

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
9:00 a.m.  
Online / Phone**

**Committee Members**

✓ = Present      (blank) = Absent      \* = Proxy

✓	Boone County	Nick Parr		City of Lawrence	Sri Venugopalan
✓	Hancock County	Gary Pool		Town of McCordsville	Ryan Crum
✓	Morgan County	Anthony Hinkle		Town of Mooresville	David Moore
✓	Hamilton County	Brad Davis		Town of New Palestine	Stephen Pool
✓	Hendricks County	John Ayers		City of Noblesville	Alison Krupski
✓	Johnson County	Neil VanTrees		Town of Pittsboro	Steve Maple
	Shelby County	Desiree Calderella		Town of Plainfield	Scott Singleton
	Town of Avon	Ryan Cannon		City of Southport	Diana Bossingham
✓	Town of Bargersville	Joe Csikos		Town of Speedway	Robert Wetnight
✓	City of Beech Grove	Dennis Buckley	✓	City of Westfield	John Nail
	Town of Brooklyn	Karen Howard		Town of Whiteland	Carmen Parker
	Town of Brownsburg	Al Geans	✓	Town of Whitestown	Danny Powers
✓	City of Carmel	Jeremy Kashman		Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	CJ Taylor	✓	IndyGo	Annette Darrow
	Town of Cumberland	Christine Owens	✓	CIRTA	John Seber
	Town of Danville	Rob Roberts	✓	INDOT	Scott Bailey
	City of Fishers	Jason Taylor		Indianapolis Airport Authority	Drew Genneken
	City of Franklin	Mark Richards		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
✓	City of Greenfield	Jason Koch		FHWA	Robert Dirks
✓	City of Greenwood	Daniel Johnston		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	Ericka Miller		IDEM	Shawn Seals

**Others Present**

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Kristyn Sanchez – Indianapolis MPO	Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Rose Scovel – Indianapolis MPO
Ryan Wilhite - IndyGo	David Littlejohn – City of Carmel
Bill Hall (United Consulting)	Trent Newport (Crossroads Engineers)
Sarah Windmiller (Cambridge Systematics)	Julia Surber (VS Engineering)

**1. WELCOME**

**Anna Gremling** called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. She then took roll call attendance.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**2. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Anna Gremling** asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. There were none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	--
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Bargersville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Dennis Buckley** moved to approve the as presented.  
**John Ayers** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
 The October 7<sup>th</sup> Transportation Technical Committee Minutes were approved.  
 MOTION PASSES.

**3. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT**

**Jen Higginbotham** gave an overview of the 2045 LRTP Amendment #6, which includes an update to an INDOT SR 32 project in Hamilton County. No other amendments for the 2045 LRTP were proposed. The document and transportation conformity report are available for public comment and review from February 1-15, 2021. One comment has been received so far, asking for clarification on how the process works. No project-specific comments have been made so far.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Bargersville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Dennis Buckley** moved to recommend Resolution # 21-IMPO-002 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Nick Parr** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
 Resolution # 21-IMPO-002 for 2045 LRTP Amendment #6 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
 MOTION PASSES.

**4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (IRTIP) AMENDMENTS**

**Steve Cunningham** said the IMPO received four local amendment requests for Hancock County using state funds and eight INDOT amendment requests. None affect IMPO funding. The proposed IRTIP amendment is out for public review and comment and has received no comments so far.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Bargersville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Dennis Buckley** moved to recommend Resolution # 21-IMPO-005 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Gary Pool** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
Resolution # 21-IMPO-005 for the IRTIP amendment was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
MOTION PASSES.

**Steve Cunningham** also mentioned that as of the end of 2020, the IMPO has fully obligated the full allocation for the year. A new cycle will begin in June.

##### 5. 5311/5307 ALLOCATION ANALYSIS REPORT

**Jen Higginbotham** let the committee know that many of the required recommendations have been finalized. The report is the culmination of a year of analysis and discussions. The resolution for board review is to approve the presented recommendations. **Higginbotham** said that this is not the full list of recommendations, because there are several items that INDOT required the IMPO to put forth recommendations on, and one item, the administrative structure, is still being discussed. A resolution for that final recommendation will be included in the Transportation Policy Committee packets and will be presented to that committee at the February 17, 2021 meeting.

