INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

AGENDA

Date: May 19, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Riverside Park
2420 E. Riverside Drive
Indianapolis, IN

1. Welcome & Introductions	Lori Miser	
Items for Approval		
2. Minutes from meeting of February 17, 2010	Lori Miser	5 min.
3. Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2nd Qtr Amendments: 2009-2012 *FOR PUBLIC HEARING*	Steve Cunningham	10 min.
Status Reports		
4. Indy Connect		
▪ **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update**	Stephanie Belch Joe Guerre	30 min.
➢ **Follow-up from retreat: performance-based framework**		
➢ **Transit plan**	John Myers	
▪ **Transit activities**	Lori Miser	10 min.
5. IRTIP Activities Update		
▪ **Call for projects (TE, CMAQ, SRTS, HSIP)**	Mike Dearing Steve Cunningham	5 min.
▪ **2011-2014 IRTIP**		
▪ **ARRA Update**		
6. Data Activities Update	Andrew Swenson	10 min.
• **Travel Demand Model Update**		
• **Central Indiana Travel Survey**		
• **Central Indiana Pavement Condition Inventory**		
7. Administrative Activities Update	Philip Roth	5 min.
Other Business		
8. Announcements, other *Upcoming meetings:* *Regular Policy Committee meeting: August 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m* ***(NOTE TIME CHANGE)*** *Brookside Park, 3500 Brookside Parkway South Drive, Indianapolis*	Lori Miser	5 min.

Materials are attached pertaining to agenda items 2, 3 and 5

I do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the 11th day of May, 2010, at the entrance to the meeting site, on the MPO's web site (www.indympo.org), and on the Notice Bulletin Board on the first floor of the Indianapolis City County Building.

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Philip D. Roth

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Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2010
9:00 a.m-11:00 a.m.
Riverside Park
2420 E. Riverside Drive
Indianapolis, IN

Lori Miser-MPO	Philip Roth – MPO
Mike Dearing-MPO	Andrew Swenson-MPO
Cat Schoenherr-MPO	Stephanie Belch-MPO
Steve Cunningham-MPO	Tom Beck-MPO
Erika Hinshaw-MPO	Jim Waggoner- Town of Brownsburg*
Jeremy Moore- MPO	Tonya Galbraith -Town of McCordsville*
Anita Bjork- MPO	Gary Vandegriff- Johnson County*
Mike Hollibaugh – City of Carmel*	Jerry Wilkey- City of Lawrence*
Tom Stevens - Hancock County*	Lesa Ternet-Hendricks County*
Kim Irwin- Health by Design	Tami Otto- Town of Fishers*
Donna Luley- City of Westfield*	Judith Essex- Town of Zionsville*
Mike Terry -IndyGo *	Richard Carlucci- Town of Plainfield*
David Sherman – City of Indianapolis	Mayor Robin Thoman-City of Southport*
Mark Richards-City of Greenwood*	Ehren Bingaman- CIRTA*
Christine Altman- Hamilton County*	Ron Deer-CIRTA
Mayor Greg Ballard – City of Indianapolis*	Brandye Hendrickson – INDOT*
David Mohr- Shelby County*	John Myers- Town of Speedway
Larry Heil – FHWA	Scott Keller- Metropolitan Development Comm
Tom Klein- Town of Avon*	Joe Guerre – Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
Charles Henderson- City of Greenwood	Don Adams- Morgan County*
Chris Kopp - HNTB	Sean White - CVR

* = Voting member or proxy

Welcome & Introductions

Policy Committee Chairman Mayor Ballard opened the meeting and welcomed the IRTC members and visitors present. He requested that everyone introduce themselves.

Items for Approval

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (SEEKING APPROVAL)*

Donna Luley moved to approve the February 17, 2010 minutes.
Mayor Robin Thoman seconded the motion.
The minutes of the February 17, 2010 IRTC Policy Committee Meeting were approved.

