INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council: Policy Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Date: **October 27, 2010**
Time: **1:30 p.m.** ***(Note time change)***
Place: Indianapolis Traffic Management Center
8620 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis
Conference Rooms C, D, and E

1. Welcome & Introductions	Mayor Greg Ballard Chairman	
Items for Approval		
2. Minutes from meeting of August 25, 2010	Lori Miser	5 min.
3. 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program	Philip Roth	15 min
4. Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program 4th Qtr Amendments: 2009-2012 ***FOR PUBLIC HEARING***	Cat Schoenherr	10 min.
Status Reports		
5. Indy Connect ▪ **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update** ➢ **Policy Guidelines** ➢ **Fiscal constraint** ➢ **Transit Projects** ▪ **Fall round of public meetings**	Stephanie Belch Joe Guerre Chris Kopp	30 min.
6. IRTIP Activities Update ▪ **Status Report: TE, CMAQ, HSIP** ▪ **2012-2015 IRTIP development**	Mike Dearing Steve Cunningham	5 min.
7. Data Activities Update • **Central Indiana Pavement Condition Inventory**	Andrew Swenson	10 min.
8. Administrative Activities Update	Philip Roth	5 min.
9. Historic Michigan Road Byway Application	Kurt Garner	10 min.
Other Business		
10. Announcements, other *Upcoming meetings:* ❖ *Special Combined Policy and Technical Committee meeting:* *December 9, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.* *INDOT Traffic Management Center, 8630 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis*	Lori Miser	

Materials are attached pertaining to agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

I do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the 20th day of October, 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
October 27, 2010
1:30 p.m-3:30 p.m.
Indianapolis Traffic Management Center
8620 E 21st Street,
Indianapolis, IN

Lori Miser - MPO	Philip Roth – MPO
Mike Dearing – MPO	Andrew Swenson – MPO
Stephanie Belch – MPO	Anna Tyszkiewicz – MPO
Steve Cunningham - MPO	Cat Schoenherr – MPO
Tom Beck - MPO	Erika Hinshaw – MPO
Jeremy Moore - MPO	Mayor Greg Ballard – City of Indianapolis*
Christine Altman – Hamilton County*	Wendell Walters – Town of Speedway*
Larry Jones – City of Indianapolis	Donna Luley – Town of Westfield*
Dwane Myers – INDOT / Greenfield Dist.*	Tom Klein – Town of Avon*
Tonya Galbraith – Town of McCordsville*	Gary Huff – Town of Fishers*
Mayor Robin Thoman – City of Southport*	Randy Walter – INDOT Central Office
Michael Terry – IndyGo*	Judith Essex – Boone County*
Tom Stevens – Hancock County*	Mark Richards – City of Greenwood*
Jon Isaacs – Town of Bargersville*	Lesa Ternet – Hendricks County*
Dave Keiser – City of Southport	Mark Applegate – Boone County*
Ehren Bingaman – CIRTA*	Sean White – Caldwell Van Riper
Ron Deer - CIRTA	Tom Sturmer – Transportation Solutions
Clint Sparks – American Structurepoint	Irene Wegner – AARP
John Myers – HNTB	Jim Gray – Hist. Mich. Rd Byway Comm.
Chris Kopp – HNTB	Larry Heil – FHWA
Joe Guerre – Cambridge Systematics	Kim Irwin – Health by Design
Marty Weaver – United Consulting	Chet Skwarcan – Hannan Wagel & Cline
Jim Starkey – Steven J. Christian & Associates	Adam Thies – Eden Collaborative
Richard Carlucci- Town of Plainfield*	

* = Voting member or proxy

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mayor Ballard welcomed all to the meeting. **Lori Miser** then began the introductions and had all IRTC members, MPO staff and visitors in the room introduce themselves.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

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

Tom Stevens moved to approve the August 25, 2010 minutes.
Donna Luley seconded the motion.
The minutes of the August 25, 2010 IRTC Policy Committee Meeting were approved.

2011 – 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
Philip Roth noted that the UPWP highlights plans and studies that are regionally significant. The funding source (Federal/Local) is not contingent on whether it needs to be in the UPWP, it is the regional significance of the project that influences whether it is in the document. This document is one of the core documents that the MPO is responsible for

producing and maintaining. The UPWP now covers a 2 year program. It is also now being compiled in coordination with INDOT's planning process calendar.