**Higginbotham** said that the resolution before the Technical Committee at this meeting includes recommendations on how the providers will report to the National Transit Database, if counties will combine reporting, and how the region's 5307 allocation would be distributed.

**John Seber** asked for more information on the discussions with the transit providers that led to these recommendations. **Higginbotham** reiterated that this process has been underway for a year, and all items included in the presented resolution have been discussed in no fewer than six provider meetings, additional conversation at County Connect meetings, and dozens of one-on-one conversations with providers regarding the analysis and recommendations. **Higginbotham** said that at this point, any providers expressing concern are welcome to bring that up, but currently there is no indication that these recommendations do not have provider support.

**Anna Gremling** restated for clarification that there will be two separate resolutions presented during the Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

**Brad Davis** asked what the role is for elected officials. **Higginbotham** said that elected officials will need to decide if they want to fill the role of official 5307 subrecipients. Up to this point, the providers in those four counties have been encouraged to lead those conversations, and **Higginbotham** said that the IMPO has offered to attend those conversations if asked to answer questions.

**Higginbotham** clarified that the current assumption is that the four counties will want to function as subrecipients in their areas to maintain autonomy in procurement and contracting oversight.

**Gary Pool** asked how the proposed recommendations would change the status quo. **Higginbotham** said that counties are currently receiving rural transit dollars from INDOT and function to pass through the funding to the non-profit transit operators. When using urban transit dollars, the funding can't be passed through to non-profit operators and the subrecipients (counties) would need to manage procurement and contracting processes. **Pool** asked if the urban funding would be in addition to or instead of the rural funding. **Higginbotham** said that the early data analysis indicated that most of the trips receiving rural dollars currently take place in the urban area, and there are likely to be more trips in the urban area as the urbanized area boundary grows with the next census update, therefore the urban funding would replace the rural funding for these providers. Hancock county is a possible exception, as they serve more trips in the rural area than the other systems, and may choose to continue to receive rural funding. **Pool** asked how the funding for Hancock County will be affected. **Higginbotham** said that there is a worksheet that estimates the allocation and staff can figure out what the allocation figure would be for Hancock County, but said that overall there will be a net loss of transit funding in the region that all of the provider are aware of.

**Brad Davis** asked if any providers have been meeting with their elected officials. **Higginbotham** said that staff started encouraging them to speak to their elected officials in October. To staff's knowledge some have had those conversations and some have been waiting for more information from the process. Gremling stated that each county will have decisions to make once the recommendations are finalized.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Bargersville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**John Ayers** moved to recommend Resolution # 21-IMPO-003 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Dennis Buckley** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
Resolution # 21-IMPO-003 for the 5307 Funding Transition Recommendations was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**6. PREFERRED SCENARIO**

**Rose Scovel** said that the IMPO has been undergoing the scenario planning process over the past year. She went over the memo in the packet, which includes an overview of the process and references to maps an information about the proposed preferred scenario. The result is the culmination of Land Use Advisory Panel input and input from the public survey. **Scovel** explained that the final preferred scenario will feed population and employment data into the IMPO’s regional travel demand model, which will be reflected in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. **Gary Pool** voiced his support for proactive planning work like this.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Bargersville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Gary Pool** moved to recommend Resolution # 21-IMPO-001 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Dennis Buckley** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
Resolution # 21-IMPO-001 for the Preferred Scenario was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**STATUS REPORTS**

**7. LAND USE PLANS**

**Annie Dixon** shared that the IMPO’s website has a library of plans in the region. A google sheet listing the plans has been provided to committee members. Members are asked to review the list and let Dixon know of any missing plans.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Anna Gremling** let the committee know that membership dues must be received by the February Transportation Policy Committee meeting. **Gremling** also noted that elections for Executive Committee members will take place at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Open seats include town, excluded city, and county seats. Gremling reminded the committee that bylaws will also be up for approval during the Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Anna Gremling** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Nick Parr** moved to adjourn the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Technical Committee meeting.  
**Gary Pool** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
The February 3<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.  
MOTION PASSES.