



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Feb. 24, 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: John Carter (MCCSC), John Collison (County Highway), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Mike Trexler (City Comptroller), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Jim Ude (INDOT).

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. Approval of Minutes:

A. January 27, 2010—Tom Micuda moved approval. Jane Fleig seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair—No report.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Updates on BMCMP/ARRA funded projects—John Collison reported that the County has received around \$2,500,000 for projects. Four of those projects are in the MPO. They will be having a pre-construction conference on Friday for all projects. Adrian Reid said that the City decided to use INDOT's on-call construction inspection service on 2 of the 3 projects. The sidewalk inspections will be done in-house.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee—Raymond Hess reported that they will be electing a Vice Chair since Jack Baker is now the president of the Plan Commission. Patrick Murray was the Vice Chair and has elected to move up into the Chair position—leaving his previous position vacant. They are working on developing a matrix to assist them in ranking projects against the Long Range Transportation Plan. The CAC would like to figure out how to advance some bicycle and pedestrian projects. The project crossing Jacks Defeat Creek has been exempted from the Complete Streets Policy. The CAC would like more attention paid to this project to see if any improvements can be made toward compliance. Mr. Reid said that the Bypass letting will be in May.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Progress Report FY2010 2nd Quarter—Mr. Hess presented the Progress Report.

B. ADA Transition Plans—Joe Fish presented a report on enforcement. There are 3 types of legal actions that can result from non-compliance which include Department of Justice Settlement Agreement, FTA Compliance Review or a suit brought forward by a citizen. The Settlement Agreement with the DOJ seems to be the most common action. He elaborated on

how these suits could come about, monitoring for compliance and solutions for non-compliance. There have been several instances of citizen lawsuits in Indiana. There will be another webinar on this subject in March. Mr. Fish noted that sidewalks are ultimately the City's responsibility. Mr. Micuda asked staff what the logical next step would be in the ADA Transition Process. Mr. Hess said staff has discussed making this subject an ongoing item on the Technical Advisory Committee agenda. The MPO is not tasked with writing the reports. That responsibility is on each of the Local Public Agencies (LPA). So far, staff has taken stock as to the status of each of the LPAs. Staff wants to assist the LPAs. Perry Maull said that Transit is already compliant. FTA was very vigilant in the 1990s.

C. 10th St. Mobility Study (aka North Campus Area Study)—Mr. Hess reported. The consultant has put together their first draft of the final report. Staff intends to bring the consultant back in March for a public meeting to present the final findings of the report.

D. The Jobs Bill—Mr. Desmond said that the bill has not been signed by the president yet so there is no new money. Mr. Micuda asked Mr. Ude if INDOT might be planning to submit something to our MPO as a State Jobs Bill project. They have developed a list of projects for potential Jobs Bill lettings.

E. Project Quarterly Reports—Mr. Hess said that many LPAs have forwarded their reports to the MPO staff. The focus is on construction projects rather than transit projects. He requested any feedback that could improve these reports. Staff will provide this information on a regular basis in the future. Mr. Ude said that the Bypass project from Monroe St. to Kinser will be added to the rest of the Bypass project and will be let at the same time. Mr. Reid asked Mr. Ude about the project at SR 45 to Pete Ellis from the Bypass. Mr. Hess said that INDOT has asked that project to be removed from the TIP since it would be outside of the horizon of the TIP. Mr. Reid said that the Bypass has a double left turn onto SR 45. Mr. Micuda said that he found the tracking sheets to be very helpful and thought that the format was acceptable.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (*Recommendation Requested*)

1. 2009-2012 TIP Amendments—The 2010-2013 TIP has not yet been approved by the State. The only valid TIP at this time is the 2009-2012 TIP (the "old TIP"). We amended the old TIP in May 2009. It includes some transit projects and amendments for ARRA money. Most of our projects are in pretty good standing.

a) ARRA projects-- There have been some changes since May though which need to be reflected in the old TIP. He listed the projects that need to be added to or deleted from the old TIP. Some County pavement preservation projects had to be dropped which allowed other projects to move up in their place. Projects receiving ARRA funding include That Rd., Woodyard Rd., Business 37 and two sections of Old 37. We need to delete the Monroe County Bridge Deck Overlay. Ellettsville Trail Phase II was removed from the TIP and the money allocated for that went into traffic signal modernization on College and Walnut at 4th St. The B-Line Trail needs to be added to the old TIP. Mr. Reid asked if the Tapp



Rd. roundabout was in the old TIP. Mr. Hess said that Mr. Reid would have to wait until the new TIP is approved.

2. 2010-2013 TIP Amendments

a) **B-Line Trail Phase II**—Mr. Hess said that the B-Line Trail needs to be updated in the new TIP to reflect its most recent funding sources and increase the cost of the traffic signal modification. In addition, INDOT has requested the removal of 4 projects from the 2010 TIP. He requested a recommendation from the TAC. *****Perry Maull moved to accept staff’s recommendation. Jane Fleig seconded the motion.** Mr. Micuda suggested that someone from INDOT be present at the Policy Committee meeting. *****The motion was unanimously approved.**

B. Long Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update—Mr. Hess reported that staff suggests re-adoption of the LRTP. FHWA will accept this. We don’t have the funding to hire a consultant at this time. Staff would like to use data from the Census for the modeling. Our boundary as an MPO is dependant on the Census. When the transportation legislation replacing SAFETEA-LU comes out next year, we would probably have to modify the LRTP anyway. Federal requirements require a 20 year horizon for the plan. If the TAC, CAC and the PC think this is a good idea, then we will open it up for public comment. It would then work toward final PC adoption in May. Some members of the CAC are advocating for a full-blown update. Mr. Desmond made more comments about the financial constraints this year. Mr. Hess said staff would like to explore a different approach with our model that could include transit and mode share, etc. Mr. Reid asked if I-69 in the LRTP. Mr. Desmond said it is in the plan with comments indicating the lack of support that the community has for it. Mr. Reid would like the committee to know how the modeling works for technical advisory reasons. He supported re-adoption of the LRTP at this point. Mr. Micuda noted that this is the year for FHWA re-certification. That is a complete audit. Staff has a tremendous amount of work to do between now and June to prepare for that. Mr. Desmond explained the re-certification process in more detail. Ms. Fleig supported the plan.

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas—Mr. Micuda said that when staff’s workload gets a little lighter, he would like to educate the MPO on the LRTP.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – March 12, 2010; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – March 24, 2010; 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 24, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment at 11:05

These minutes were approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on March 24, 2009 (jfw)