

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council**  
**General and Retreat Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2018**  
9:00 a.m-11:00 a.m.  
Hornet Park Community Center  
5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107

**Voting Committee Members Present**

Tom Klein – Town of Avon	Eric Wathen – Hendricks County
Ryan Cannon – Town of Avon	Mark Heirbrandt – Hamilton County
Craig Parks – Boone County	Brad Davis – Hamilton County
Nick Parr – Boone County	Tonya Galbraith – Town of McCordsville
Grant Kleinhenz – Town of Brownsburg	Ryan Crum – Town of McCordsville
Jeremy Kashman – City of Carmel	Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield
David Littlejohn – City of Carmel	Robert Wetnight – Town of Speedway
Steve Barnett – City of Franklin	Joe Csikos – Town of Whiteland
Mark Richards – City of Franklin	Josh McClung – Town of Whitestown
Chuck Fewell – City of Greenfield	Brittany Garriott – Town of Whitestown
Jason Koch – City of Greenfield	Tim Haak – Town of Zionsville
Daniel Johnston – City of Greenwood	Philip Roth – CIRTA
Bill Anthony – City of Lawrence	Robert Dirks – FHWA

**Others Present**

Anita Bjork – MPO	Scott Hornsby – GAI Consultants
Steve Cunningham – MPO	Ross Snider – USI Consultants
Jennifer Dunn – MPO	Marsha Craney Blevins – GAI Consultants
Taylor Firestine – MPO	Julia Surber – VS Engineering
Nathaniel Simmons – MPO	Jennifer Pryz – HNTB
Anna Gremling – MPO	John Myers – HNTB
Jen Higginbotham – MPO	Kim Irwin – Health by Design
Ward Kennedy – MPO	Kate Weese – Clark Dietz
Catherine Kostyn – MPO	Antonio Johnson – FHWA
Sean Northup – MPO	Amanda Rice – FHWA
James Rinehart – MPO	Susan Weber – FTA
Kristyn Sanchez – MPO	Annie Dixon – CIRTA
Andy Swenson – MPO	Jerry Bridges – Madison County Council of Governments
Rich Overmoyer – Fourth Economy	Chelsea Burket – Fourth Economy

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Craig Parks** called the meeting to order and welcomed the IRTC Joint Committee members and visitors. Introductions were made around the room.

**STATUS REPORTS****2. INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION**

**Anna Gremling** introduced **Robert Dirks** of FHWA to the group. **Dirks** elaborated on the extensive IMPO certification process that began on June 11<sup>th</sup> and concluded on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The panel of reviewers consisted of a mix of both FTA and FHWA staff. He said the panel reviewed and inquired on many areas during the two days. They included MPO structure, agreements, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the transportation planning process, the TIP, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, Congestion Management, public outreach, Title VI and environmental justice, freight planning, environmental mitigation, air quality, transportation forecasting and more. **Dirks** stated the group was given a guided tour of the region and saw planned or under construction transportation projects.

He stated there were no corrective actions. **Dirks** said the review team highlighted and commended many areas on outreach, engagement and transparency. He noted the Data Analytics and Modeling Plan and soon-to-be-released “What is the MPO?” educational video. He stated the visualizations showcased the MPO organization very well. He confirmed MiTIP was both informative and a very useful tool for the local planning agencies (LPAs). He stated all the handouts and summaries given to the public were well done.

### 3. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

**Anna Gremling** provided a brief overview of air quality conformity. She provided some historical background. She stated that once the MPO receives more guidance from FTA and FHWA on the air quality emission budget and impacts then amendments and work will move forward.

### 4. STRATEGIC PLAN

**Anna Gremling** discussed and presented a PowerPoint on the MPO’s Strategic Plan. IRTC members broke into small groups for open and lengthy discussion. There were a variety of points that the members discussed and reviewed them with the entire group. Topics of conversations included contracts and in-house studies, budget and delivery of projects, impacts on municipalities, etc.

**Rich Overmoyer**, with Fourth Economy, led the second discussion. He provided a presentation and discussed the four roles of the MPO: convene, inform, plan, and fund. Some discussion on the MPO’s expansion into areas in addition to transportation (e.g. land use and water planning). Again, IRTC members broke into small groups for open and lengthy discussion. The discussion centered around regionalism, fostering partnerships, membership and growth, urbanization and isolation.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Anna Gremling** noted upcoming IRTC meeting dates.

**Craig Parks** motioned for adjournment. **Philip Roth** seconded. The motion was approved. The IRTC Joint meeting was adjourned.