



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

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Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), Steve Cotter (proxy for Dave Williams--City Parks), Laura Haley (City ITS), Perry Maull (Campus Bus), Lew May (BT), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Frank Nierzwicki (Ellettsville), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Jay Mitchell (proxy for Emmanuel Nsonwu INDOT), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Mike Trexler (Bloomington Controller), John Collisson (County Highway), and Gregg Zody (Monroe Co. Planning).

Others: Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker), David Butts (INDOT), Jim Stark (INDOT), Jay Mitchell (INDOT), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

- I. Call to Order**—Adrian Reid called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. May 27, 2009**—Mr. Micuda moved approval. Mr. Maull seconded. Unanimous voice vote.
- III. Communications from the Chair**—No report.
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects**

B. Updates on ARRA projects

Mr. May said they had had another charette on the Downtown Transit Facility which went very well. They will probably settle on a final concept in the next 2-3 weeks. This is an ARRA funded project. Mr. Collisson reported that the Smith and Rogers project is going slowly due to constant rain. They anticipate an October letting for the 2 condemned parcels. Mr. Reid said that City Engineering is working on ARRA projects including the Safe Routes to School. That project has had a complication due to 2 DES numbers which should be resolved this week. Mr. May said that BT submitted a grant application for some discretionary ARRA funding for 5 hybrid buses. The funding is 100%. They are not very optimistic about getting those funds since there were only \$100 million designated for this kind of funding for the whole country. Mr. Nierzwicki reported that the survey work has begun for their Heritage Trail. The local match has been secured. They anticipate looking at Phase 3 which will run from Main St. up to McNeely. Mr. Reid said they have 2 RFPs out for a roundabout and some right-of-way services. Those are due July 1. Mr. Cotter said that the B-Line Trail dedication will be on Friday at 4:30.

Mr. Hess reminded the TAC that the Policy Committee had stipulated that they be reported to on the status of their ARRA-funded projects at their Sept. meeting. Staff will be contacting the LPAs over the summer to get some form to present to them. INDOT has indicated that they are looking at a letting by Dec. to get those projects to meet the deadlines as prescribed in the

legislation. If any of your projects are starting to lag behind, we need to know as soon as possible because their might be other projects that could step in place of a project that can't make the timeline. The City had a traffic signalization process that might be a possibility is another project is falling behind schedule. We will need to know that in order to reprogram, make TIP amendments, etc. Mr. Nierzwicki said that he had been reminding people in Ellettsville not to look at the March date since everyone will be applying at the same time; he was asking for Nov. or Dec. Mr. Hess said staff would like a paragraph from everyone to present to the Policy Committee at their Sept. 11 meeting.

V. **Reports from the MPO Staff** –No report other than the above.

VI. **Old Business**

A. FY 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment
(Recommendation Requested)

Josh Desmond presented the proposed amended UPWP draft for the TAC to consider for adoption. Last year a 2-year Work Program was adopted to lock in funding. We got our additional allocation for 2010 which we need to amend into the Work Program. The additional funds are around \$311,000 of federal funding plus the 20% local match which comes to \$389,000. The new elements include Census 2010, ADA transition plans, Quarterly Reports on all local TIP projects to FHWA, TE local administration, another Transit Facility study, and coordination of Car Sharing Program (which will start on the IU campus). Mr. Nierzwicki asked when the Long Range Plan update would be coming in. Mr. Desmond said staff has found that a fairly insignificant update will suffice at this time. It makes more sense to do modeling after the census. Staff is recommending approval of this amendment. *****Mr. Micuda moved approval. Mr. Nierzwicki seconded the motion. The amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

B. FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
(Recommendation Requested)

Mr. Hess presented the TIP. We have to develop one of these each year to reflect how federal transportation funds are being spent on infrastructure type projects. This year the Complete Streets policy came into play. Included in the packet are the project descriptions for the 6 applicable projects. Pursuant to the Complete Streets Policy, the Policy Committee is going to have to certify through resolution that the projects are compliant. So in addition to action regarding the TIP, we are going to also ask for a recommendation regarding those projects' compliance. INDOT projects included in the TIP in 2009 were just carried forward to 2010 since their projected costs are very similar. The only INDOT project with changes is the SR 45/46 Bypass from Kinser Pike to Pete Ellis Dr. which is now projected to cost \$24.5 million. The date was pushed back as well. Monroe County projects are very similar to their 2009 projected costs except for cost increases to Fullerton Pike and Mt. Tabor Bridge. Both projects are subject to the Complete Streets Policy. Off system bridges cannot receive ARRA funding so Mr. Williams has deleted their previously approved bridge deck overlay project, put the funding into his pavement preservation and added a new length of road, Business 37 from SR 37 to Old 37. City of Bloomington projects with changes include the Arlington Rd. roundabout, 17th and Jordan improvements, B-Line Trail from west of Rogers down to Country Club, Cascades Trail Phase I (from Old SR 37 to Club House Dr.), Jackson Creek Trail, Old SR 37 &

