

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors
1912 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Committee Members Present

Tom Klein – Town of Avon	Eric Wathen – Hendricks County
Julie Young – Town of Bargersville*	Melody Park – City of Indianapolis*
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Luke Mastin – Johnson County
Craig Parks – Boone County	Bill Anthony – City of Lawrence*
Mike Hollibaugh – City of Carmel*	Tonya Galbraith – Town of McCordsville
C.J. Taylor – Town of Cicero	Jan Jarson – Town of New Palestine
April Fisher –Town of Cumberland	Steve Cooke – City of Noblesville*
Gary Eakin – Town of Danville	Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield
Jeff Hill – City of Fishers*	Jacob Blasdel – Town of Speedway
Steve Barnett – City of Franklin	Andy Cook – City of Westfield
Chuck Fewell – City of Greenfield	Joseph Csikos – Town of Whiteland*
Mark Myers – City of Greenwood	Mike Terry – IndyGo
Brad Davis – Hamilton County	Andrew McGee – CIRTA
Gary Pool – Hancock County	

* = Proxy

Others Present

Anna Gremling – MPO	Laura Parker – Town of Danville
Sean Northup – MPO	Tim Dombrosky – Hendricks County
Kristyn Sanchez – MPO	Jay Mitchell – INDOT
Ward Kennedy – MPO	Robert Dirks – FHWA
Taylor Firestine – MPO	Stephanie Belch – INDOT
Rose Scovel – MPO	Scott Hornsby – GAI Consultants
Jen Higginbotham – MPO	Kate Weese – Clark Dietz
Anita Bjork – MPO	Mark Turner – First Group
Colby Cline – MPO	Kim Irwin – Health by Design
James Rinehart – MPO	Mark Richards – City of Franklin
Andy Swenson – MPO	Jason Koch – City of Greenfield
Catherine Kostyn – MPO	Katie Madaj – CHA
Jennifer Dunn – MPO	Kate Zale – Etica Group
Daniel Johnston – City of Greenwood	Jeremy Kashman – City of Carmel
Chris Steinmetz – City of Indianapolis	Kevin Whited – City of Carmel
Marsha Craney Blevins – GAI	Julie Surber – VS Engineering
John Beery – City of Noblesville	

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Policy Committee members and visitors. Introductions were made around the room.

2. MPO VIDEO

Anna Gremling debuted a new video explaining the role of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization. She stated the video will be used as a tool for public outreach and education.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3. APPROVAL OF POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Dennis Buckley moved to approve the May 23, 2018 minutes as presented.
Craig Parks seconded the motion.
The minutes of the May 23, 2018 IRTC Policy Committee Meeting were approved.

4. APPROVAL OF JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Chuck Fewell moved to approve the June 13, 2018 minutes as presented.
Eric Wathen seconded the motion.
The minutes of the June 13, 2018 IRTC Joint Committee Meeting were approved.

5. INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (IRTIP) AMENDMENTS

Kristyn Sanchez reviewed her memo concerning the proposed 3rd Quarter 2018 Amendments to the 2018-2021 IRTIP. The MPO received 9 local amendment requests and 62 INDOT amendment requests. The amendments were open for public review and comment from August 11th to August 22nd. **Kristyn** stated that the MPO received one public comment regarding the North Split modification requesting more time to review alternatives. The amendments were detailed in the handout for review.

Melody Park was asked to detail City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2. She presented a map for review to show the original proposed alignment versus the revised alternative options because of a bridge failure in 2017. **Melody** discussed the alternative options highlighting roadway width, costs of a potential boardwalk, and conversations with Citizens Energy Group. A lengthy discussion ensued with **Jeremy Kashman, Tom Klein, John Beery, Mike Hollibaugh, Brad Davis, and Luke Mastin**. **Gary Pool** discussed his concerns. **John Beery** stated he understood the limitations of the project and stated there have been past instances where projects have been delayed due to unease from utility companies. **Melody Park** emphasized postponing the project could cause for concern that local funds might not be available in a year or two for the trail. **Melody Park** clarified Option 4 was the proposed alternative.

The public hearing was opened by **Mayor Mark Myers**. There were no comments. Public hearing was closed.

The proposed INDOT and Local Amendment requests as presented (excluding the City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2) were moved for approval.

Gary Pool motioned to approve the Indianapolis Transportation Improvement Program (IRTIP) Amendments, including all administrative modifications with the exception of the City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2, Option 4.

Luke Mastin seconded.

The Indianapolis Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as presented, with the exception of the City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2, were approved.

The City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2 was moved for approval.

Gary Pool motioned to approve the City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2, amendment as presented.

Tom Klein seconded.

Gary Pool voted nay.

The City of Indianapolis DES #1801713, Lower Fall Creek Trail-Phase 2 amendment was approved.

6. THE INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Anna Gremling gave an overview of the MPO in a PowerPoint presentation as given at the IRTC Technical meeting weeks prior. She included historic details as well as the current role of the MPO. She explained the process and results from Fourth Economy Consulting, Greenstreet and Nelson\Nygaard in determining the scope, growth and future of the organization. **Gremling** proposed a three-step approach to expanding the MPO; create an independent MPO, grow an independent MPO, and formalize the MPO into a regional convener. She stated the City of Indianapolis houses the MPO and it no longer makes sense for a regional organization to be housed in that manner. She provided a listing of areas of concern in the current hosting agreement. She discussed many initiatives that could be developed (water, land use and housing) as a region. Other areas of discussion included but were not limited to: data and research, economic development, regional convener models, peer reviews, timelines and governance structures.