The primary funding source for the UPWP activities are PL funds matched with local funds (at 20%). Roth noted that the following items will be undertaken in the new UPWP: Continued environmental studies for the NE corridor; Transit Oriented Development Study; Regional Bike Plan; Strategic Plan; Expanded Pavement Inventory; and Online Transportation Improvement Program Application. There will be no new 2011 funds used for local planning studies, although prior year's funding would continue to be used.

A question was raised about a proposal for the Washington Street corridor to undergo a transit alternatives analysis study before similar analysis is conducted on the South corridor – to Southport, Greenwood and Franklin. A discussion ensued. The MPO later learned that the funding requested for the Washington Street alternatives analysis was denied.

Christine Altman moved to approve the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program.
Rob Thoman seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 4TH QTR AMENDMENTS: 2009-2012: PUBLIC HEARING

Cat Schoenherr provided a list of proposed amendments to the IRTIP for review. The amendments were offered for public review and comment. She noted that there were no comments submitted. Schoenherr noted that thirty-six of the amendments were INDOTs, and three add newly awarded State of Good Repair and Transit Security Grants for IndyGo. Schoenherr specifically highlighted two amendments proposed for projects with Group 1 STP funds

Town of Plainfield

- DES # 0400146 (including des #s 0400987 & 0400988) – NE Perimeter Parkway Phase 1, Township Line Rd. from Dan Jones Rd. to US 40, roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation. Increase total CN/CN INS from $8,028,185 to $8,779,290 ($7,023,432 federal Group 1 STP funds and $1,755,858 local match) in FY 2011.

This amendment would add $600,884 of the MPO's federal Group 1 STP funds to the project due to need for added environmental mitigation and stream relocation, as well as the inclusion of a roundabout at Smith Road intersection and additional work for storm water quality.

City of Indianapolis

- DES # 1000065 – Georgia Street pedestrian enhancement from Pennsylvania St. to Capitol Ave. Add $2,500,000 to the current total of $10,000,000 in TE funds ($2,000,000 federal Group 1 STP and $500,000 local match) in FY 2011.

This amendment reflects the need for the City of Indianapolis to complete pedestrian enhancements/road reconstruction along Georgia Street by November 1st, 2011 – prior to the 2012 Super Bowl. The additional STP funds are to be used as a contingency to the State/Federal TE grant, and will only be used in the event that the project cannot be completed within the $10,000,000 budget.

Larry Jones from the City of Indianapolis noted that the City is only seeking these funds as a contingency, since the project is such a unique project for the Super Bowl. Jones noted that there are a lot of unique features in the project which could cause the total project cost to increase. The City does not have time to re-bid the project. To save time, the City is bidding a federal project locally.

Issues were raised pertaining to total cost; local match; and understanding the need for "additional" funds. The idea was discussed to consider the need for additional funds after the bids are received. The IRTC could review proposed bid information – provide input – then convene the Administrative Committee to vote on whether to approve the $2 million in additional federal funds.

With a recommendation to provide bid information to IRTC members and then convene the Administrative Committee to provide a final vote on the additional funding for the Georgia Street project, a motion was made to approve the 4th quarter amendments.

Rob Thoman moved to approve the Fourth Quarter Amendments to the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan, with the exception of the Georgia Street project.
Mark Applegate seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS

INDY CONNECT – 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Lori Miser provided an overview of the year long list of activities that have been occurring relating to the development of the 20035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Public Outreach element has been a very extensive effort. She explained that the plan being discussed today is not the final document, but at today's meeting the MPO staff sought approval to allow the "nearly final" version of the plan to be presented to the public for their review at the early November public meetings. It will then be updated as needed in late November with any changes deemed necessary. The revised plan will then be voted on by the IRTC at the December 15th Special meeting.

Joe Guerre of Cambridge Systematics provided an overview of the development of the LRTP document. He discussed the Policy Section of the document. Policies include:

- Safety is paramount;
- Must maximize efficiency – of funds and of existing transportation network – through both
  - Congestion Management strategies
  - Increased use of other modal options.
- Support a regional view of transportation network
- Encourage enhanced freight mobility in the region
- Promote policies that are appropriate at the regional level – yet are strategies supported through local input
- Environmental coordination with agencies at all levels (local, state, federal)
- Utilize Innovative Financing Strategies
- Implement Performance Based approach to project selection

Philip Roth provided input on the status of fiscal constraint efforts relating to the plan. He has gathered fiscal information from the State Board of Accounts for county level transportation spending. Total revenue collection was analyzed based on County population growth and centerline road miles. This information showed that for the counties in our MPO planning area there is about $155 million per year available for transportation spending – plus approximately $40 million more in federal funds – to come up with the approximately $195 million we have been using as our annual amount that is available for our long term projections.

