



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2010 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

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Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Kurt Babcock (County GIS), John Carter (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Jay DuMontelle (FHWA), Jason Eakin (County Planning), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Laura Haley (City GIS), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Tom Micuda (City Planning Director), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Andrea Roberts (City Public Works), Mike Trexler (City Controller), Jim Ude (INDOT), Dave Williams (City Parks)

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

Others: David Butts (INDOT), Gary Fisk (DLZ Indiana), Morgan Hutton (Chamber of Commerce), Bruce Hudson (DLZ Indiana), Barry Elkins (citizen), Eric Swickard (BLA), David Isley (BLA), Sam Sarvis (INDOT), Sandra Flum (INDOT), Jim Stark (INDOT), Susie Johnson (City Public Works), Marvin Jenkins (INDOT), and Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.)

- I. Call to Order**—Mr. Reid called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. June 23, 2010**—Ms. Fleig moved approval. Mr. Ude seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Communications from the Chair**—Mr. Reid noted that they had had their first meeting of the Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee. It went well. They anticipate that the entire process will take approximately 2 years.
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. Updates on BMCMPPO & ARRA funded projects**—Mr. Collisson reported that their ARRA projects are all completed. Mr. Reid reported that the S. Walnut re-paving project is finished, Henderson and Atwater has been cleared to move forward, but the 4th St. signals project is detained at present. Mr. Williams reported that the 2nd phase of the B-Line Trail is on schedule. The Jackson Creek Trail has been completed.
 - B. Citizens Advisory Committee**—Mr. Hess reported that the CAC will cover the same agenda as the TAC. He discussed their 2 subcommittees.
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff**—No reports from staff. Mr. Hess noted that staff has been directed to produce fewer packets to save on waste. If you know you will need to pick up a packet, please let staff know ahead of time.
- VI. Old Business**
 - A. Public Participation Plan Amendment (*Recommendation Requested*)**

Mr. Robinson presented the memo found in the packet. He reviewed proposed changes to the

existing Public Participation Plan (PPP). It was clarified that in order to amend or change the PPP, there would be a minimum of 45-day public comment period. The PPP outlines what kind of TIP amendments could be done administratively and the process that would be used. The MPO staff will have to report MPO committees on any of these administrative TIP amendments. *****Mr. Maull moved to approve, Mr. Micuda seconded.** Mr. Williams pointed out that on page 21, the meeting time of the TAC was incorrect. It should be 10:00 am. *****The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

VII. New Business

A. FY2010 -2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments—Mr. Hess presented the minor TIP amendments and commented that these could be handled administratively in the future since the PPP was approved. Since we did not develop a new TIP for FY2011-2014, we are relying on our existing FY2010-2013 TIP. We have some projects that need to be updated into the TIP to show a more updated implementation year.

1. 2010 project carryover to 2011 (Bloomington, Monroe County, Ellettsville, School Corporations, IU Transit)—Mr. Hess listed the projects that need to be moved from FY 2010 to 2011. There were no questions on these projects. *****Ms. Fleig moved approval. Mr. Maull seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

2. Heritage Trail (Ellettsville)—Mr. Hess reported that this project is moving forward and suggested contacting Ms. Griffin for details. This is a TE project and other phases of the project need to be added to the TIP to accurately reflect project timing and phases. There is a net change in the total cost, as well. Ms. Griffin provided more details. Ms. Fleig asked how they managed a cost savings. Ms. Griffin mentioned that several entities have been working on refining the final cost estimates. *****Mr. Maull moved approval. Ms. Fleig seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

3. SR 446 Resurfacing (INDOT)—Mr. Hess reported that INDOT wants to resurface SR 446 from Pine Grove Rd. to SR 46. Since part of the area is within the MPO, it needs to be reflected in the TIP. *****Mr. Micuda moved approval. Mr. Maull seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

4. I-69 Section 4 (INDOT)—Mr. Desmond noted that INDOT has requested to amend into our TIP Section 4 of the I-69 project. Part of this area is within our MPO which is why this has to be listed within the MPO TIP at this time. There is a request to put preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction phases for this section into the TIP between years FY2011-2014. The total cost of all those phases across all 4 years would be approximately \$473 million which would be reflected in the TIP. A letter dated 7/12 is included in the packet providing more information about the project and this request. The required 30-day public comment period was advertised initiating the period on 7/29. To this point we have received no written comments. People still have time to turn in comments or speak at the Policy Committee in September.

