

# Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Technical Committee

**August 3, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Location: Indianapolis Traffic Management Center  
8620 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis  
Conference Rooms C, D, and E

## Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions	Lori Miser	5 min.
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### Items for Approval /Referral to Policy Committee

2. Minutes from meeting of April 20, 2011	Lori Miser	
3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter IRTIP Amendments	Cat Schoenherr	10 min.
4. Summer 2011 CMAQ funding applications	Mike Dearing	5 min.

### Status Reports

5. Central Indiana Transit Task Force Presentation	Ron Gifford, CEO, CITTF	20 min.
6. 96 <sup>th</sup> Street and Keystone Avenue	Mike McBride City of Carmel	15 min.
7. Georgia Street Update	Larry Jones City of Indianapolis	10 min.
8. IRTIP Activities Update	Mike Dearing Cat Schoenherr	10 min.
9. Administrative Activities Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2012 UPWP preparation</li> </ul>	Philip Roth	5 min.
10. Multimodal Activities Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bike Plan Update</li> </ul>	Lori Miser Jeremy Moore	15 min.
11. Long Range Regional Transportation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA Transition Plan</li> </ul>	Stephanie Belch	10 min.
12. Data Activities Update	Andrew Swenson	5 min.

### Other Business

13. Announcements, other	Lori Miser	5 min.
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*Upcoming meetings:*

***Indy Connect Day at the Indiana State Fair: August 19, 2011***

***Statewide MPO Conference: October 12-14, Eiteljorg Museum***

*Technical Committee: October 19, 2011*

*INDOT Traffic Management Center, 8620 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis*

*9:00 am to 11:00 am*

*Materials pertinent to item #'s 2, 3, 4, and 13 are attached. Notebook updates will be distributed at the meeting, so please bring your notebooks to the meeting. If you have not yet received a notebook, you will be given one at the meeting. If you have lost or misplaced your notebook, please contact Anita Bjork at 327-5136 for a replacement.*

# Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2011

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

## Indianapolis Traffic Management Center

8620 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, IN

### Committee Members Present

Ross Snider – Boone County*	Brad Davis- Hamilton County*
Mike McBride – City of Carmel	Mike Pelham – Johnson County*
David Littlejohn-City of Carmel*	David Keiser-City of Southport*
Jeff Heiking Town of Fishers*	Jim Hellmann- City of Noblesville*
Long Nguyen – City of Indianapolis	John Beery-City of Noblesville*
Larry Jones – City of Indianapolis*	Ron Crider – Town of McCordsville*
Neil VanTrees- City of Westfield*	Lance Lantz – Town of Zionsville*
Joseph Copeland- Hancock County*	Sam Booth- Shelby County*
Wendell Walters-Town of Speedway*	Todd Barker* Town of Brownsburg
Christine Owens- Town of Cumberland*	Kurt Wanninger- City of Westfield*
Dwane Myers- INDOT	Ehren Bingaman- CIRTA
Larry Heil- FHWA	John Ayers- Hendricks County*
Don McGillem-City of Plainfield*	

\* = Voting member or proxy

### Others Present

John Myers- HNTB	Philip Roth – MPO
Lori Miser- MPO	Anna Tyszkiewicz-MPO
Ron Gifford-CITTF	Tom Beck-MPO
Kim Irwin-Health By Design	Stephanie Belch-MPO
Devin Stettler- United Consulting	Steve Cunningham-MPO
Tom Sturmer-Transportation Solutions	Mike Dearing-MPO
Mike Maurovich –American Structurepoint	Cat Schoenherr-MPO
Jeremy Moore- MPO	Anita Bjork- MPO
Annette Darrow-IndyGo	Andrew Swenson- MPO

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

### ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

**Mike Pelham** moved to approve the April 20th, 2011 minutes.  
**Larry Jones** seconded the motion.  
 The minutes of the April 20th, 2011 IRTC Technical Committee Meeting were approved.

**APPROVAL OF INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 3<sup>RD</sup> QTR AMENDMENTS: 2012-2015**

**Cat Schoenherr** provided the list of proposed amendments to the 2012-2015 IRTIP for review. She explained the amendments were offered for public review and comment beginning July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Upon approval by the IRTC Tech committee, the proposed amendments will be presented to the IRTC Policy Committee on August 17th for final approval.