***APPROVAL OF INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2ND QTR AMENDMENTS: 2009-2012: PUBLIC HEARING** (SEEKING APPROVAL)*

Steve Cunningham reviewed the list of proposed amendments to the 2009-2012 IRTIP for approval including emergency amendments. The amendments were offered for public review and comment from May 3rd to May 18th.

In summary, the majority of the proposed amendments did not affect the MPO's Group 1 STP funds. **Steve** confirmed twenty-eight of the amendments are INDOT projects, three amendments involve TIGER funds, one adds a

previously awarded TE grant to the TIP for the City of Indianapolis, three add Safe Routes to School projects, one adds CMAQ funds for the Indianapolis MPO and two are for Recreational Trails Program projects in Marion County. The only one proposed amendment that impacted the Group 1 STP funds was the Hancock County project. **Steve** then described the details of that amendment along with other more significant amendments.

Hancock County - DES# 0810490 - CR 200 North from just west of the intersection of CR 200 N and CR 600 W, bridge replacement. Increase total CN/CN INS cost for $2,500,000 to $3,200,000 ($2,560,000 federal Group 1 STP funds and $640,000 local match) and move CN/CN INS to FY 2011. This amendment would add $560,000 of the MPO's federal Group 1 STP funds to the project due to an INDOT mandated increase in structure size, correction of a sight distance issue and stream relocation.

Indianapolis MPO - Indianapolis MPO's Northeast Corridor Alternative Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Add $3,234,749 of the MPO's allocation of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds (100% federal to fiscal year 2010.) This amendment would add $3,234,749 to the MPO's Northeast Corridor AA/DEIS using funds resulting from recently modified annual CMAQ allocations communicated to the MPO by INDOT. **Steve Cunningham** said the funds had recently become available by INDOT.

Lori Miser reminded the group that the IRTC Policy Committee had unanimously approved the Northeast Corridor as a first leg of a regional transit system in September of 2008. Later that year, the Central Indiana Transit Task Force was formed to provide an unbiased view of transit and transportation from the private sector perspective. The Northeast Corridor environmental work thus was slowed down while the Task Force review was completed. Recently, INDOT provided an update to the MPO's CMAQ balance, of which a significant sum was required to be expended by the end of State Fiscal Year 2011. Therefore, the MPO suggested that the CMAQ money would be utilized best in continuing and completing the Northeast Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement. Next year, federal earmarks dollars targeted for the Northeast Corridor would be used to begin the preliminary engineering and design phase.

Boone County- DES# 0810022 - County Rd 400 S from 0.478 miles east of County Road 500 East to 0.267 miles east of County Rd. 575 East, new roadway construction with a total CN cost of $3,039,425 ($2,431,540 federal Group IV and $607,885 local match.) **Add CN to FY 2012.** This amendment will add the CN phase to the TIP for CR400 South with federal Group IV funds

Steve Cunningham said the proposed amendments will result in an estimated balance of $1,335,164 in our SAFETEA-LU Group 1 Urban STP funds. The estimated balance of Group 1 Urban STP funds for the next transportation bill (FY 2010 – FY2015) is $67,599,128. The proposed amendments were included as exhibit "A" for review. **Steve Cunningham** said no emergency amendments had been approved since the 1st Quarter IRTC meetings and there were no administrative modifications processed since the 1st Quarter IRTC meetings. **Steve** reminded the Policy Committee that the deadline for quarterly IRTIP amendments will be July 9th 2010. All amendment requests must be submitted using the TIP amendment request form on the MPO's website.

Christine Altman moved to approve the amendments as detailed in the handout.
Judith Essex seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.

Lori Miser noted a need to discuss the funding of regional transit initiatives at the August IRTC meetings. In 2011, studies for other regional transit initiatives are estimated to reach $2.3 million. A local match projection of approximately $589,000 will be required on top of the 20% local match provided to support the MPO's general planning activities. Miser asked the group to think about how best to obtain that local match. She asked if the local match should be obtained from each of the participating communities or targeted from the specific areas in which the transit line in question would serve.

