date. It helps staff see if the projects are moving forward on schedule and meeting the allotted budget. Some projects have recently gone to let, some are in construction and others are on track for later this year. Desmond highlighted the end of the report where Anna Dragovich has prepared graphs to show the status of different projects. Most of the graphs show the projects are close to their expectations in regards to expense and progress.

VI. Old Business: None at this time.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment- INDOT Bridge Inspection:

There is one TIP amendment for approval as requested by the State of Indiana. It is to add \$250,000 in bridge funds for Fiscal Year 2015 for quality assurance and quality control audits on state and county bridge inspection data. This is for an independent consultant to come in and do a random sampling of state and county bridge inspection data from all over the state and analyze it to make sure the inspections are done accurately and timely. The auditor could even do another inspection to make sure the prior inspection was done correctly. This amendment is to provide the funding for this audit to happen throughout the state. There was an identical amendment to this in the TIP for fiscal year 2014, so this is not the first time this funding has been added to the TIP to fund this audit. The \$250,000 is for all MPOs statewide. This way the state can pay for the audit regardless of which MPO district the inspection sampling comes from. The TAC and CAC both made recommendations for approval.

Jack Baker asked to clarify if the money was being transferred from the budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Desmond clarified it is an additional \$250,000 and not a transfer from Fiscal Year 2014. Scott Wells asked if this is just for Fiscal Year 2015. Desmond clarified it was; if the state needed to add funds for Fiscal Year 2016, the funds would need to be added to the TIP at that time. Cheryl Munson asked what would happen if the auditor found a red flag. Desmond said he was not sure, but it would probably need to be address by whoever completed the initial audit. Tony McClellan said if a red flag was found, the inspector could go through remediation to train them for what to be looking for in the future, or the inspector could be disqualified from doing inspections in the future, depending on if they had had problems in the past.

**Tom Micuda moved for approval. Cheryl Munson seconded. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote; 9:0.

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

A. I69 Erosion control issues:

Scott Wells presented a power point showing continuing problems with erosion and water control caused by I69 construction. He mentioned in the summer there were some meetings scheduled but then cancelled before the erosion problems were resolved. He feels the meetings were cancelled and the general discussion stopped to prevent our funding from being pulled. He is using the photos in the slide show to illustrate how the erosion control problems have not been fixed. The photos are of properties owned by the Tokarski family, the Swopes family, the Knapp family, the Garvey family and the Wisniewski family in the Section 4 area of I69 after

rainfalls of between 1 and 1 1/2 inches each in July, August and September. Wells reminded the Plan Committee the first complaints were made in Monroe County in May of last year and these photos demonstrate that the issues remain. The sediment in the water is going directly into people's water supplies. Wells made three requests of INDOT: to supply potable water for the Garvey and Knapp families because their water supplies have been permanently destroyed by the erosion, to correct the drainage pattern soil runoff problems on the Wisniewski property, and to correct the drainage design flaws that cause the repeated bouts of choking siltation and sedimentation in the waterways in the area. He questioned what impact this is having on the environment.

Cheryl Munson has promoted I69's construction ever since the decision to build Section 4 was made to help the construction be the best it can be in the fragile environment. The impression among the public that members of the MPO are fighting I69 is a misconception. The committee members have responsibilities to make sure the concerns and problems experienced by the people in this region are heard and acted upon. There was a meeting with Bill Williams to attempt to find a solution to the flooding problem on the Wisniewski property and a meeting with representatives from INDOT and the Chamber of Commerce about the Garvey water supply and the Wisniewski flooding. Both meetings left Munson feeling hopeful because some solutions were presented. No action has yet been taken because INDOT is waiting on an estimate from Mr. Garvey on the cost to connect his water supply to a commercial source and to fix his contaminated pond as well as information from an environmental engineering specialist for mitigation measures to change the course of the water on the Wisniewski land to prevent more flooding. Munson is concerned the issues will not be resolved. She will be giving updates on the status of these issues until a solution has been reached. This is a problem for everyone since it involves people affected by a state and federal project.

Wells added these problems all stem from the karst features in the corridor. There are more karst features than expected, which has caused all these environmental problems and time delays.

Andy Ruff talked about the environmental impacts. Any amount of rain causes these problems with sedimentation. Indian Creek is a state designated high value stream with national and international significance because it is a karst stream. This stream has been ecologically sacrificed for this project. That stream is an unrecognized sacrifice of the project.

