



POLICY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2018

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers (#115)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Nominations and Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2018
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
- III. Approval of the Minutes*
 - a. December 15, 2017
- IV. Communications from the Chair
- V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - a. Citizens Advisory Committee
 - b. Technical Advisory Committee
- VI. Reports from the MPO Staff
 - a. I-69 Update
 - b. FHWA Memorandum: Use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
 - c. City of Bloomington Transportation Plan – January 2018 Meetings
 - d. CY 2018 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)
 - a. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- X. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Technical Advisory Committee – January 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - b. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
 - c. Policy Committee – February 9, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

**Action Requested/ Public comment prior to vote (limited to five minutes per speaker).*

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December 15, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers (#115)

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning & Transportation Department.

Attendance:

Policy Committee: Jason Banach, Kevin Tolloty, Tony McClellan, Antonio Johnson, Allison Chopra, Geoff McKim, Lisa Ridge, Kent McDaniel, John Hamilton, Sarah Ryterband,

Staff: Scott Robinson, Pat Martin, Liz Carter

Others: Andrew Cibor, Lew May

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes:

Kent McDaniel asked for a clarification noted in the draft December 8, 2017, minutes regarding any amendments to the adopted FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would also require an amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTP) once it was adopted. Antonio Johnson (FHWA) responded that federal regulations cite a requirement for consistency of the TIP with the MTP; however, addressing this issue can take place at a later time. McDaniel acknowledged that all future TIP amendments will have corresponding MTP amendments. ****Geoff McKim moved to approve the December 8, 2017 minutes. Lisa Ridge seconded. The motion passed with three abstentions.**

III. Communications from the Chair and Vice-Chair – None.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees – None.

V. Reports from Staff

- a. I-69 Update – Martin reported on a communication earlier today with INDOT's project manager. The SR37/I-69 travel lanes will shift in the next week thereby allowing for the adjacent opening of the mainline parallel access roads. INDOT will untangle the southbound mainline travel lanes by Tuesday of next week. Four lanes will open in the northbound direction (two access lanes plus two mainline lanes) will open by Wednesday of next week. Prior to the December 24-25 holiday, repairs are scheduled for the replacement of two northbound "rough patch" concrete locations. The southbound direction shall additionally have four travel lanes open (two access lanes plus two mainline lanes) once all guardrail is installed by the contractor and all work is completed on barrier walls. Motorists shall have four lanes in each direction (northbound and southbound) by Christmas. Work will continue throughout the winter months as weather permits with intermittent lane closings as needed for construction safety. Work shall continue on weekends. Three paving crews are working today and two paving crews will continue paving next week if temperatures hold. INDOT's original calculation that all lanes would be open by mid-December was not correct.

The correct date is prior to the Christmas holiday. The contractor shall remove a temporary barrier and traffic signal on Vernal Pike by the end of the year.

VI. Old Business

- a. Draft 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Martin said that the staff made minor changes to the December 8th Draft MTP, all of which were recommended by the Policy Committee. Projects were added to the MTP (Appendix G) reflecting additions by Monroe County, the City of Bloomington, and all INDOT Next Step projects including maintenance and operations activities. Local projects were identified in relation to complete street compliance. INDOT identified projects in Monroe County only through 2020 with their Next Step Plan. The staff amended language regarding a 20% allocation of STPB funds for alternative transportation in accordance with suggested wording from Geoff McKim. As directed, the staff researched school corporation transit routes and ridership totals. However, the staff has yet to receive answers from the respective corporations for document incorporation. A correction regarding a possible local option income tax was not included in the Draft MTP presented today, but shall be included under public transit funding needs. A clarification was made that the Policy Committee must first make a motion for plan approval before amendment/modifications could be made.

****Geoff McKim moved to approve the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation draft document as modified by the committee. Lisa Ridge seconded.**

The committee agreed to modifications of the draft document. Ryterband offered a modification of page 41, the penultimate paragraph, regarding a statement that I-69 provides increased statewide and national connectivity. ****Sarah Ryterband moved to strike this sentence from the document. Allison Chopra seconded. The motion passed.**

****Geoff McKim moved to modify the draft document located on page 20, the third bullet point, noting a local option income tax is a “the best likely” choice to a “possible” choice. Lisa Ridge seconded. The motion passed.**

****Geoff McKim moved to modify the draft document on page 12 correcting a grammatical error under the fifth bullet, changing the word “is” to “are.” Lisa Ridge seconded. The motion passed.**

Kent McDaniel requested comments from the public audience. Having no public comments, he asked for a vote to **approve the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation draft document as modified by the committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor John Hamilton thanked the staff.

