



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2010

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

McCloskey Room (#135)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Election of Officers (per the [Operational Bylaws](#))
  - A. Chair
  - B. Vice-Chair
- III. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. September 23, 2009
  - B. November 18, 2009 Notes (no approval required)
- IV. Communications from the Chair
- V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
  - A. Updates on BMCMPPO/ARRA funded projects
- VI. Reports from the MPO Staff
  - A. ADA Transition Plans
  - B. TIP Amendments 1/8/10
  - C. Mt. Tabor Rd/Matthews Dr. Bridge #33
  - D. The Jobs Bill (ARRA pt. 2)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)
  - A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas
- X. Upcoming Meetings
  - A. Technical Advisory Committee – February 24, 2010; 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
  - B. Citizens Advisory Committee – February 24, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
  - C. Policy Committee – March 12, 2010; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 23, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

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

**Attendance**

**Technical Advisory Committee:** John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), John Collison (County Highway), Laura Haley (City ITS), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Jeff McMillian (City Controller), Jim Ude (INDOT), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Gregg Zody (Monroe Co. Planning).

**Others:** Joyce Williams (City Engineering), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), 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. August 26, 2009**—Tom Micuda moved approval. Jim Ude seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote

**III. Communications from the Chair**—No report.

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

**A. Updates on BMCMPO funded projects**

Mr. Collisson said that the project at Rogers and Smith is done. They are still doing land acquisition for the Vernal Pike project.

**B. Updates on ARRA projects**

Mr. Reid said that they are waiting on the 4<sup>th</sup> St. signals. INDOT required another report making sure that no wildlife is nesting in the signals. Mr. Ude said that the papers are at the office today for review. Mr. Reid said that 10 letters of intent had been received for the Tapp/Rockport Rd. roundabout. They have a consultant beginning to survey this week at Sare and Rogers. The project at 17<sup>th</sup> and Arlington is coming along.

Dave Williams said that Parks submitted B-Line Phase II on Sept. 1 to INDOT in Seymour.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

**A. FY 2009 Annual Completion Report**

Raymond Hess presented a synopsis of the Annual Completion Report. This report will be submitted to INDOT today with FHWA copied on it. It shows how the MPO is spending their money. Expenditures are fairly typical of our usual spending patterns. He reminded the committee that this report is based on 2 years of money.

**B. North Campus Area Study**

Mr. Hess reported that on Sept. 10 Grove Slade was back in town and held a series of workshops to get feedback on 3 alternatives. Alternative zero is the Do Nothing approach.



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Alternative one would create a one-way pair network through the north campus making 10<sup>th</sup> St. one-way eastbound and creating a new one-way westbound street by connecting Law Lane and 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Walnut. Alternative two would entail the same alignment as in Alternative one but keeping it a two-way system. Attendance was up from the last public workshops in April. There was discussion of a bus only corridor along 10<sup>th</sup> St. We have a webpage dedicated to this via the MPO page. The consultants will be back in town tentatively on Oct. 28 to present the preferred alternative. Mr. Reid asked how the MPO would deal with the recommendation. Mr. Hess replied that this will not be an adopted plan since it is only a feasibility study.

**C. CY 2010 Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Hess presented the 2010 meeting schedule to see what the committee thought of it. There was discussion of the pros and cons of meeting after the CAC meets. Mr. Hess said that the same information is presented to both committees and both of their recommendations are presented to the Policy Committee. Mr. Micuda said that he believed that there is some merit to having both meetings on the same day from a staffing point of view. If CAC makes a lot of individual recommendations and resolutions on a regular basis, we might contemplate changing the meeting schedule. Mr. Robinson said that it is helpful to have input from the TAC before presenting to the CAC. Mr. Hess said that the Policy Committee ultimately makes the decision. Mr. Micuda suggested a short report of any notable changes occurring in the CAC meeting being presented to the next TAC meeting. Mr. Williams said the report wouldn't have to be presented at every TAC meeting. It might only follow any notable differences or new suggestions from the CAC. **\*\*\*Mr. Zody moved that staff present a short report to the TAC concerning any substantive new suggestions agreed upon at the previous CAC meeting based on staff's discretion. Mr. Williams seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Quarterly Reporting**

Mr. Hess presented a draft version of a hybrid Quarterly Reporting Form derived from the INDOT and the MACOG forms. We would implement this form starting the first quarter of FY 2010. The intent is to fill in the dates once they are accomplished. Until a project is done, there will still be a lot of empty spaces on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page. The committee discussed the form. Mr. Hess asked Engineering to look at the form in detail and provide specific suggestions. He said that when the form is done it would be nice to have INDOT approve it. Mr. Micuda asked if this form would be presented to any other MPO committees. Mr. Hess said it would not. There was discussion concerning relaying the information on these forms to the committees. Mr. Reid asked about deadlines for reporting. Mr. Hess said, pursuant to the INDOT form, it was suggested to report within 3 weeks of the close of the quarter. Mr. Micuda suggested running the form by the County, Engineering, Parks, etc.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Transportation Enhancement Project - *Recommendation Requested***

Mr. Hess reported. Three applications were received. The TE Selection Committee met and made their project selections.