Tony McClellan spoke on behalf of INDOT. He stated they are concerned about the environmental issues. They have tried to provide answers, even if not everyone is happy with them. What has happened is the MPO has spent a lot of time talking about issues that are not within its jurisdiction. Because of this, INDOT is taking a different stance. They still want to hear these concerns, but they want them addressed through the Chamber of Commerce or through the project manager and customer service lines. McClellan has heard people say there is no accountability, but there are many agencies looking at these issues and they have continuously found INDOT is complying. McClellan can't control what is discussed during the MPO meetings, but INDOT will only discuss issues within the Policy Committee's jurisdiction. Even in those cases there will be better results if the issues are brought through the proper channels.

Wells said he appreciates McClellan is here because communication is the first step. He does not agree that addressing the issues through the Chamber of Commerce is an efficient method of having the issues heard. He, Cheryl Munson, Iris Kiesling, Bill Williams and others on the Policy Committee represent these affected areas. The Policy Committee is where you get direct feedback on these issues. He doesn't agree INDOT is following the policies if people are experiencing the same sedimentation problems following moderate rains a year after the issue was first raised. In his business, if he saw water coming out like that, he would know there was an issue. He just hopes we can do a better job on this.

Munson asked that the phone numbers and names of the contacts on the project manager and customer service lines be available to members of the MPO Policy Committee and the Herald Times so people know who to contact when they have a problem. She will be happy to listen to people about any problems they experience.

Ruff said it wasn't long ago when the State of Indiana threatened to take away the funding for this MPO on unrelated projects when the MPO considered not approving funding for projects related to I69 that are in the jurisdiction of the MPO. I69 is one project that impacts every area. He does not agree that discussing I69 during these meetings is inappropriate. Wells agreed.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – September 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – September 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Policy Committee – October 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment

*These minutes were adopted by the Policy Committee at their meeting held on _
(JFW)*



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014 Council Chambers Room 115 City Hall**

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Attendance

Policy Committee: Jason Banach (IU, Director of Real Estate), Tom Micuda (proxy for Mayor COB), Tony McClellan (INDOT), Scott Wells (Monroe Co. Plan Commission), Iris Kiesling (Monroe Co. Commissioner), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transit Corp.), Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Bill Williams (Monroe Co. Highway Dept), Cheryl Munson (Monroe Co. Council), Laurel Cornell (MPO-Citizens Advisory Committee).

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT-I69 Section 5 Office), Larry Jacobs (Bloomington Chamber of Commerce)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, Scott Robinson, Emily Avers

- I. **Call to Order**—Kent McDaniel called the meeting to order at 1:35.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** None at this time. Minutes have fallen behind because of staffing changes but will be caught up as quickly as possible and provided for review.
- III. **Communications from the Chair:** None at this time.
- IV. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. **Citizens Advisory Committee:** None at this time.
 - B. **Technical Advisory Committee:**

Tom Micuda presented the update from the Technical Advisory Committee. At their last meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee discussed the TIP amendments in packet for this meeting of the MPO Policy Committee. All amendments were unanimously approved by the TAC.
 - C. **Report on progress of I69:**

Sandra Flum presented an update on I69 Section 5. A public open house was held October 28th with approximately 125 people in attendance. The aesthetic treatments including bridge work and landscaping for Section 5 were displayed and a vote was held. Comments and votes are still being accepted at the Section 5 Office through November 14th. Ms. Flum encouraged members from the MPO to come and provide input. There have been lane closures and night time work to locate utility depths. After that is completed, there will be some geotechnical work done under the lanes that will require some day time lane closures. Full on construction will come in a few weeks. The developer's plan is to do patching work on the road at the north of Monroe County and then move to widen sections of the road between That Road and State Road 46 to create a third lane. After the road widening or possibly at the same time they will begin construction of the overpass to connect That Road with Rockport Road.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. MTP Task Force:

Josh Desmond presented an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The new travel demand model is complete. At this time we are waiting for the consultant to install the program and complete staff training. This should be done in next couple of weeks. There will be two public input meetings next week. The first will be Wednesday the 12th at the Downtown Transit building. The second meeting will be Thursday the 13th at the Ellettsville branch of the Monroe County library. Both meetings will be held at 7:00 pm. The meetings are to preview our vision statement and goals as well as to get input in spending priorities for projects in the area over the next 25 years.