VII. New Business – None.

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

- a. Topic suggestions for future agendas – Ryterband thanked Antonio Johnson from the FHWA for coming down and assisting the staff and for his participation in the Policy Committee meetings. Antonio Johnson thanked the committee and asked that he receive a signed adoption resolution as soon as possible.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

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Bi-Weekly Local Agency Coordination Meeting

January 9, 2018

• **Attendance (December 12, 2017)**

Name	Organization
Jane Fleig	City of Bloomington Utilities
Christopher Wheeler	City of Bloomington Utilities
Andrew Cibor	City of Bloomington
Ben Ayers	Monroe County
Paul Satterly	Monroe County
Jason Rhoades	HNTB
Pete Jerrell	Walsh
James Culbertson	INDOT
Sandra Flum	INDOT

• **Schedule Update**

- Substantial Completion Date: August 2018

• **Construction Update**

○ Zone 1

▪ 3rd Street

- Restrictions removed through end of year
- MSE walls will begin in new year
- Investigated returning to two turn lanes NB, ramp restrictions and future MSE wall traffic restrictions coming in 2018
- Notify CBU by email when the MSE wall construction sequence is known

▪ Tapp Road

- East side paving and ramps open
- Bridge work east side piles complete, median piles complete, west piles expected to complete by end of month, work will continue over winter
- Work on SB ramp system continues with SB traffic restricted to single lane, expect to remove restriction by end of year

▪ Fullerton Pike

- Surface placed on all of Fullerton this week



- Lift Station gate at Fullerton needs to be placed, a chain gate is possible
 - Vernal Pike
 - Removing temporary traffic signal on Monday, December 18
 - Removing barrier wall and placing curb the week of 18th
 - Mainline
 - Paving continues from the south to SR 46, will be striped for winter by end of month
 - Unrestricted NB at Tapp, removing restrictions SB by end of year
 - Mainline Tapp to 2nd Street drainage work until Christmas then again in January
 - CSX paving this week and then paving will end for the year
- Zone 2
 - Kinser
 - Working on punch list before walk through
 - Chambers
 - Bridge work through winter
 - Center pier done, west side pier up and paving to switch traffic on December 16 to east side for work next week
 - County local signs at the old road may be picked up
 - Mainline Traffic shifts
 - Plan to move NB traffic to old SB lanes at end of week, will have one lane to allow guardrail installation then open to two lanes
 - SB return to two lanes south of Chambers after patching next week
 - Bottom bridges no major traffic changes planned for winter, work is wrapping up but will maintain two lanes through the area
 - Zone 3 → • Near Chambers the NB traffic delineators, patching will keep restriction for a few days next week
- Zone 3
 - On track to return to two lanes in both directions by early next week
 - Access across Liberty Church bridge and west side roads planned by end of year April 2018.
 - Liberty Church access roads paved next week, may be able to open a ramp but will keep access points at Old SR 37
 - Earthwork will continue in winter on NB lane on outside and shoulder area after we switch traffic



- **MOT Discussions**

- City utility protection plan for 3rd Street, the project is under INDOT standards now, INDOT will discuss final utility package separately
- Transfer agreements need revised, updated to include Basswood and Franklin lights
- Kinser Pike winter maintenance, county and city will take their own shares
- Vernal Pike and 17th Street maintenance, project will be out of the way for city and county to maintain, city stated that they don't normally maintain until a project is complete
- Edge of pavement request from GIS is still on INDOT's radar



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** MUTCD – Interim
Approval for Optional Use of Rectangular
Rapid Flashing Beacons
(IA-11) —TERMINATION

Date: DEC 21 2017

From: Martin C. Knopp 
Associate Administrator for Operations

In Reply Refer To:
HOP-1

To: Federal Lands Highway Division Directors
Division Administrators

Purpose: Through this memorandum, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officially rescinds the subject Interim Approval (IA) issued on July 16, 2008.

Background: Federal regulation, through the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD),¹ prohibits the use of patented devices under an IA,² or official experimentation³ with patented devices. The MUTCD is incorporated by reference at 23 CFR, Part 655, Subpart F, and is recognized as the national standard for all traffic control devices in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 109(d) and 402(a).⁴

Action: The MUTCD prohibits patented devices from experimentation, IA, or inclusion in the MUTCD.⁵ The FHWA has learned of the existence of four issued U.S. patents, and at least one pending patent application, covering aspects of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) device originally approved under IA-11 of July 16, 2008.

