



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Mar. 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), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Amy Gerstman (County Auditor), Laura Haley (City GIS Coordinator), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (BT), Andrea Roberts (Public Works), Toby Turner (County Highway), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Jim Ude (INDOT).

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

I. Call to Order—Vice Chair Jane Fleig called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 24, 2010--Perry Maull moved approval of the minutes. Andrea Roberts seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Communications from the Chair—None.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Updates on BMCMP/ARRA funded projects

John Carter reported that the Safe Routes to School project at Batchelor is entering final engineering. Sidewalks will be constructed inside the Batchelor complex. The neighborhood association whose neighborhood is next to Batchelor has decided to add a section of sidewalk to connect to this network.

Dave Williams said the B-Line Trail Phase II has a pre-construction meeting April 1st. Parks has not gotten confirmation back from INDOT Central Office about all the different sources of funding. It may affect the MPO's ARRA bottom line at some point. A pedestrian overpass at Grimes Lane is still planned. They are hoping for a 6/29/11 completion date. Tri-County Builders, the contractor who did Phase I of the B-Line, was awarded the contract for Phase II. The MPO ARRA funded Jackson Creek Trail is underway. They expect to complete it in 90 days.

Lew May said that BT has awarded a contract to Wendel Duchscherer who will undertake the facility expansion feasibility study of the Grimes Lane facility. The study should be complete by September 2010.

Andrea Roberts reported that sidewalk projects are happening all over town.

Toby Turner reported on Monroe County ARRA highway projects. Business 37 will kick off in about 3 weeks. All projects will be done by July 31. He also mentioned that Vernal Pike will be let on April 14th.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Raymond Hess reported that a CAC subcommittee is working on a project ranking system. Another subcommittee is working to promote bicycle and pedestrian projects especially as they relate to TE grants. They are forming another subcommittee addressing ADA and accessibility. They are concerned with the bypass and lack of audible pedestrian signals at the 10th and 3rd Street intersections. Staff has followed up with INDOT on this issue. The state hasn't established an approved set of standards for audible signal crossings. Some CAC members want a complete overhaul of the LRTP. Staff wants to readopt the existing plan at this time.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. 10th Street Mobility Study (aka North Campus Area Study)

Mr. Hess said that staff held a public presentation on the preferred alternative for the 10th St. Mobility Study on March 11. The information is posted on the MPO webpage. CATS filmed the presentation and will be airing the presentation. The consultant recommended the two-way alternative. The final report will be posted online. At the presentation, a bus-only corridor was brought up. That wasn't part of this study but could be looked at in the future. Some area homeowners were worried that their property would be taken.

Josh Desmond addressed the fact that staff has been giving friendly reminders and information regarding ADA Transition Plans. Joe Fish is putting together a web page to make all those resources accessible in one place. Mr. Desmond announced that the Planning Department earned an Excellence in Planning Award for Outstanding Project from the APA—Indiana Chapter for the Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. Hess announced a public meeting regarding the 17th and Arlington roundabout project on March 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm in Council Chambers. He also mentioned that the 2010 through 2013 TIP was amended and adopted by INDOT on March 12.

VI. Old Business

A. Long Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

Mr. Hess said that staff's preference to readopt the existing LRTP this year has been presented to the TAC, CAC and the PC. Staff is proceeding with readoption by opening it up for public comment from 3/27 to 4/26. Staff hopes to have a recommendation from the TAC and CAC at their April meetings. Staff will then seek adoption from the Policy Committee at their 5/14 meeting.

VII. New Business

A. 2008 Crash Report

Mr. Hess said that the report is not yet completed. It should be on the April agenda.

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

Mr. May asked if there are any updates on the Jobs Bill. Mr. Desmond said not yet. Mr. Hess noted that a Jobs Bill that was signed into law at the end of February. The Bill extended funding for SAFETEA-LU through 2010 but that no new funds were included in the legislation.



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IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – April 28, 2010; 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 28, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Policy Committee – May 14, 2010; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

These minutes were approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on April 28, 2010 (rch)