

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
MIBOR REALTOR Association
1912 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Voting Committee Members Present

Tom Klein – Town of Avon	Luke Mastin – Johnson County*
Julie Young – Town of Bargersville*	Bill Anthony – City of Lawrence*
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Tonya Galbraith – Town of McCordsville*
Craig Parks – Boone County	Jan Jarson – Town of New Palestine*
April Fisher – Town of Cumberland	John Beery – City of Noblesville*
Jeff Hill – City of Fishers*	Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield*
Mark Richards – City of Franklin*	Jacob Blasdel – Town of Speedway*
Jason Koch – City of Greenfield*	Brittany Garriott – Town of Whitestown*
Mark Myers – City of Greenwood*	Tim Haak – Town of Zionsville*
Mark Heirbrandt – Hamilton County*	Mike Terry – IndyGo*
Eric Wathen – Hendricks County*	Philip Roth – CIRTA*
Daniel Parker – City of Indianapolis*	

*Proxy

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Jen Higginbotham – MPO
Sean Northup – MPO	Jennifer Dunn – MPO
Taylor Firestine – MPO	Ward Kennedy – MPO
Stephanie Belch – MPO	Catherine Kostyn – MPO
Kristyn Sanchez – MPO	James Rinehart – MPO
Nathaniel Simmons – MPO Intern	Anita Bjork – MPO
Colby Cline – MPO Intern	John Myers – HNTB
Scott Hornsby – GAI Consultants	Marsha Craney-Blevins – GAI Consultants
Stephanie Campbell – The Etica Group	Tim Miller – HNTB
Kate Zale – The Etica Group	Rick Cockrum – Capitol Assets
Runfa Shi – INDOT	Sarah Rubin – INDOT
Kia Gillette – HNTB	Paul Boone – INDOT
Kim Irwin – Health By Design	Kristin Brier – INDOT
Seth Schickel – HNTB	Tim Dombrosky – Hendricks County*
David Johnston – City of Greenwood*	Steve Cook – City of Noblesville*
Jennifer Dzwonar – Borshoff	Melody Parks – City of Indianapolis*
Shae Kimiekiewz – Town of Cicero*	

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mark Myers, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed the IRTC Policy Committee members and visitors. Introductions were made around the room. **Mark Myers** proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 25, 2017 (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Dennis Buckley moved to approve the October 25, 2017, IRTC Policy Committee minutes as presented.
Jeff Hill seconded the motion.
The minutes of the October 25, 2017, IRTC Policy Committee Meeting were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM IRTC JOINT MEETING DATED DECEMBER 13, 2017

Craig Parks moved to approve the December 13, 2017, IRTC Joint Committee minutes as presented.
Dennis Buckley seconded the motion.
The minutes of the December 13, 2017 IRTC Joint Committee Meeting were approved.

4. LEGISLATIVE STATUS UPDATE

Rick Cockrum provided a condensed status update before heading to the Statehouse. He also provided a legislative report for review. The handout provided a status on all House and Senate bills related to transportation and other interests of the IRTC members. He opened the floor to questions. There was brief discussion on the two bills involving Water Planning and Infrastructure and Autonomous Vehicles.

Mark Heirbrandt asked a question regarding language in House Bill 1245 limiting local control. **Cockrum** would provide an update following afternoon hearing at the Statehouse.

5. 2018 IRTC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Anna Gremling explained the voting process with a PowerPoint presentation. The three-phased ballot process began with Class elections, followed by At-Large elections, and nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Mark Myers opened the floor to Class nominations; nominations closed with no additional nominees. **Myers** allowed voting to begin.

Class Election Results:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Jurisdiction/Agency</i>
Largest City	Joe Hogsett	Mayor	City of Indianapolis
City	Andy Cook	Mayor	City of Westfield
Excluded City	Dennis Buckley	Mayor	City of Beech Grove
Town	Tom Klein	Town Manager	Town of Avon
County	Craig Parks	County Engineer	Boone County
Transit	Mike Terry	President & CEO	IndyGo

Mark Myers opened the floor to At-Large nominations; nominations closed with no additional nominees. **Myers** allowed voting to begin.

At-Large Results:

	<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Jurisdiction/Agency</i>
At-Large	Jeff Hill	City Engineer	City of Fishers
At-Large	Luke Mastin	County Engineer	Johnson County
At-Large	Mark Myers	Mayor	City of Greenwood

Mark Myers opened the floor for Vice Chair and Chair nominations. **Dennis Buckley** motioned to nominate **Craig Parks** as Vice Chair, with a second by **Tom Klein**. **Dennis Buckley** motioned to nominate **Mark Myers** as Chair, with a second by **Tom Klein**.

6. INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Kristyn Sanchez presented the first quarter Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments. She reviewed her memorandum dated February 4, 2018. She stated that the MPO had received five Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) amendment requests and no local amendment requests. **Sanchez** also noted a title

modification to one INDOT project (Des #1601131), now titled Interstate Tolling Project Planning and Interstate Tolling Project Planning & NEPA Services (originally FIRSST Modeling and Analytical Services). The amendments were opened to public comment.

Mark Myers opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mark Myers closed the Public Hearing.

Jeff Hill moved to approve Resolution 18-IMPO-002, amending the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (IRTIP) Amendments as presented.

Tom Klein seconded the motion.

The Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (IRTIP) Amendments were approved.

Kristyn Sanchez noted that the annual allocation has been spent down. The 2022-2023 project recommendations were released for IRTC comment period on February 14th and will close on the 27th. TIP selection criteria scoring is in the process of revision and testing and will be brought to the May IRTC Policy Committee meeting for approval. An amendment to the TIP will include performance measures at that time.

7. **2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT#2**

Sean Northup introduced Amendment #2 to the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that the amendment will add \$55,324 (federal) to the work program, matched 80/20 with member dues. Some of that balance—\$23,324—is already matched with 2018 dues. The other \$32,500 came as a grant from the MPO Council, and match will be rolled into 2019 invoices.

Philip Roth moved to approve Resolution 18-IMPO-001, amending the 2018 Unified Work Program with Amendment #2 as presented.

Jacob Blasdel seconded the motion.

The 2018 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #2 was approved.

STATUS REPORTS

8. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Anna Gremling presented an update on the Strategic Plan. A feedback sheet soliciting comments from IRTC Policy Committee members regarding the process was distributed. **Gremling's** presentation included an overview of the panel meetings convened in late-2017 and the recommendations that sprung from those conversations. She addressed the motivations behind the effort, identifying roles where the MPO may be able to offer increased planning assistance and regional coordination. Next steps include meeting with regional partners, analysis regarding organizational structures, and financial scenarios. IRTC members will be briefed again at the May 5th Technical Committee meeting and the May 23rd Policy Committee meeting.

Gremling opened the floor to questions. **Mike Terry**: federal certifications make sure that we remain in good standing for our transportation planning core.

Some discussion commenced on the MPO's current responsibilities and maintaining good standing on federal transportation requirements. **Mark Myers** and **Gremling** mentioned the successful field trips to learn from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), peer MPOs that have taken on other public planning roles.

9. **INDOT 65/70 NORTH SPLIT PROJECT**

Kia Gillette and **John Myers** of HNTB presented on the North Split project status. The North Split is operating at full capacity and nearing the end of its useful life. Kia noted the interchange is the second most traveled in the state, services 214,000 trips per day and is nearing 50 years old. The project is in the beginning phase of National

Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) assessments. Impacts to vulnerable populations, historic districts, project alternatives, and financial scenarios will be evaluated as part of the system-level screening study. **John Myers** stated INDOT and HNTB committed to a robust public involvement process throughout the project.

Dennis Buckley and **Luke Mastin** questioned project construction timeline and consideration on local traffic and neighborhood impacts. INDOT and HNTB will be providing updates throughout the process to the MPO and partners. The upcoming topics of study will include diversions to I-465, transit alternatives to reduce demand on the interstate, and other system alternatives and links.

10. INDOT FREIGHT PLAN

Kristin Brier, Freight Manager for INDOT, (see meeting minutes from Tech Committee on 2/5).

Luke Mastin addressed concerns on the overweight permitting process from INDOT—recommendations for local roads last-mile/first-mile Ind. Dept. of Revenue is charged with that. Local road recommendations are not suggested by INDOT.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling noted the inclusion of Resolution 17-MPO-016 in the agenda packet, which was not included in the IRTC Joint Meeting agenda packet dated December 13, 2017. The resolution—which passed at the December Joint Meeting—adopts performance measure targets for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Gremling also mentioned that the MPO will no longer be participating in Grant Finder, due to low use.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Luke Mastin moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mark Heirbrandt seconded the motion.
The IRTC Policy Committee voted in favor of adjournment at 10:32 a.m.