For the aforementioned reasons, FHWA hereby rescinds IA-11 for all new installations of RRFB devices. Installed RRFBs may remain in service until the end of useful life of those devices and need not be removed.

Nothing in this memorandum should be interpreted as expressing an opinion as to the applicability, scope, or validity of any patent or pending patent application with regard to

¹ MUTCD 2009 Ed., Intro. ¶ 4 at I-1

² *Id.*; § 1A.10.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *See id.* at ¶ 02 at I-1.

⁵ *Id.* at ¶ 04.

the installation or use of RRFBs, generally, or for those currently in use. The FHWA, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. express no opinion on the merits, and take no position on the outcome, of any litigation relating to the RRFB.

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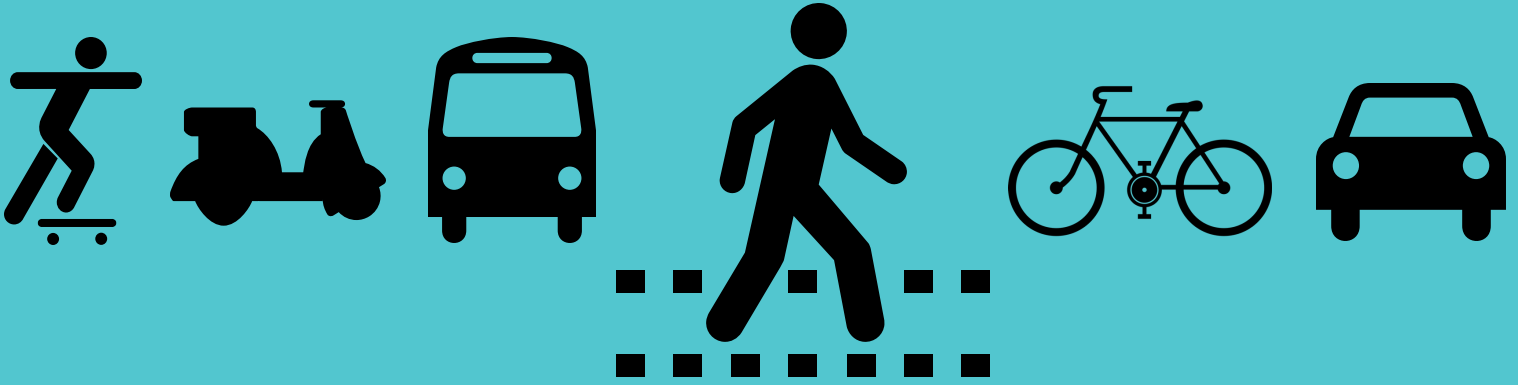
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Director of Technical Services



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Share your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for transportation in our community. The first meeting focuses on sharing ideas. The second meeting will review ideas and move forward to develop a plan.

City Hall, Council Chambers
401 N. Morton Street

Monday, January 22, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm



2018 Meeting Schedule

	POLICY COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January	1/12/2018; 1:30pm	1/24/2018; 10:00am	1/24/2018; 6:30pm
February	2/9/2018; 1:30pm	2/28/2018; 10:00am	2/28/2018; 6:30pm
March	3/9/2018; 1:30pm	3/28/2018; 10:00am	3/28/2018; 6:30pm
April	4/13/2018; 1:30pm	4/25/2018; 10:00am	4/25/2018; 6:30pm
May	5/11/2018; 1:30pm	5/23/2018; 10:00am	5/23/2018; 6:30pm
June	6/08/2018; 1:30pm	6/27/2018; 10:00am	6/27/2018; 6:30pm
July	Summer Recess - No Meetings		
August	8/10/2018; 1:30pm	8/22/2018; 10:00am	8/22/2018; 6:30pm
September	9/14/2018; 1:30pm	9/26/2018; 10:00am	9/26/2018; 6:30pm
October	10/12/2018; 1:30pm	10/24/2018; 6:30pm	10/24/2018; 6:30pm
November	11/09/2018; 1:30pm	11/28/2018; 10:00am	11/28/2018; 6:30pm
December	Winter Recess - No Meetings		

Meetings are held at: City of Bloomington City Hall at the Showers Complex
 Policy Committee - Council Chambers; Suite 115
 Technical & Citizens Advisory Committees - McCloskey Room; Suite 135
 401 N. Morton Street
 Bloomington, IN 47404