Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council

Technical Committee

February 3, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Location: Indianapolis Traffic Management Center
8620 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis
Conference Rooms C, D, and E

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions	Lori Miser	
Items for Approval /Referral to Policy Committee		
2. Minutes from meeting of October 21, 2009		
3. Revised Metropolitan Planning Area	Philip Roth	10 min.
4. Public Involvement Plan	Anna Tyszkiewicz	10 min.
5. Planning Studies	Philip Roth	10 min.
6. Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program 1st Qtr Amendments: 2009-2012	Steve Cunningham	10 min.
Status Reports		
7. Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Update activities	Stephanie Belch	30 min.
8. Transit component of Long Range Transportation Plan ▪ **Bus Plan (formerly called the COA)** ▪ **Northeast Corridor** ▪ **Central Indiana Transit Task Force**	Lori Miser	20 min.
9. IRTIP Activities Update ▪ **ARRA Status** ▪ **TE/CMAQ/HSIP activities**	Cat Schoenherr Mike Dearing	5 min.
10. Data Activities Update	Andrew Swenson	5 min.
11. Administrative Activities Update ▪ **2010 Board Retreat: Topics, schedule**	Philip Roth	5 min.
Other Business		
12. Announcements, other *Upcoming meetings:* *Combined Policy and Technical Committees Retreat: April 14, 2010* *INDOT Traffic Management Center, 8620 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis* 8:30 to noon *Regular Technical Committee meeting: May 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.* *Riverside Park, 2420 E. Riverside Drive, Indianapolis*	Lori Miser	

Materials are attached pertaining to agenda items: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 11

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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	Mark Applegate- Boone County*
Jeremy Moore- MPO	Ron Crider-Town of McCordsville*
Anita Bjork- MPO	Mike Pelham - Johnson County*
Mike McBride – City of Carmel*	Jerry Wilkey City of Lawrence*
Joe Copeland - Hancock County*	John Ayers-Hendricks County*
Trent Newport-City of Beech Grove*	Jeff Heiking - Town of Fishers*
Donna Luley- City of Westfield*	Marc Applegate- Boone County*
Trevor Ocock -IndyGo *	Don McGillem Town of Plainfield*
Larry Jones – City of Indianapolis	Lance Lantz- Town of Zionsville*
Christine Owens- Town of Cumberland*	Paul Peoni- City of Greenwood*
Ryan Cannon- Town of Avon*	Rachel Whittington-Boone County*
Jim Stout- IMAGIS	Randy Walter– INDOT*
Todd Barker- Town of Brownsburg*	Ross Snider- USI
Larry Heil – FHWA	Todd Wilkerson-City of Franklin*
Andrew Gast-Brey -- Storrow Kinsella Assoc.	Joe Guerre – Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
Bradley Davis- Hamilton County*	Bill Hall- Hancock County*
John Myers- Town of Speedway*	Judith Essex- Town of Zionsville*
Neil VanTrees- City of Westfield*	Andrew Rodewala- City of Noblesville*
Sherry Powell-City of Indianapolis	Gabriel Becker – Orcolan
Erin Mattingly- Bernardin and Lochmueller	Devin Stettler- United Consulting

* = Voting member or proxy

Welcome & Introductions

Lori Miser opened the meeting and welcomed the IRTC members and visitors to the first meeting of 2010. She allowed everyone to introduce themselves.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Mike Pelham moved to approve the October 21,2009 minutes
Joe Copeland seconded the motion.
The minutes of the October 21, 2009 IRTC Technical Committee Meeting were approved.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Philip Roth provided a full summary of the proposal to revise the Metropolitan Planning Area of the Indianapolis MPO. The effect of this proposal is to transfer the Johnson and Shelby County portions of the Columbus Metropolitan Planning Area, which includes the two townships around Edinburgh, to the Indianapolis MPO. He reported that the IRTC action would forward the proposed revision to Governor Daniels for final approval. **Philip Roth** provided a detailed map and background information. The proposal to assume control of the Shelby/Johnson Counties portion of the Columbus MPO

simplifies the transportation decision making process for Central Indiana by eliminating the need for formal air quality coordination with the Columbus MPO. **Philip Roth** explained that the expanded territory would be eligible for application to the Indianapolis MPO's STP funds but projects therein would not likely be competitive. The area would also remain eligible for rural STP funds. **John Ayers** and **John Myers** suggested Edinburgh be thoroughly advised of the revisions before endorsement of the changes. **Brad Davis**, **Larry Jones, Mike Pelham** and **Randy Walter** had questions regarding conformity, allocation of funds and modeling. **Larry Heil** confirmed that the change would be a simplification of the current air quality.

John Myers moved to approve the forwarding of the revised Metropolitan Planning Area to Governor Daniels contingent on the results from the conversations with Town of Edinburgh.
Jeff Heiking seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE INDIANAPOLIS MPO PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Anna Tyskiewicz explained that the public involvement plan is a requirement of the federal government for metropolitan planning organizations. She summarized a memorandum distributed in the meeting packet that outlined the public comment period for the public involvement plan, and outlined the comments that were received. She elaborated on the refinement of the document and updates due to the by-law changes.

Randy Walter moved to approve the public involvement plan.
Mike McBride seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.