B. Quarterly Tracking Report:

Anna Dragovich reported that the meeting for the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 was held October 21st. The report is available in the packet. The projects have been analyzed by both development time and funding. All projects have been moving along at the targeted pace with some projects being completed even faster than anticipated. There are a few upcoming project lettings including 17th and Jordan in December of 2014, Mt. Tabor Bridge in March of 2015, Old 37 and Dunn in November of 2015.

C. 2015 Meeting Schedule:

The schedule of meetings for 2015 is available in the packet. The schedule follows the format we've followed in previous years as to which Friday of the month the meeting will be held and which room the meeting will be in. Jason Banach requested to move meetings from Friday afternoon to any other time, except Monday mornings.

D. MPO Open House:

The annual MPO Open House will be held December 12th. Let Ms. Dragovich know of attendance by December 5th so she can provide enough refreshments. The open house is an opportunity for all MPO committees to meet.

VI. Old Business—None at this time

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Committee Appointments:

TIP volunteers are needed to serve on the TAP Selection Committee for the Fiscal Years 2016-2019. The call for projects will be coming out before the Thanksgiving holiday and the goal is to have the projects approved by next spring. The call for projects will be for projects for all three of our funding sources STP, HSIP and TAP. The TAP Committee will rank and make selections among the proposed projects. The TAP Committee will be made up of 1-2 appointments and/or volunteers from each MPO committee. The TAP Committee is usually a short process, with maybe only one meeting. Members will be sent a packet of the proposed projects and then vote at the meeting. The meeting will be held sometime in January. Jack Baker and Iris Kiesling volunteered to serve.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mr. McDaniel requested the Committee review the TIP amendments in total and vote on all amendments at the end. The committee agreed. Mr. Desmond explained changes to the TIP funding. Unspent funds from our annual allocation will no longer roll over from Fiscal Year to Fiscal Year. We will be able to use our unspent funding accrued through Fiscal Year 2014 beginning in Fiscal Year 2016. We will be able to supplement our annual spending amount through this separate fund until the fund is depleted. We have created a 5 year plan to get our spending in line with these changes. The first 3 amendments on the agenda are INDOT amendments we will need to complete. These are not part of the 5 year plan discussed previously. Amendments 4-12 are amendments specifically designed to get the TIP in line with the 5 year plan. Amendment 13 is from Ellettsville and it is also not part of the process of readjusting the 5 year plan. Some projects are set up as “place holder” projects to get funding in place for future projects that are not yet programmed. Two of those projects for 2017 are noted on an additional handout. No projects have been assigned for HSIP or TAP. Those will be determined by TAP in January. No projects have been lost because of funding changes. Some projects were moved from year to year, others have had funding amount changes. Ms. Dragovich mentioned we went through the 30 day public comment period with no comments from the public.

- **DES# 1297004-** Bridge Deck Overlay: There has been a change to the fiscal year for funding and the funding amount. Jack Baker requested the reason for the large decrease in the funding amount. Ms. Dragovich said consultant working on project reanalyzed project cost and found a less expensive treatment.
- **DES# 1383224-** Surface Treatment on SR 46: There was a change in the funding amount.
- **DES# 14001180-** Traffic Signal Visibility Improvement: This is a new project to the TIP.
- **Remove DES #1382427-** W 2nd Street Feasibility Study: This change was requested by the City of Bloomington.
- **DES# 1400167-** Bikeways Projects: The funding for this project is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 1400166-** Pedestrian Curb Ramps: The funding for this project is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 1382429-** Black Lumber Trail: The construction funding is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 0901730-** Tapp & Rockport Intersection: There has been an increase on the design budget and a change for the fiscal year on right-of-way (ROW) funding.
- **DES# 1297060-** Old St Rd 37 & Dunn St.: Funding increased for construction and the split between funding pools changed.
- **DES# 0901710-** 17th St & Jordan Ave: The funding for this project decreased.
- **DES# 0801059-** Fullerton Pike: The funding for this project was previously spread over two years; it will now be funded over one year.

- **DES# 1382431-** Karst Farm Trail Phase 3: The funding will be split between our annual allocation and balance.
- **Remove DES# 1297579-** Heritage Trail Phase 2: The removal of this project was requested by Ellettsville
- **DES# 1401359-** This is an HSIP place holder project for \$389,686.
- **DES# 1401360-** This is a TAP place holder project for \$152,762.