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The first priority project was the University Courts Brick Restoration Project on Park Ave. from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to 8<sup>th</sup> St. including sidewalks and curbing at the 8<sup>th</sup> St. intersection. The TE request is for \$130,000 using FY 2012 money. The TE Selection Committee voted to fund this at 100%.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> priority was the Karst Farm Greenway, Phase IIa. The TE request was for \$560,000. The TE Selection Committee recommended a partial funding of \$430,000 in FY 2013.

The Policy Committee will have a special meeting to review the TE project selections and to award these funds on Oct. 9. Staff requested a recommendation from the TAC. **\*\*\*Mr. Zody moved to accept the recommendations from the TE Selection Committee to move them forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Micuda seconded the motion.**

Mr. Reid asked why the roundabouts did not get funding. Mr. Micuda said the committee scored the projects based on general criteria and then specific criteria to the individual project. Karst and the Brick streets came out fairly close. The roundabout landscaping scored significantly lower. The other two projects had a little more community and grant momentum. Everyone liked the roundabouts but there wasn't the same amount of public and commission support that came with the other two. Also, the roundabouts were the most schematic. **\*\*\*There was unanimous approval by voice vote.**

**VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)**  
**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

- IX. Upcoming Meetings**
- A. Policy Committee – October 9, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
  - B. Technical Advisory Committee – October 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
  - C. Citizens Advisory Committee – October 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**Adjournment**

*These minutes were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on November 18, 2009 (RCH 11/18/2009)*



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes\*\***  
**Nov. 18, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

*\*\*These notes are provided for informational purposes only. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.*

**Attendance**

Technical Advisory Committee: John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), John Collison (County Highway), Brandi Fischvogt (INDOT), Laura Haley (City ITS), Perry Maul (IU Campus Bus), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), and Andrea Roberts (City Public Works)

Others: Bethany Nolan (HT), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

- I. **Call to Order**--Adrian Reid called the meeting to order. There was no quorum due to lack of committee members in attendance. The following are notes from the meeting.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. **September 23, 2009**—The minutes could not be voted on and will be considered at the next TAC meeting.
- III. **Communications from the Chair**—Mr. Reid said that he had had some correspondence with INDOT since the article in the Herald-Times. It appears that some work is going forward.
- IV. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
  - A. **Updates on BMCMPPO/ARRA funded projects**

Raymond Hess said that project quarterly reports were submitted on time. The information will be compiled and distributed to the MPO committees in 2010. Josh Desmond reported that the MPO received draft ARRA letting lists for December and January. All City and County projects were on that list except for the B-Line Trail. John Collison said that the County's Hartstrait Rd./Vernal Pike project was removed due to inadequate pavement. Mr. Desmond noted that the BMCMPPO received the Outstanding MPO Project Award at the State MPO Conference for the Complete Streets Policy. The BMCMPPO was mentioned during many sessions as being a leader for adopting this progressive policy before other MPOs.
- V. **Reports from the MPO Staff**
  - A. **Progress Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2010**—Mr. Hess presented the report. The MPO staff has been talking with INDOT about getting these billings processed. Our 2009/2010 Unified Planning Work Program has not been approved yet. Mr. Micuda asked if any MPOs have had their Work Programs approved. Mr. Hess said that other MPOs are waiting while some have received their approval.
- VI. **Old Business**—There was discussion about the articles in the Herald-Times that indicated that our funding might be impacted by recent MPO decisions. Since staff had not received any information about this from INDOT, they were under the impression that projects were going to move forward. The Mayor sent a letter to INDOT requesting information related to that. To



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date there has been no direct response from INDOT. The State's TIP is out and there is a notable absence of local projects identified in our TIP and projects identified in the STIP. Mr. Hess talked to a person from INDOT who stated that the reason the local projects are not identified in the draft STIP is because our TIP is incorporated into the STIP by reference. They do not generate a second list of local projects but refer to our TIP. They will however include TE projects in the STIP. Mr. Desmond noted that we are still awaiting the approval of our TIP. Mr. Collisson said that INDOT has told the County that there is a December 9 letting date for their Old SR 37 project. Mr. Reid said that his consultants have told him that we are running the risk of having a frozen MPO program. The indication was that projects that are already funded will go forward but that no new projects will be approved. Mr. Robinson said that the current confusion is not unprecedented. Mr. Hess discussed projects that will have to be added to the BMCMPPO TIP eventually.

- VI. New Business**—Mr. Hess said that the City will be hosting Dennis Lee from FHWA. He will be making a presentation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He will speak on ADA Transition Plans.

Mr. Hess announced that on Dec. 9 the MPO will host an Open House starting at noon in the McCloskey Room.

- VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)**  
**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

- IX. Upcoming Meetings**
- A. MPO Open House – December 9, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
  - B. Policy Committee – January 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
  - C. Technical Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
  - D. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

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