



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2011 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

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Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Jane Fleig (City Utilities), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Laura Haley (City GIS), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Barbara Purdom-Phipps (County Auditor), Adrian Reid (City Engineering), Andrea Roberts (City Public Works), Mike Trexler (Controller), Toby Turner (County Highway), Steve Walls (INDOT), and Dave Williams (City Parks).

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

- I. Call to Order—Adrian Reid
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. February 23, 2011—Perry Maull moved approval. Andrea Roberts seconded. There was unanimous approval by voice vote.
- II. Communications from the Chair—None
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects—Mr. Williams reported on progress on Phase II construction of the B-Line Trail. They expect a late August/early September completion. Mr. May reported that the draft final report on the Grimes Lane expansion is finished. They have received approval from the State (SHIPO) for the 2nd story on their planned downtown facility. After the final Federal Concurrence, they will be able to move ahead with the project. Mr. Reid reported that the 4th St. signal project will start soon. The Sare and Rogers roundabout and the S. Rogers St. projects are in right-of-way acquisition.
 - B. Citizens Advisory Committee—Mr. Hess said that their agenda is the same as the TAC agenda. The CAC has used their scoring matrix for the first time. The committee has noted that they will have to make some adjustments to the scoring system. Everyone who has a project in this TIP should attend both the upcoming CAC and PC meetings to represent their projects and answer questions.
 - C. ADA Transition Plans—Mr. Hess said he would like the LPAs to start giving reports at the TAC meetings regarding their progress with their Transition Plans. FHWA might freeze federal funding if no Transition Plan is in place. Staff offered assistance. Time working on Transition Plans can be billed against the MPO.
 - D. LRTP Task Force (http://bloomington.in.gov/Long_Range_Transportation_Plan_Task_Force)—Mr. Hess reported that there are 4 members from each MPO committee working on this. Check the website for updates.
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff

- A. Second Quarter Progress Report—Next month's packet
- B. Quarterly Project Tracking—Next month's packet

VI. Old Business

A. FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program—Mr. Hess said staff has a project list of fiscally constrained projects for the TIP. We have a draft TIP that has been advertised for public comment until March 30. After that period, staff will present the TIP to all 3 MPO committees. The draft TIP is in the packet. Mr. Hess presented some of the changes to the TIP. He noted that the Allen St. Bike Boulevard is proposed to be removed from the TIP since the Mayor has announced that he wishes to fast track the project by using local funds. Two new proposed projects include the Black Lumber trail spur and the College Mall area pedestrian improvement preliminary engineering phase. There was discussion of funding details. Mr. Hess detailed errors that will be corrected in the final TIP. Staff is looking for a recommendation to move the TIP forward to the April 8th PC meeting. Ms. Fleig asked if there was a construction time on the Karst Farm Greenway. Mr. Hess wasn't sure. Ms. Fleig wanted to put on record that CBU has had issues with this project from the start relative to their existing water and sanitary infrastructure. They have not had any response from the engineer on that project. There was more discussion about the Greenway project.

Mr. Reid said that the projects programmed by Engineering would include two roundabouts that would be fully funded. Tapp/Rockport is not fully funded yet.

Mr. May listed what BT has in the TIP including hybrid buses, Next Bus technology, improved fare collecting equipment, transfer generation equipment, etc. There was discussion on the House bill concerning cutting transportation support from the State by 18%. Mr. May said that if the bill is passed it would likely result in reduction in service levels. He pointed out how the other budget cuts and higher gas prices are affecting BT.

Mr. Hess noted that the Heritage Trail, Phase II, is not yet reflected in the TIP since Ellettsville hadn't received their matching funds by the time this TIP was drafted. Staff also has to wait to receive a certificate of eligibility from FHWA and INDOT. The funding has local approval and will be included in the TIP as soon as possible.

*****Perry Maull moved approval. Lew May seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

VII. New Business

A. FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment—Mr. Desmond said that we are currently operating under the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The first year's dollars are a fixed amount provided by INDOT. We estimate the 2nd year's budget while we wait for the final numbers to come in. Now we need to amend in the additional funding from INDOT. He explained how much more funding the BMCMPPO has received and the areas of emphasis from FHWA. We will need to address quarterly MPO-funded project tracking that we are doing already. FHWA wants every MPO provide a formal report and document what their process is. Staff has allocated some of the additional funding to help cover staff time for doing that report. The second new element that we are adding is called "Planning and Environmental Linkages." FHWA will provide NEPA training to staff. This is to help get



projects through the State and Federal process. Funding has been added for this element. We've added additional consultant funding for the Long Range Plan Update. Also funding has been added to ADA Transition Plans. Staff is requesting a recommendation today.

*****Dave Williams moved approval. Perry Maull seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

Mr. Reid asked about changes to the TIP after it was already advertised for public comment. Mr. Hess said that we have not substantially changed the draft TIP as it was originally proposed in March. We are trying to make the document clear by adding memos to the TIP. If PC doesn't feel comfortable, they can always adopt the TIP as advertised and we can readvertise and amend the changes into the TIP.

B. Highway Safety Improvement Program Application Review—Mr. Hess said that the State had issued a call for projects for HSIP funds around January of 2011. We run our call concurrent with them since we receive an allocation from the State. We had one project submittal. The City of Bloomington would like to continue with the next phase of upgrading signage. The HSIP funds were awarded to the City and County. The City of Ellettsville has expressed interest in receiving HSIP funds for a similar project in the future. He suggested that LPAs could have work done in house if the cost is under \$100,000. Time and labor would have to be documented. Mr. Hess asked for a recommendation to the PC. Mr. Desmond noted that any HSIP funds received for projects up through 2009 need to be spent. Those funds need to be obligated by the end of September. As long as this project is approved we should be in good shape.

*****Perry Maull moved approval. Jane Fleig 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 – April 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – April 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 4/27/11 (RCH).