Mr. McDaniel asked for questions from the Committee. There were none. Mr. McDaniel asked for public comment. There was none.

****Mr. Micuda submitted a motion to pass all amendments. Ms. Kiesling seconded the motion. The amendments were approved through a unanimous voice vote.**

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

- Concern about I69 Section 6:** Scott Wells voiced concern about the absence of funding for Section 6. The private operator responsible for the Indiana Toll Road filed bankruptcy. The toll road is currently experiencing repair problems and question of who is responsible to make repairs. What happens if the partners on this section go bankrupt and what is our contingency plan for this possibility?
- Changes to IU transportation:** Mr. McDaniel mentioned IU has worked on a bicycle master plan. The plan is to make bicycle paths seamless between campus and the City of Bloomington. There will be an inter-campus shuttle starting between the IU and IUPUI campuses and the statehouse. This shuttle will run in addition to the airport shuttle currently in operation. Service on the new shuttle should begin December 1st.
- Fullerton Pike Public hearing:** Bill Williams stated that the public hearing for Fullerton Pike will be held in next couple of weeks.
- Topic Suggestions for future agendas:** None at this time.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- Technical Advisory Committee – November 19, 2014 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- Citizens Advisory Committee – November 19, 2014 3:00 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- Policy Committee – Tentatively January 9, 2015 at 1:30pm. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment

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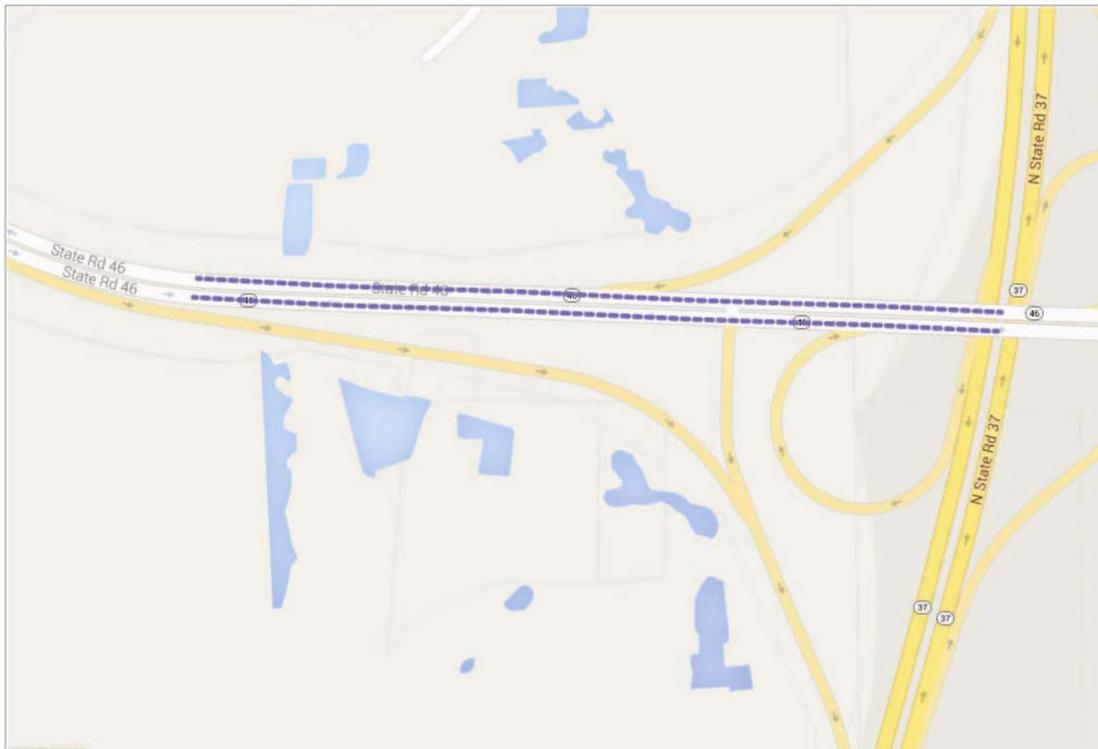
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee
 From: Anna Dragovich, Senior Transportation Planner
 Date: January 9, 2015
 Re: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Indiana Department of Transportation