This quarter, the MPO received requests for four amendments to local projects funded with the MPO's Group 1 (Urban) STP funds. These projects were originally programmed in IRTIPs prior to the current (2012-2015) IRTIP, so they are not subject to the 10% cap on cost increases. The details of these amendments are as follows:

- Cicero – 0810329 – Morse Reservoir, pedestrian walkway over causeway, CN/CN INS in FY 2012. **Increase Group 1 STP funds \$320,000 (15.4%) for a new total of \$2,925,000 (\$2,340,000 federal Group 1 STP and \$585,000 local match.)** The increase in cost is due to additional utility relocation costs that have been found to be reimbursable. A question was raised but Cicero did not have representation to answer. **Cat Schoenherr** and **Lori Miser** said that it is a requirement that representation be at the IRTC meetings to answer questions.
- Southport – 0090100 – Anniston Dr. from Walnut St. to McFarland Rd., roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation, CN/CN INS in FY 2012. **Reduce Group 1 STP funds by \$240,000 and transfer the funds to a historic building project in Southport.**

This decision was the result of discussion at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q. IRTC Policy Meeting, and will allow Southport to save a historic building from demolition. Of the transferred funds, \$200,000 will go to ROW with a \$50,000 (20%) local match, and \$40,000 will go to CN with a \$10,000 (20%) local match. **Lori Miser** and **Cat Schoenherr** both confirmed that this was a transfer of funding.

- Brownsburg – 0200705 – East Northfield Dr. from 56<sup>th</sup> St. southeast to US 136, existing roadway capacity improvement, CN/CN INS in FY 2012. **Add project to FY 2012 to use funds leftover from the West Northfield Dr. project.** 1 This project was originally funded with Group 3 funds that were lost when Brownsburg became incorporated in the UAB following the 2000 Census. This proposal allows the project to receive Group 1 STP funds that were originally intended for the West portion of Northfield Dr., but were not used due to a miscommunication that caused the project to be funded locally.
- Hamilton Co. – 0810287 – 146<sup>th</sup> St. Phase 1 from Springmill Rd. to Ditch Rd., existing roadway capacity improvement, CN/CN INS in FY 2012. **Move to FY 2013 and increase Group 1 STP funds by \$90,000 (1.7%) for a new total of \$6,727,500 (\$5,382,000 federal Group 1 STP and \$1,345,500 local match)**

The remaining local amendments and six proposed INDOT amendments will not affect the Group 1 STP balance. Amendments for local projects are summarized below and a detailed list can be found attached as Exhibit A.

- Five amendments add Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects for Fishers, Indianapolis and Westfield, while one amendment transfers funding from an Indianapolis TE project in Woodruff Place to a project on Washington St
- Four amendments add Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) projects in Indianapolis and Westfield; one adds a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) project for Indianapolis;
- Two amendments add Section 5310 – Specialized Transportation Program funds for local transit providers;
- Two amendments add locally funded projects for Franklin and Boone Co.; and

- Two amendments add High Priority funds to phases of the Ronald Reagan Pkwy. in Hendricks Co.

**Cat Schoenherr** summarized for the IRTC Technical committee that the proposed amendments will result in a programmed increase of \$410,000 Group 1 Urban STP funds. The remaining Group 1 STP balance will then be \$5,208,214. As cost increases on STP projects programmed before 2013 were not subject to a cap, the MPO will continue funding those projects at 80/20 through completion. Currently, the STP balance contains just enough to fund cost increases on the newly programmed projects, which are subject to a 10% cap. As projects continue to show cost favorability upon bidding, the balance of STP funds may increase. Should costs continue to rise, the MPO and IRTC will have to decide on the best course of action to address the needs of projects both currently underway and programmed in future years of the IRTIP.

The proposed amendments in their entirety were included as Exhibit A for review. **John Ayers** wanted clarification on the 5310 funds. **Stephanie Belch** explained further. **Lori Miser** said it was an annual programming process.

There were no emergency amendments approved since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 IRTC meetings. A listing of the administrative modifications was provided. **Cat Schoenherr** stated the MPO continues to ask that any agency with an active or programmed project in the IRTIP provide the MPO with any changes in status (cost, letting dates, etc.) She stated that quarterly reports and status reports is a federal requirement. The MPO is still coordinating with INDOT on the reporting process. The MPO will provide further information on the quarterly reporting process when plans have been finalized.

**Brad Davis** moved to approve the 3rd Quarter Amendments to the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan.  
**David Keiser** seconded the motion.  
 The motion passed unanimously.

**Lori Miser** stated that the amount of CMAQ applications had increased from previous years. The MPO reviewed each application and qualifications thoroughly for the improvement of air quality. **Mike Dearing** recapped the nine summer 2011 CMAQ applications recommended for endorsement. He provided a summary sheet listing all projects for discussion. CMAQ review conference call will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. The approval of projects will come shortly afterwards.

**Mike McBride** moved to endorse the list of the 2011 CMAQ applications.  
**Neil VanTrees** seconded the motion.  
 The motion passed unanimously.