Sam Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner for INDOT for Major Programs, offered to answer questions. Mr. Micuda said he knew this question would come up at Policy Committee and possibly at Citizens Advisory Committee. If the MPO votes “no” on the request, quite a few people would like to know what the anticipated ramification might be for the local MPO in terms of project funding. How would it affect the I-69 project in Section 4? Mr. Sarvis said he had no reason to believe that the MPO wouldn’t approve

the amendment and then we wouldn't move ahead. He did not see that activity—if it were to happen—to delay their current schedule for Section 4. It certainly wouldn't stop the process they are in right now. Mr. Micuda asked what about in terms of local MPO projects that depend on non-local sources of revenue. Can you comment on that issue? Mr. Sarvis said that he was confident that the State, FHWA and the MPO have had these discussions. They continue to work together. He didn't think that we would be in a situation where that becomes a concern for us. Mr. Micuda said, with all due respect, you will probably have to give a more specific answer than that to the Policy Committee. He thinks they will want to know what the funding situation might be if they chose to make a "no" vote.

Mr. Collisson said from the County's standpoint, the Commissioners are requesting an extension of a 180-day period for written comments due to the number of road closures that are listed. Has there been a decision from INDOT about that extension. Mr. Sarvis said that at this point both INDOT and FHWA agree that the 60-day mandatory comment period was reasonable for the expectation of comments. That actually ends around 9/28. We are hopeful that we can work with the County and the City and Green County, as well, on any questions or concerns that they have. Certainly the public comment period is the opportunity for both local officials and the public in general to voice their concerns. He didn't think that the overpasses or underpasses are an issue that should stop us from moving forward. If we had the opportunity to construct all of them, the question is, as good stewards of taxpayers dollars, are they all necessary? That is the perspective he is using approaching the overpasses. We've got plenty of time to look at that, see what the impacts are to the school corporations, fire and public service. Where they are necessary and make sense, we will construct them. Mr. Collisson said that obviously the County's stand would be to go for overpasses and underpasses and keep as many open as we can. The other question is whether it is established that this is going to be a design-build or is it going to be, "Here's the prints and that's it." Mr. Sarvis said they have not established the delivery method for any of the contracts, the sequencing of the contracts or the size of the contracts. Mr. Collisson asked if at the time that is settled, will there be any opportunity for review and comment prior to building. Mr. Sarvis said he would hope that Monroe County, the MPO and Greene County would be active participants in Section 4 and how it gets developed. He thought they were successful working with the Daviess County officials. A number of the jobs in northern Daviess County came from the design-build. He said he was hopeful that they could replicate that Monroe County. Ms. Fleig said that we had a 30-day comment period for our MPO but it sounded like INDOT has a 60-day public comment period for your notice. Mr. Sarvis said for the draft EIS there is a 60-day period. Mr. Reid said that he spoke with Bill Williams of the County this morning and his biggest concern with design-build is that when that happens, the plans aren't as developed. He had some specific concerns about stormwater and those sorts of things. Some reviews will need to be done.

Barry Elkins said that he owns a farm that will be cut right in the middle by I-69 and he is all for it. He wants to get on with it. It's held that farm back for 20 years as far as doing anything with it. He wanted to go on the record as being all for it. We've had



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plenty of public comment from the City and the County and not everybody is against I-69.

*****Mr. Micuda moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that INDOT's TIP amendment for Section 4 is adopted by the Policy Committee. Mr. Nsonwu seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – September 10, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)**
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – September 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – September 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 9/22/10 (RCH).