



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

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Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: John Carter, (MCCSC), John Collisson (County Highway), Chris Clothier for Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington Utilities), Sandra Flum INDOT), Connie Griffin (Town of Ellettsville), Laura Haley (City GIS), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus), Tom Micuda (City Planning), Doug Norton (Rural Transit), Andrea Roberts (City Public Works), Mike Trexler (Controller), Steve Walls (INDOT), Dave Williams (City Parks), and Justin Wykoff for Adrian Reid (City Engineering).

Others: Dan Alsip (Rural Transit),

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

- I. Call to Order—Since both the chair and vice-chair were absent, Mr. Maull nominated Mr. Micuda to be the temporary chair. Mr. Micuda volunteered. There was a unanimous voice vote in support of Mr. Micuda being temporary chair. Mr. Micuda called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. January 26, 2011—Ms. Roberts moved to approve. Mr. Maull seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- II. Communications from the Chair—None
- IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - A. Updates on BMCMPPO funded projects—Mr. Maull said Campus Bus has a \$750,000 grant for improvements to the stadium parking lot. The project will be done this summer. They worked with the City on the Hawk signal that will help regulate students crossing Dunn St. He described other improvements. Mr. Wykoff said that the letting date for the roundabout at Sare and Rogers would be July 13. That intersection will be closed starting around Labor Day for 120 days. Mr. Williams said that they are working on stormwater piping under the trail near Fairview. They are hoping for a late summer completion. Mr. Collisson said that work on Vernal Pike was recommencing.
 - B. Citizens Advisory Committee—Mr. Hess said that the CAC will probably start using their scoring process on the list of projects being proposed for the TIP. B-TOP and the City’s Commission on Sustainability are bringing to town on March 1 Mia Burk, a nationally-renowned bicycle advocate, planner and author. There will be a public presentation from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
 - C. ADA Transition Plans—Mr. Hess reminded the LPAs to develop their ADA Transition Plans. The lack of these plans could cause FHWA or INDOT to withhold federal funds.



- V. Reports from the MPO Staff—Mr. Hess said that the Progress Report (related to billing) and the Quarterly project tracking report will be presented at the next TAC meeting.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Public Participation Plan Amendment (*Recommendation Requested*)—Mr. Robinson introduced the new Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Vince Caristo. He will be working with the MPO. Mr. Robinson said that staff would like the TAC to recommend the Policy Committee to adopt this plan at their March 11 meeting. He described the process found in the Public Participation Plan Amendment. *****Mr. Maull moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded.** Mr. Wykoff asked if this only applied to TIP amendments. Mr. Robinson explained that it mainly has to do with timing, cost and scope of projects. *****There was a unanimous voice vote for approval.**
- VII. New Business
- A. Transportation Enhancement Application Review and Award (*Recommendation Requested*)
Mr. Robinson said that staff has received 2 requests for TE funds—one from the City of Bloomington for the Allen Street Bicycle Boulevard and one from the Town of Ellettsville for the Heritage Trail, Phase 2. The TE Selection Committee recommendation was for Ellettsville. They requested \$223,520 in TE funds for FY2014. The Selection Committee stipulated that if the Town of Ellettsville does not demonstrate that they can come up with their local match, the City of Bloomington’s project should get preference. Ms. Griffin said that the Ellettsville Town Council has earmarked from the Build Indiana grant money. *****Mr. Maull moved to recommend the Town of Ellettsville’s request to the Policy Committee. Ms. Roberts seconded. There was unanimous approval by voice vote.**
- B. BY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
1. Resurfacing of Parking Lot (Rural Transit) (*Recommendation Requested*)—Mr. Hess said that Rural Transit received an ARRA grant to resurface their parking lot. It will cover 100% of the project which is projected to cost \$42,545.00. This project needs to be amended into the current TIP. Mr. Norton, the Director of Operations at Area 10, introduced Dan Alsip, the new Transit Manager with Rural Transit. He anticipates starting the project as soon as the asphalt plant opens. Ms. Roberts moved to approve. Mr. Maull seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- C. FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program—Mr. Hess said staff issued a call for projects on January 14 that closed on February 14. The State wants all MPOs to have their local Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) submitted to them by April 30. Our TIP will be incorporated into the Statewide TIP be reference. We have scheduled a special Policy Committee meeting on April 9 for their consideration and adoption of the TIP. The public comment period will go from March 1 until March 31. We will look for the TAC recommendation at the next meeting on March 23. We should keep in mind that the BMCMPPO receives about \$3 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds each year. We decide how to program those funds. We will be programming the money from FY2014-2015 TIP funding. The meeting packet contained a spreadsheet of the projects for each year. Any projects that have been let or started work on will not be on the TIP list. We will have a small list of projects from the State which includes I-69, SR 45 at Smith Road intersection, SR 45 at

Hickory Leaf intersection. Mr. Williams asked about SR 45 from the bypass to Pete Ellis. Mr. Hess said INDOT dropped that project. Mr. Wykoff noted that the bypass will be closed from June 13 for 2 weeks to work on the railroad crossing. Mr. Hess listed the projects in the TIP. Two new projects have been added. One is the W. 2nd St. feasibility study. The other new project is the Allen St. bicycle boulevard. Complete Streets compliance would apply to the W.2nd St. (when it moves beyond the feasibility phase.) Complete Streets may apply to the Allen St. bicycle boulevard. We have to make sure that the STP funded projects are fiscally constrained. In this report, we have noted big ticket projects that we are anticipating in 2016 and beyond.

Dave Williams asked if these projects would all be eligible for surface transportation funds. Mr. Hess said that all of the other categories (TE, HSIP, Bridge, FTA grants) are project-specific grants. Now we have a little more control over TE and HSIP funds. The MPO has had local control over the STP amount. Mr. Williams said that the only money in the pot to divide will probably be around \$280,000 for Transportation Enhancement and that has already been allocated for the next few years. Mr. Hess said STP is fairly flexible. Mr. Williams said that to fund trails it looks like we should go for a higher allocation. Mr. Hess said that TE is a subset of STP funds with certain criteria attached. Mr. Micuda said that staff had anticipated that we would feel the pinch post-ARRA funds. Mr. Williams asked if alternative transportation projects could be funded through other funds than just TE funds. Mr. Micuda said yes.

Mr. Micuda asked about the Next Bus Technology program. Mr. Maull explained that it is a real-time IU bus tracking system that can be accessed by computer or I-Phone.

Mr. Micuda said he noticed that the money for 17th and Arlington was leaking into 2016 for illustrative funding. It is a small amount. Mr. Hess explained that 17th and Arlington is at this time underfunded. They hope to be able to shift leftover funds from Vernal Pike to the 17th and Arlington project. Mr. Micuda wanted clarification that the report doesn't mean that we will still be working on the project in 2016. Mr. Hess said that was correct.

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

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – March 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – March 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the TAC at their regular meeting held on 3/23/11 (RCH).