



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 BMCMPPO 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 4th 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 17th 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 Gorove Slade was back in town and held a series of workshops to get feedback on 3 alternatives. Alternative zero is the Do Nothing approach.

Alternative one would create a one-way pair network through the north campus making 10th St. one-way eastbound and creating a new one-way westbound street by connecting Law Lane and 14th 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 10th 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 3rd 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.



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

The 2nd 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 approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on January 27, 2010 (JFW 1/27/2010)