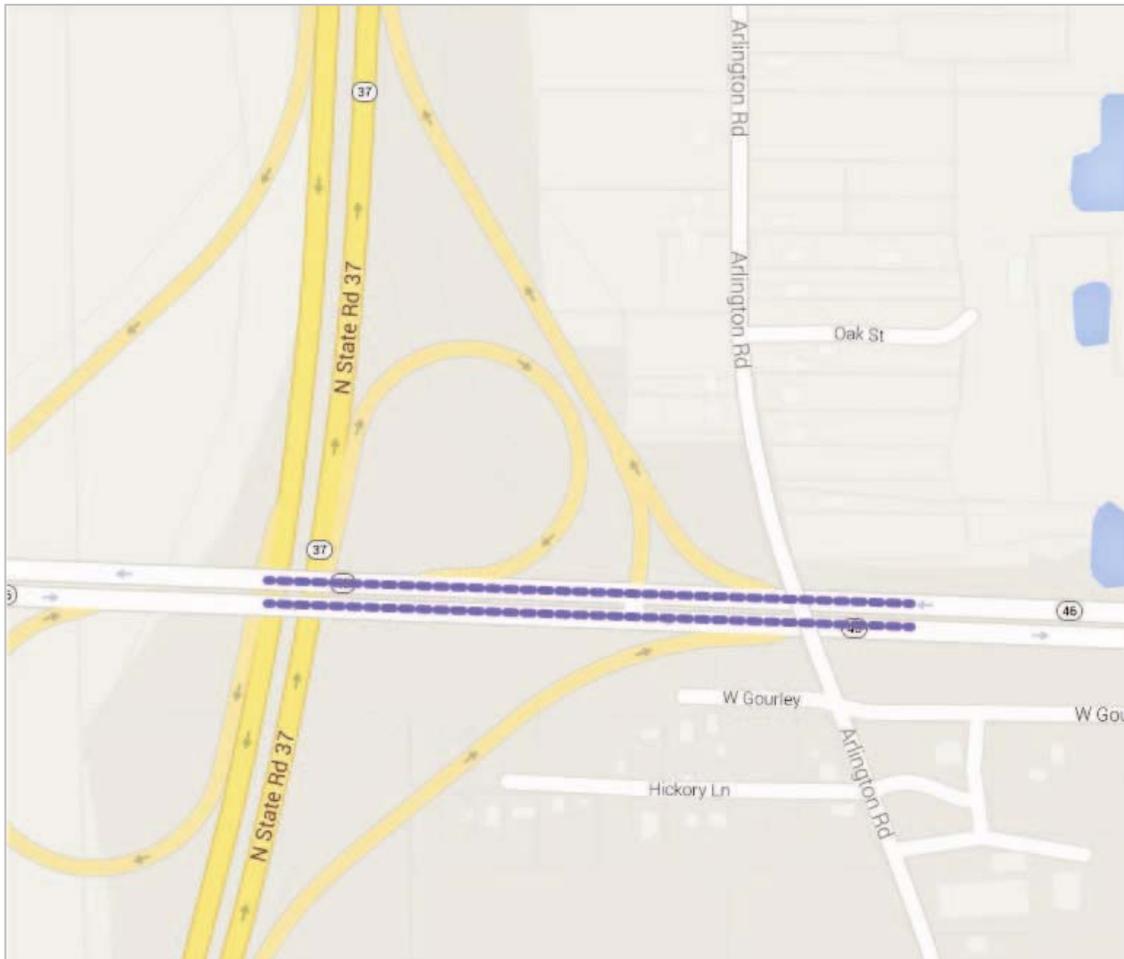
The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has requested to add two projects to FY 2016 in the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. This program will fund concrete pavement restoration on both State Route 46/State Route 45.

State of Indiana Projects		Funding Source	Fiscal year			
			2014	2015	2016	2017
Project:	SR 46	PE				
Location:	From end of Concrete Section to SR 37					
Description:	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	RW				
DES#	1401351	ON	STP		\$ 163,200	
Support:			State		\$ 40,800	
Allied Projects:	DES# 1401344	TOTAL			204,000	



Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization

State of Indiana Projects		Funding Source	Fiscal year			
			2014	2015	2016	2017
Project:	SR 45					
Location:	From SR 37 to the end of Concrete Section (RP 38+13 to 38+53)	PE				
Description:	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	RW				
DES#:	1401344	CN			\$ 164,000	
Support:					\$ 41,000	
Allied Projects:	DES# 1401351	TOTAL			\$ 205,000	



Requested Action

The Policy Committee is asked to vote on the above amendments