Dunn St. intersection improvements, Rogers St., Sare Rd. roundabout, Tapp & Rockport Rd. roundabout, and Walnut St. pavement preservation & sidewalk restoration. The following projects were removed: the SR 45/46 Pedestrian Overpass, Sare Rd. Phase II, Tapp Rd. Phase III, and Weimer Rd. realignment. For the Town of Ellettsville, we moved back the construction years from 2009 to 2010 for the existing projects. All Community School Corporation projects were moved from 2009 to 2010. Changes to Bloomington Transit include a cost decrease in the Operational Assistance Project, Downtown Transit Facility project year was changed from 2009 to 2010, and some minor cost changes to maintenance. IU changed some existing projects from our existing TIP and added some additional costs for bus replacement for 2012 and 2013. There were a few other changes as found in the packet.

Mr. Reid made a correction to page 87 concerning the Atwater and Henderson project. Mr. Micuda asked about shifting the Arlington/Monroe/17th roundabout back to 2013 from 2012. Why was that done? Mr. Reid said that they forget to put the full construction amount for S. Rogers St. in last year's TIP. That delayed the roundabout for 1 year. *****Mr. Maull moved for approval. Mr. Micuda seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Mr. Micuda said there isn't really anything for the Fullerton/Gordon/Rhorer project except for an RFP. What are we evaluating in terms of Complete Streets compliance? Mr. Hess explained. Mr. Micuda noted that at this stage it is more of a statement of intent to comply. *****Mr. Micuda moved to approve all of the Complete Street compliance statements and integrate them into the TIP. Mr. Stark seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

C. I-69 Hardship Right-of-Way Acquisition *(Recommendation Requested)*

Mr. Desmond presented the report. On March 15, 2009 the PC voted this request down. INDOT has approached the MPO again to put this on the agenda to reconsider this request. The facts have not changed. This is a hardship acquisition request put forward by the homeowner. This property will be impacted by any I-69 scenario. There have been ongoing discussions with INDOT and FHWA which have resulted in several points being made regarding our role in this. This request allows nothing more than what happens with this one piece of property. But since this is connected with a regionally significant project this purchase is considered regionally significant. State funds could not be used for this purchase. The I-69 project is in our Long Range Plan. Although FHWA refrained from putting this in writing, it was explained to the MPO staff that although we may approve a local TIP for all of our funding, it is ultimately up to the Governor to sign off on that TIP as part of the State TIP. That signature could be withheld if INDOT does not like our decision. Ultimately the State has control of our STP funding. We exist as an MPO through a contractual agreement with the State. That contract could be ended. We could lose funding, have funding delayed and be locked into the most recent approved TIP. Staff suggested considering that this is impacting a local property owner. This is not INDOT necessarily getting their foot in the door to progress with building I-69. Mr. Stark said he appreciated Mr. Desmond's remarks since they reflect what Mr. Stark has been told by FHWA. INDOT's position is to be cooperative, work with everybody and continually work on your transportation program to make it best for the MPO. Mr. Desmond said that the staff recommendation was to consider the consequences of your vote. Mr. Butts reported that

he had found out that the homeowner does not have to be residing on the property for the acquisition to take place. Mr. Zody asked if hardship acquisitions were going to go on throughout the state or are they just doing this for a particular homeowner. Mr. Butts said that it occurs all over. There was more discussion about the frequency hardship acquisition requests. Mr. Micuda asked if INDOT has any petitions on file for hardship acquisitions that they are considering at this point. Mr. Butts said they are processing one in Greene County. Ms. Hamman said that she has an appointment with somebody in Martinsville this afternoon.

Mr. Maull acknowledged that they were all in the same position. The acquisition is consistent with the Long Range Plan. It was supported in March. Mr. Micuda said that at the last meeting INDOT indicated that they wanted to meet with the MPO about this acquisition in more detail. He was disappointed that they never had that meeting. We did get to talk to FHWA. He asked the INDOT representatives why they never had the meeting. Mr. Stark said that upon speaking with his bosses, they thought INDOT had already presented their information to the MPO. Working through federal guidelines in this environment, these consequences have been on the books for years. INDOT had already asked the MPO to be cooperative to amend it into their TIP. Mr. Micuda said that with all due respect INDOT can convey information prior to this meeting and would certainly expect INDOT to convey this in person or in conference call. He will support the amendment. *****Mr. Maull said that since I-69 is already in the Long Range Plan, on a technical basis it should be approved. He moved to amend the TIP to include the right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Zody seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

VII. New Business

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – June 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Summer Recess – July 2009

C. Technical Advisory Committee – August 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

D. Citizens Advisory Committee – August 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on August 26, 2009 (RCH 08/26/2009)