## STATUS REPORTS

**Ron Gifford**, the Director of the Central Indiana Transit Task Force (CITTF) provided a PowerPoint presentation which included information on the mission of the CITTF, a listing of private sector members of the task force, funding priorities, partnerships, cost benefits, a recap of key events from 2008 to present, building consensus and action plans. **Brad Davis** asked Ron to specify what he viewed as a major hurdle for overcoming concerns of the general assembly regarding government spending or the possible increase of spending. He said the emphasis will need to be on establishing benefit and value with policy makers. **Lori Miser** reminded everyone of the Legislative Reception on August 11<sup>th</sup> and Indy Connect Day at the State Fair on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike McBride**, with the City of Carmel and representatives of R.W. Armstrong gave a regional project update of the 96<sup>th</sup> and Keystone Avenue interchange design. He provided an informational PowerPoint presentation depicting current views of 96<sup>th</sup> Street as well as aerial views. The presentation also included a segment by **Mayor Brainard** who gave a narrative of the roundabouts in Carmel. Additional items discussed were: emissions and air quality, state of good repair, safety benefits of roundabouts, economic competitiveness, construction windows, schedules of Allisonville and US 31 projects, time frames and closures.

**Kurt Wanninger** inquired about updated project costs from time of the Tiger Grant to current projections. **Mike** said costs are at \$50 million for full build out and \$35 million for the interchange itself.

**Larry Jones** of Indianapolis DPW provided a status update of Georgia Street. He noted that the project is 75% done with the excavation portions. They are making progress with the concrete basin and pavers. He provided photos for review. He said the contractor anticipates completion in November.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Philip Roth** noted that a few of the local match invoices were incorrect. He accidentally inflated the amount according to federal fund data. Refund checks will be sent out accordingly. The process for the second year of the two year UPWP has begun. Philip asked about regional needs. Also, the MPO is looking at a 4-5 year study projection. The conversations will begin at the next quarterly meeting. Philip said the MPO has submitted an application to the FTA for funding of additional corridor studies; specifically the NS corridor from Carmel to Greenwood, and EW component from Plainfield and Avon to Cumberland. The grant application was for 2 million dollars and was an 80/20 match split. Also, there is a new application being reviewed for submission. It is the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. This is for funding new and novel planning initiatives for promoting sustainabilities in communities. The MPO will be re-submitting the grant application.

#### MULTIMODAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Jeremy Moore** provided a status report on the Regional Bikeways and Pedestrian Plan. He stated the draft document is completed, and upon adoption will be incorporated into the LRTP. The current schedule shows adoption of the document taking place in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. He said current efforts focused on public outreach, distribution of a survey and public response. He presented a PowerPoint presentation that described the Regional Bikeways Plan in depth. Some discussion ensued regarding the scoring criteria, the bikeways and segments, population numbers, bicycle safety and ridership, the role of the steering committee, and the goals and vision of the Plan through 2035.

**Kim Irwin**, with the Indiana Citizens Alliance for Transit, described the on-line petition for a dedicated funding option for transit on the CIRT website. She described the grass roots effort and the role of the organization to increase the base of transit supporters within the State. **Ehren Bingaman** elaborated on the mission of the group, petition and securing resolution.

#### LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Stephanie Belch** spoke on the ADA Transition Plan. She summarized her memo and the federal requirement. The MPO will provide LPA's with any information it has that could help LPA's in their plan development and review. **Brad Davis** asked for further description of the requirements and effects on funding of projects. **John Beery** had many concerns. He did not think FHWA understood the difficulty of implementing and developing a Plan. He elaborated that developers or contractors do not understand the importance of ADA compliance. **Larry Heil** spoke on what FHWA believed was a benefit to LPA's from a level of investment. **John Beery** said there is an issue with educating developers of their obligations. **Larry Jones** agreed and confirmed that it is difficult to implement standards in development in spite of understanding or training. **Stephanie Belch** and **Philip Roth** said there will be further conversations on the ADA Transition Plan.

#### DATA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Andrew Swenson** said 2010 Census data will be available later in the month. The MPO will contract with **InfoUSA** to begin the work of obtaining employment data which will be available to all members. Also, the MPO is gathering speed data from various travel lengths to add information to the model. He gave a brief description of HPMS (Highway Performance Management System). He thought a future meeting to describe the expansion of HPMS and the information obtained would be helpful to the IRTC Technical Committee. He confirmed that traffic counts continue to be obtained by the MPO. The pavement condition data is being

implemented into the database and will soon be made public. The travel survey is finishing and information will also be available in late August.

**Lori Miser** said **Rep. Soliday** is convening a summer study committee on state wide infrastructure needs. He has asked her to testify about the state of central Indiana's infrastructure. She may be contacting members by email to gather information on the monies spent on road improvements in their communities over the last decade. She will include the schedule of the meetings for members should they desire to attend.

The MPO Conference dates have been set for October 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Anna Tyszkiewicz is chairing the conference committee.

Indy Connect Day will be held at the State Fair this year. The handout describes the event.

The next IRTC Technical meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Lori Miser** moved to adjourn the IRTC Technical Committee meeting at 10:50 a.m.