



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 Collisson (County Highway), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Barbara Phipps (County Auditor Staff), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Laura Haley (City GIS Coordinator), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (BT), Tom Micuda (City Planning Director), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Janice Osadczuk (FHWA), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), 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—Adrian Reid called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. March 24, 2010—Jane Fleig moved approval. Jim Ude 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 BMCMPPO & ARRA funded projects—Mr. Reid said work is beginning on the S. Walnut St. project. The City’s sidewalk project is almost entirely done. Mr. Collisson said that the County said they are in the process of resurfacing Old SR37 South, Fairfax and then Old SR 37 North. Mr. May gave an update on the demolition of the future transit station site. The 911 Dispatch Center will be located on the second floor. This requires a change in scope with the Federal Funding Agency. They have recently started on the master plan for the Grimes Lane Operation Center. They hope to have the study done by the end of the year. Dave Williams reported that they have a notice to proceed as of last Thursday for the B-Line Trail. Work on the Jackson Creek Trail is proceeding toward a late June/mid-July completion date. He thanked the MPO staff for coming up with the funding from many different pots. Jim Ude reported that the Bypass will be let in May.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee—Mr. Hess said that the CAC has formed 3 subcommittees including a Project Prioritization Subcommittee, an ADA Accessibility Subcommittee, and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Identification Subcommittee.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. 10th Street Mobility Study—Mr. Hess said that the MPO has coordinated with the City, Indiana University and the consultants on the study. The final report should be issued by the end of this week.

B. 2008 Crash Report—The report was not ready to present. Mr. Hess and Mr. Fish hope that their report will be more accurate than past reports when it is done.

Mr. Desmond said that the MPO is due for the 4-Year Certification review with Federal Highway. It was originally scheduled for June 8-9. FHWA asked that the date be pushed back to Sept. 8-9. There will be a public meeting on the evening of Sept. 8. He presented the APA-IN Chapter Outstanding Project 2010 award. On May 6, there will be a public meeting presented by INDOT concerning the Bypass.

VI. Old Business

A. Long Range Transportation Plan Readoption—Mr. Desmond presented the pros and cons of readopting the existing LRTP this year or doing a full-blown update. Staff recommends readoption for reasons listed in the memo. Staff requests an official recommendation from this committee to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee wants some kind of assurance that work will proceed in the creation of a new 2035 LRTP by 2013. Staff has created a rough schedule. Mr. Hess said that staff would like to form a Task Force or Steering Committee. It would be made up of members from all 3 MPO committees who have an interest in guiding the entire update process. The Steering Committee would be formed now and be made up of 2 members of each MPO Committee. Mr. Hess discussed the work of the Task Force, what it needs to research and what improvements could be made to the Travel Demand Model. He anticipates public workshops at various times throughout the process. In 2012, we can begin the consultant selection process. Mr. Hess asked for feedback and a recommendation. Mr. Williams asked about MPO budgeting and if it is dependent of City budgets. Mr. Desmond responded that typically a local department must pay 100% of the costs and then can be 80% reimbursed pursuant to the Work Program. Mr. Micuda said he hopes there will be a 50/50 cost share between the County and the City on the costs associated with the update to the LRTP. Mr. Nsonwu said that INDOT hires consultants for their modeling. Mr. Reid said he thought that 2 people from each committee would not provide a true representation. Mr. Desmond said staff would be amenable to more representation.

*****Mr. Micuda moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the existing 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan be readopted as outlined by staff. Mr. May seconded. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

Mr. Hess asked if there were any comments on the timeline proposed by staff. Mr. Micuda said the timeline makes sense. The small Steering Committees make a lot of sense, too. Mr. Williams suggested that they try to capture public comment in various ways and to not depend solely on meeting attendance. He suggested making use of the internet.

VII. New Business

A. FY 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment---Mr. Hess noted that Monroe County is starting work on an update to their aerial photographs, contour mapping, and elevation layers for the GIS systems. The County has a contract with a consultant to update those GIS layers at a cost of \$252,732. The County has budgeted just under \$150,000 for the project leaving a shortfall of around \$105,000. Staff has learned that this is an eligible expense for the MPO. The MPO should have a fairly large amount of money at the end of this fiscal year (June 30). These factors have led staff to suggest an amendment to the existing Unified



Planning Work Program to allow reimbursement for this project. Mr. Hess said that staff does not anticipate the MPO will be able to fund this initiative in the next fiscal year. Mr. Babcock explained where they project is at this point. They hope to have the imagery and contours by the end of the summer. Ms. Haley added that the imagery being used now is from 2005-6. Mr. Micuda asked if there is a method to insure that the billing gets done in time to use the funds from this fiscal year. Mr. Babcock said yes.

*****Mr. Micuda moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends to the Policy Committee the proposed amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program for the countywide aerial, elevation, GIS layers as a project eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Nsonwu seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

B. 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program—Mr. Desmond said the MPO will continue to develop a two year Work Programs. The biggest change is in terms of the budget. The final budget for the current Work Program was a little over \$961,000 including federal money and local match. The total budget for the upcoming Work Program will be around \$666,280. There will be no carryover from the previous year. Staff does not anticipate a change in the Planning Emphasis Areas. He asked the committee to think about special projects and funding requests and to get that information to staff by the end of next week.

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – May 14, 2010; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – May 26, 2010; 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 26, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment

These minutes were approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on May 26, 2009 (rch)