Several projects may need additional, supplemental funds beyond those proposed to be available through the fiscal analysis. Examples include the Keystone Parkway interchange with 96th Street as well as Ronald Reagan Parkway. Census count updates will likely change the projections as we move a few years down the road. That will require additional modifications to the projections. We are basically trying to get to a level of comfort for IRTC members regarding the amount of long range funds likely to be available through 2035.

Chris Kopp of HNTB provided a power point presentation and spoke about a change in the ranking of transit projects based on capital cost estimates provided by the Central Indiana Transit Task Force data. The ranking changes were due to new operating cost estimates, loss in revenue projections and benefits measures which were provided by the MPO's new origin zone destination trip table, part of the travel demand model. Cambridge Systematics is currently integrating all the information and recommendations into the cash flow model to develop a fiscally constrained plan.

Kopp went over potential revenue sources for the mass transit portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Kopp mentioned that immediately after a referenda passes the bus system could begin to bond against it immediately to get buses on the road. The current plan would triple the frequencies of the bus system and would add express bus services and local bus circulators. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) ranked very high on the cost benefit analysis. As a result, it is recommended that several lines start out as BRT and then phase into Light Rail when warranted.

Kopp discussed the phasing of the bus and premium transit into the region should additional dedicated local funding become available. It is estimated that it would cost on average approximately $15 per household per month. Kopp mentioned several other federal and state sources of funds that could also be used to fund the transit development plans. Various questions were asked about potential funding types; the process for setting up referenda; and how it might be set up – whether on a county by county or regional basis. While it is currently considered likely that the referenda would be considered on a county by county basis, things could change depending on what comes out of the State Legislature.

The next round of Indy Connect meetings will be held in early November.

IRTIP ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Mike Dearing reviewed the schedule for the submission of projects on TE, CMAQ and HSIP. A spreadsheet was handed out that provides information on the status of various programs and schedule for applications for funds from each. Mike noted that he has not heard from INDOT yet about when the next call for projects will occur for TE applications. Regarding CMAQ, the calendar provided shows that the due date for CMAQ applications to the MPO is January 7th. From past applications, eleven CMAQ applications were received. Six were forwarded to the State and received final approval. Those were: Carmel for a roundabout on 111th St. and College Ave., a pathway on 106th from Ditch to Illinois, two DPW applications for multiuse on 62nd and 71st St., the Knozone outreach program for 2012-2014 and the IndyGo Transit Outreach program.

16 applications were received for HSIP funds during the August 12th round. All were approved except for the Lawrence guardrail project. Twenty HSIP applications were submitted during the Sept. 15th round. We have not yet heard from INDOT about approvals. We expect to hear from them soon. Also - there is an additional $2 million now available for HSIP funding that needs to be obligated between now and Sept 30, 2011. There will likely be a call in early 2011 for additional applications for those HSIP funds.

Steve Cunningham - 2012 – 2015 IRTIP development**.** The new timeframe for the IRTIP is occurring because the MPO desires to better coordinate the timing of the IRTIP with INDOT's new INSTIP as well as with the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. There also had been some recent proposals for new major local projects – and we wanted to wait to see if they would be included in the LRTP before adding them to the IRTIP. Also – there was a recent call for projects that resulted in 40 new applications. We are reviewing those. Final approval of an updated list of projects will likely occur at the May 2011 IRTC meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Philip Roth noted that a 2011 IRTC Meeting Schedule can be found in the packet. The schedule is consistent with the general schedule we have used in prior years. No one expressed a desire to change proposed meeting dates that were close to May and November election days. All meetings are to be held at the Traffic Management Center on E. 21st. Street.

HISTORIC MICHIGAN ROAD BYWAY

Jim Gray was present to discuss reasons his group supports making Michigan Road a Historic Byway. He provided information on the historic significance of Michigan Road and answered a few questions. Designation would just provide notification of historical significance – would not limit any potential changes that might be needed to be made to the road in the future. Jim will provide a draft letter that could be signed by the IRTC in support of this effort.

Christine Altman moved to support the Michigan Road historic designation by sending a letter of support from the IRTC to be used in seeking the designation.
Mark Applegate seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Lori Miser moved to adjourn the IRTC Policy Committee meeting at 3:12 pm.