

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

IndyGo Board Room

1501 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Committee Members Present

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| Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove* | Mike Terry – IndyGo* |
| Craig Parks – Boone County* | Dan Parker – City of Indianapolis* |
| Jeff Hill – City of Fishers* | Melody Park – City of Indianapolis* |
| Luke Mastin – Johnson County* | Andy Cook – City of Westfield* |

* = Voting member or proxy

Others Present

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| Anna Gremling – MPO | Sean Northup – MPO |
| Taylor Firestine – MPO | Andy Swenson – MPO |
| Trevor Preddy – MPO | Rich Overmoyer – Fourth Economy |
| Nick Isenberg – Woolpert | Mark Fisher – Indy Chamber |
| Cindy Benedict – Stones3 Resources | |

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Craig Parks, Vice Chair of the Administrative Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Administrative Committee members. Introductions were made around the room.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Jeff Hill moved to approve the April 27, 2018 minutes as presented.
Dan Parker seconded the motion.
The minutes of the April 27, 2018 IRTC Administrative Committee Meeting were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

3. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM-FLEX

Anna Gremling recommended flexing \$2.3 million of the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) latest allocation of unused highway funds over to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for data purchases, as performance measures are increasingly important in justifying projects after the FAST Act. The Data Analytics and Modeling Plan is currently underway to identify those needs. **Gremling** noted that data needs are outpacing funding levels. Between \$700,000 to \$800,000 is expensed for data annually.

Gremling suggested allocating \$200,000 to planning projects and \$500,000 (plus local match) for data in 2019, with spend-down of past-year balanced by 2020.

After some discussion, **Gremling** noted this was not an item for approval, but wanted to reintroduce the idea for board feedback. There was further discussion on data needs, including the possibility of more robust traffic counts.

Gremling mentioned the recommendation will be presented for Administrative Committee approval at the July 27th meeting, where it will then move to a final vote for Policy Committee consideration at the August 22nd meeting.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN

Anna and **Sean Northup** presented an update on the MPO Strategic Plan. **Gremling** mentioned meetings have been ongoing with mayors in the region. The discussions have focused on an independent MPO/move-out from the City of Indianapolis scenario. A final vote affirming move-out is suggested for the August 22nd Policy Committee meeting.

Mayor Dennis Buckley and **Gremling** discussed how the process would become final. She noted that 75% of MPO membership (based on share of the metropolitan planning area population) would need to vote in favor of independence, then move to the Governor for final sign-off.

Mike Terry asked about a possible Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) designation. **Northup** and **Gremling** discussed that an RTA as well as other designations are part of the long-term evaluation of the organization. The first step is voting for independence—second step would determine structure.

Northup noted that a “transition team” will be established following a vote for independence that would help guide decisions on the organization’s structure (2019-2020). He presented long-term regional governance structure alternatives, their pros and cons, and the options necessary for each.

Mayor Buckley and **Mayor Cook** discussed the Central Indiana Council of Elected Officials (CICEO) efforts to better define that organization, identify new streams of revenue, and the parallel conversations occurring around improved regionalism in Central Indiana. There was discussion among those in attendance regarding the board makeup of CICEO and possibility of expansion to include county representation.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Gremling noted that air quality conformity has reverted to 1997 ozone standards identified in the Clean Air Act due to a recent court ruling. The MPO is awaiting guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Gremling** mentioned that this may have realistic implications on projects.

Air quality conformity will be an agenda item for the IRTC Joint Policy and Technical Committee retreat scheduled for June 13th.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andy Cook moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mayor Dennis Buckley seconded the motion.
The Administrative Committee voted in favor of adjournment at 10:40 a.m.