***APPROVAL OF PLANNING STUDIES** (SEEKING APPROVAL)*

Philip Roth provided a handout which outlined staff findings and recommendations for local transportation studies being funded with federal PL funds available to the Indianapolis MPO. He explained that one project, an interchange study at 106th Street and I-69, had been rejected following consultation with INDOT Central Office representatives.
Brad Davis gave an update to the dollar amount in the SR37 Study of $125,000 to $250,000. **Joe Copeland** gave an update on the dollar amount of the Mt. Comfort Road Study. **Lori Miser** said that Federal funds from SAFTELU must be spent and obligated by 7/1/2011. A surplus existed of prior years' surface transportation funds of nearly 3 million dollars. Hancock County /Mt. Comfort Rd study projected at $125,000 not $100,000.

Brad Davis moved to approve the Planning Studies.
Paul Peoni seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.

***APPROVAL OF INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1ST QTR AMENDMENTS: 2009-2012: PUBLIC HEARING** (SEEKING APPROVAL)*

Steve Cunningham provided a list of proposed amendments to the IRTIP for review. The amendments were offered for public review and comment from January 29th through February 16th. Upon approval of the IRTC Technical Committee members the proposed amendments would go to the IRTC Policy Committee on February 17th for final approval.
The majority of the proposed amendments did not affect the MPO's Group 1 STP funds. Fourteen of the amendments were INDOT projects that did not impact Group 1 STP funds, two amendments transferred previous TE grants within the City of Greenwood and Indianapolis, one added a Safe Routes to School project for Carmel, six amendments were for the City of Indianapolis, two were for Indy Go and two for the City of Carmel. The only two projects that impacted the Group 1 STP funds were the City of Indianapolis Cultural Trail and IndyGo. **Steve Cunningham** described the more significant amendments:

The City of Indianapolis DES# 0910700 Cultural Trail

Lori Miser showed a detailed map of the Cultural Trail. She stated the changes were strategic in nature to allow for connectivity to Washington Street as a south leg of the trail. The change should be completed in time for the Super Bowl. She reminded the group that the Cultural Trail is 70% funded by the private sector.

IndyGo DES#0810327

The proposed amendment would reprogram funds currently programmed for the IndyGo Bus Stop and Shelter Amenity project to bus preventative maintenance to allow IndyGo to move some of their funds over to cover operating expenses due to recent revenue shortages**.** A general discussion ensued; those participating agreed that STP funds did not constitute a long-term solution for transit funds. **John Ayers, Don McGillem, Joe Copeland** wanted clarification from **Trevor Ocock** on the terms "operating expenses" and "preventative maintenance". **Trevor Ocock** provided details on IndyGo's bus inventory. **Larry Heil** interjected that STP funds to FTA were already flexed and it was a matter of what capital activities the funds would be applied. **Brad Davis** asked if "bus replacement" or another term was better suited than the use of the term "Preventative maintenance". **Mike McBride** said there was a need for transparency. **Lori Miser** said it is not the intent of the MPO to sustain IndyGo with STP funds but that IndyGo needs some infusion at this time. She said it is important to keep the momentum going on transit. She stated bus services are vital and key to the success of the transit plans. **Todd Barker** asked about an express bus into Hendricks County. **Lori Miser** stated it is in the review process.

Mike McBride moved to approve the amendments as detailed in the handout.
Trevor Ocock seconded the motion.
The motion carried. Opposing members included **John Ayers** and **Joe Copeland**.

STATUS REPORTS

Lori Miser gave an update on the Indy Connect public meetings. She stated there will be more public meetings in the fall of 2010, with an opportunity for the public to voice their opinions openly. There will be a special meeting of the IRTC committees on December 9th to approve the plans that will move ahead to the legislature.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Stephanie Belch gave a summary of the goals and objectives for the development of the 2035 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Update. She provided a handout that gave further details on performance measures to evaluate potential projects. Stephanie elaborated on the outreach program and workshops being conducted by the MPO within the Metropolitan Planning Area. She reported on findings, and noted that the staff had been receiving good input into the development of a roadway alternative for the Update.

Joe Guerre of **Cambridge Systematics, Inc.**, under contract with the MPO to provide technical support for the Update, provided a short power point presentation which provided an overview of the performance measure-based methodology underlying the Plan. He noted that performance measures were currently under development and would be discussed in more detail at the IRTC's upcoming retreat. **Brad Davis** asked about cost of phases of development. **Larry Heil** said that revenues need to correlate and be fiscally constrained.

IRTIP ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Cat Schoenherr provided an update of American Revitalization and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) monies that had been programmed for transportation projects. She noted that all funds had been programmed, and that all projects on the reserve list had also been utilized. **Steve Cunningham** indicated that there would be call for new urban STP projects on February 26th.

Mike Dearing gave a TE/CMAQ/HSIP status update. He provided a detailed schedule for all projects.

DATA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Andy Swenson reported that the regional household travel survey had been completed, and the data had been received. **Andy Swenson** briefly outlined anticipated data development activities for 2010. He outlined the progress made with the Central Indiana Pavement Conditions Inventory Projects Phase 2. He provided a detailed handout. **Andy Swenson** also provided a scope of the project and estimated schedule for the major tasks and milestones of the work that will be conducted. A short meeting would follow the IRTC Technical Meeting for more in-depth review of the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Philip Roth noted that a retreat of the combined Technical and Policy Committees of the IRTC had been called for April 14th, at the same location (INDOT Traffic Management Center). The primary purpose of the retreat would be to discuss components of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, particularly its goals and objectives, performance measures, and starting scenarios.

Lori Miser moved to adjourn the IRTC Technical Committee meeting. Time: 10:46 a.m.

The next regular IRTC Technical Committee Meeting will be held May 5th 9:00a.m. -11:00 a.m. Riverside Park, 2420 E. Riverside Drive, Indianapolis