Judith Essex asked for a brief review on how the local match process works. **Lori** said that historically the match (which is based on population) was shared regionally. **Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman** noted that a regional approach is best since the transit system provides regional benefits. **Mayor Charles Henderson** said that additional match would be a "tough sell" in communities that have serious upcoming budget concerns and his council would be looking at long-term return of their match dollars. A few e-mails provided to Miser following the meeting further supported the approach to continue to equally share the 20% local match requirement throughout the region for further transit studies. This topic will be discussed further at the August meetings.

STATUS REPORTS

INDY CONNECT

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Stephanie Belch gave the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. She introduced **Joe Guerre** of Cambridge Systematics, Inc., who provided a power point presentation with detailed performance based criteria. He also elaborated on enhancements that were made from the results of the IRTC retreat in April. A few areas of review were connectivity, scoring, corridor measures, freight mobility, land use, project level considerations, costs, congestion, crash rates, and additional factors for proper ranking of each corridor. **Joe Guerre** said they will be working on factoring economic opportunity into the process ranking rather than basing it on economic distress. **Christine Altman** asked if there was a national standard that could be also reviewed before a decision could be made. **Joe Guerre** said it's purely a policy decision. **Christine Altman and Gary Vandegriff** asked about clarification on some areas of connectivity and population density. **Larry Heil** asked how economic opportunity was projected. **Joe Guerre and Erika Hinshaw** explained the land use ranking. **Tonya Galbraith** said the Town of McCordsville has updated their land use maps and information and would like the MPO to make sure that it is added into the findings.

Donna Luley and Christine Altman expressed concerns about right of way costs. **Larry Heil** said the upcoming LRTP update will require disclosure of total costs of projects in current year dollars. He said the intent is to review projects clearly. L**ori Miser** stated and reminded the IRTC members that transparency of the total project costs is a federal requirement. **Joe Guerre** said it was the intent to review and capture all funding sources. **Richard Carlucci** and **Tom Klein** suggested a second round of meetings to discuss the funding topic extensively before voting. **Lori Miser** said another special meeting would be scheduled to go over the entire process. **Lori** commented that these same topics were discussed extensively with the Technical Committee members and noted that it was the MPO staff's expectation that Policy Committee members work closely with their Technical Committee members and had strong communication regarding the information that is provided at the meetings.

John Myers and **Chris Kopp** of HNTB presented a power point presentation on the transit component of the Long Range Transportation Plan. They discussed topics such as local bus systems and express bus systems, rail systems (high speed and regional rail systems) commuter rail system, light rail systems and a cost constrained plan. They provided views of what a system would look like based on comments from the Indy Connect public meetings and the Central Indiana Transit Task Force findings.

IRTIP ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Mike Dearing reviewed the attached summer schedule for the submission of projects on TE, CMAQ, SRTS, and HSIP. Applications and guidelines will be available on the MPO website.

Steve Cunningham gave an update on the projects for the 2011-2014 IRTIP. The MPO received 52 projects. The projects submitted totaled $157 million and available funds totaled $56 million The MPO will finish their review of projects and the IRTC Executive Committee will make project selections. **Steve** also provided an ARRA update. He stated all ARRA projects have been funded and all funding is obligated. A total of 92 projects were funded which obligated a total of $ 40.5 million dollars.

DATA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Andy Swenson provided update on Central Indiana Travel Survey, and the Travel Demand Model. The Household Survey final results will be available the end of June.

Central Indiana Pavement Condition Inventory data for Marion County is 70% complete. The outer counties are 10-20% complete.

LIDAR information on elevation has been received on all 4 counties and has been delivered.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Philip Roth confirmed that all grant agreements for local corridor and planning studies have been completed. As soon as the local match from those communities is received, the MPO will begin contracting the studies.

Lori Miser announced the time and location change for the upcoming IRTC Policy Meeting on August 25th and reminded the members that representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration would be in attendance to discuss the MPO's certification review.

Lori Miser moved to adjourn the IRTC Policy Committee meeting. Time: 10:26 a.m .

The next regular IRTC Policy Committee Meeting will be held
August 25th, 2010
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ Metropolitan Board of Realtors, 1912 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202