



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2010 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: Kurt Babcock (County GIS), John Collison (County Highway), Brandi Fischvogt (INDOT), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Laura Haley (City ITS), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (BT), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Barbara Phipps (County Auditor Office), Mike Trexler (City Comptroller), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Gregg Zody (Monroe Co. Planning).

Others: Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Joe Fish (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order

II. Election of Officers (per the [Operational Bylaws](#))

A. Chair—Perry Maull nominated Adrian Reid for Chair. Gregg Zody seconded.

B. Vice-Chair—Mr. Maull nominated Jane Fleig for Vice-Chair. Both motions were approved by one unanimous voice vote. Raymond Hess noted that Mr. Reid has consistently represented the TAC at Policy Committee meetings.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. September 23, 2009—Jane Fleig moved approval of the minutes. Dave Williams seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. November 18, 2009 Notes (no approval required)—Mr. Hess said that there was not a quorum on 11/18 so the September minutes couldn't be approved. Also at meetings without quorum attendance, minutes are not formally taken.

IV. Communications from the Chair—Mr. Reid reported that the City and the County each have 3 ARRA projects letting today and several more coming up.

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Updates on BMCMPPO/ARRA funded projects—John Collison reported that the projects being let today are paving overlays and include Old State Road 37 South, That Road and Woodyard Road. The Vernal Pike project should let in April. Mr. Williams said that the Jackson Creek Trail project lets today and the B-Line project will let soon. Lew May reported that they have taken delivery of 4 new hybrid electric buses. RFPs went out for the facility expansion project. Mr. Hess discussed quarterly project reports. Mr. Williams said that the report isn't written for continuing updates. Mr. Hess said follow-up quarterly reports can be brief.

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. ADA Transition Plans—Joe Fish presented the report on these plans that establish how agencies with more than 50 employees plan to come into compliance with ADA law. In

November, Dennis Lee from FHWA made a presentation on this subject. The presentation is available on the TAC webpage. The only agency that has completed a self-assessment and ADA Transition Plan is the City of Bloomington. This requirement has always been there but it hasn't been enforced by FHWA. Mr. Fish will stay in touch with LPAs with more details and to answer questions.

B. TIP Amendments 1/8/10—Mr. Hess noted that several amendments were taken to the Policy Committee for action. Since they were perfunctory in nature they did not go through the CAC and TAC first. He explained what those amendments covered. MPO Staff would like to explore allowing staff to make Administrative TIP Amendments for simple changes in cost or other minor details of a project in the TIP. Most other MPOs do this. This would be especially helpful on time-sensitive projects. Staff would report back to the committees on the administrative amendments. Staff will return with a proposal at a future meeting.

C. Mt. Tabor Rd/Matthews Dr. Bridge #33—Mr. Hess reported that this project has been exempted from the Complete Streets Policy (concerning having 8-foot shoulders) due to environmental constraints. It was a good first test case for the Complete Streets Policy.

D. The Jobs Bill (ARRA pt. 2)—Josh Desmond reported that Congress is considering a second stimulus bill called the Jobs Bill. It would be prudent to start getting possible projects together in order to qualify quickly for these funds that are estimated to be near \$3 million. Fifty percent of the money will have to be under contract within 90 days of the bill's passage.

Mr. Hess said that staff is considering not updating the TIP next year since the ARRA funding program took so much time to organize. The Jobs Bill is going to keep staff occupied for the next couple of months. The new projects and programs will need to be amended into the TIP. The STIP runs from 2010-2013. He doesn't think the 2011-2014 STIP will be done until after July. When we are ahead of the State, our TIP for the future is actually illustrative in nature. SAFETEA-LU (the current transportation bill that we are operating under) expired in September. There is talk of significant change in transportation legislation. It might be smart for us to wait a year, let this legislation pass, and then we will know more about funding in the future years. Gregg Zody asked if there are any detriments to suspending the plan for year. Mr. Hess said it might be hard for LPAs planning future projects now. He asked for input about the administrative amendment. Strategies for addressing funding and timelines were discussed.

Mr. Hess updated the TAC on the CAC's activities. The CAC packet is always available online when the TAC packet is sent out. Tonight they are having a presentation on the Peak Oil Task Force. The CAC is interested in developing a CAC Project Prioritization Policy for how they will rank future TE projects. Staff has emphasized that the policy should be developed in a way that applies to all LPAs in the BMCMPPO. The CAC has been working on a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Vision Statement prioritization scheme for some time for project ranking. Mr. Robinson discussed the challenges and goals of the CAC's analysis of projects.

VII. Old Business-- Mr. Reid asked when the LRTP will be updated. Mr. Hess said it will expire next year. He discussed a complete update versus recertification of the LRTP at this time



VIII. New Business—There was none.

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

Dave Williams said that he has been told that ARRA funds cannot be used for Change Orders. That could be a huge problem for Parks. Brandi Fischvogt said that is correct. The 100% funding is based on the lowest bid. Mr. Hess said that the MPO does have a Change Order reserve. Mr. Williams said this development is quite different from the discussions last year.

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)

These minutes were adopted by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on February 24, 2009 (rch)