Mike Terry complimented **Anna Gremling** on a thorough Strategic Plan and the work of the MPO. He asked for confirmation on the funding source for the re-designation of the MPO. **Gremling** stated \$400,000 would be redistributed from consulting in the 2018/2019 UPWP. **Melody Park** stated staff retention is always a concern and asked if salary increases are going to be considered. **Gremling** stated that the Indianapolis MPO continues to be the least paid of the MPOs in the state and it will be reviewed. **Eric Wathen** stated he had concerns regarding the MPO expanding into water with little input from local LPAs. **Gremling** assured him the local LPAs would be included throughout the process. **Andrew Klinger** asked about model structures.

Andy Cook motioned to approve the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Strategic Plan.
 (Resolution #18-IMPO-014)
Luke Mastin seconded.
 The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Strategic Plan was approved.

7. RE-DESIGNATION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Anna Gremling stated “re-designation” is the federal term for separating from the City of Indianapolis and becoming an independent entity. She stated a roll-call vote would be taken.

Craig Parks motioned to approve the Re-designation of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization.
 (Resolution #18-IMPO-015)
Andrew Cook seconded.
 The roll call vote was taken by Mayor Myers.
 The re-designation of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization was approved unanimously.

Motion: Re-designation Independent MPO 8/22/18

Date: 8/22/2018

MEMBER	2010 Census Population	Percent of Total	Yay	Nay	Population Voting Yes
Avon	12,446	0.81%	1		12,446
Bargersville	4,013	0.26%	1		4,013
Beech Grove	14,192	0.93%	1		14,192
Boone County (motion)	9,593	0.63%	1		9,593
Brooklyn	1,598	0.10%	Not Present		-
Brownsburg	21,285	1.39%	Not Present		-
Carmel	79,191	5.16%	1		79,191
Cicero	4,812	0.31%	1		4,812
Cumberland	2,572	0.17%	1		2,572
Danville	9,001	0.59%	1		9,001
Fishers	76,794	5.01%	1		76,794

Franklin	23,712	1.55%	1		23,712
Greenfield	20,602	1.34%	1		20,602
Greenwood	49,791	3.25%	1		49,791
Hamilton County	20,150	1.31%	1		20,150
Hancock County	19,759	1.29%	1		19,759
Hendricks County	59,472	3.88%	1		59,472
Indianapolis	829,676	54.11%	1		829,676
Johnson County	39,857	2.60%	1		39,857
Lawrence	46,001	3.00%	1		46,001
McCordsville	4,797	0.31%	1		4,797
Mooresville	9,326	0.61%	Not Present		-
Morgan County	17,623	1.15%	Not Present		-
New Palestine	2,055	0.13%	1		2,055
Noblesville	51,969	3.39%	1		51,969
Pittsboro	2,928	0.19%	Not Present		-
Plainfield	27,631	1.80%	1		27,631
Shelby County (w/Fairland)	7,714	0.50%	Not Present		-
Southport	1,712	0.11%	Not Present		-
Speedway	11,812	0.77%	1		11,812
Westfield (second)	30,068	1.96%	1		30,068
Whiteland	4,169	0.27%	1		4,169
Whitestown	2,840	0.19%	1		2,840
Zionsville	14,160	0.92%	Not Present		-
IndyGo			1		
CIRTA			1		
Indianapolis Airport Authority			Not Present		
Ports of Indiana			Not Present		
INDOT			Not Present		
Totals	1,533,321	100%	95%	0%	1,456,975

8. 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FLEX

Anna Gremling stated the MPO’s allocation of INDOT’s additional bonus funds totaling \$2.3 million for 2019-2021 will be used to fund Planning Studies and purchase data. **Anna** said there is an increasing need for improved data and modeling programs required through the FAST Act. She suggested flexing the additional funds to meet these needs. The remaining \$1,332,258 to supplement the UPWP in 2020 and 2021 will be for similar data purchases. A brief discussion ensued.

Dennis Buckley motioned to approve the United Planning Work Program Flex.
 (Resolution #18-IMPO-013)
Luke Mastin seconded.
 The United Planning Work Program Flex was approved.

9. 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Sean Northup provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed his memo of August 1, 2018 regarding the 2019 UPWP. The UPWP identifies the priorities and activities to be carried out in the region. Each year varies in planning work, time projections, cost, scope and funding categories. MPOs are required to develop a UPWP to obtain and expend FHWA and FTA planning funds. Sean reviewed the 2019 totals of \$4,771,791, including overhead and contracts. He explained the revenue funds, old earmarks, flexed STBG funds, and HSIP funds. He reviewed and explained the activities table at length. He also supplied an easy view handout of the 2019 UPWP. He covered areas such as Independent Transition teams, data software upgrades and services, programming, multimodal transit planning and outreach and new LPA contracts. **Jacob Blasdel** had a few questions regarding data and capabilities.

Mike Hollibaugh motioned to approve the 2019 United Planning Work Program.
(Resolution #18-IMPO-012)
Steve Barnett seconded.
The United Planning Work Program was approved.

10. PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2 & 3

Jennifer Dunn discussed her memo dated July 20, 2018 regarding PM-2 (Pavement and Bridge Condition) and PM-3 (System Performance/Freight/CMAQ Performance Measures). She provided details in a PowerPoint presentation and a handout that addressed new requirements and targets. **Dunn** discussed INDOT targets for pavement and bridges. There was a brief discussion on conflicting ratings, targets, baselines on pavement conditions and congestion mitigation and air quality. There was a short discussion centering around supporting the state-established safety targets. As well as knowing the methodology for calculating the pavement and bridge condition ratings could be interpreted as flawed. **Louis Feagans**, INDOT's Statewide Technical Services Director, was present to answer questions. A brief discussion ensued with **Eric Wathen, Luke Mastin, Andy Cook, Jeremy Kashman, and Mike Hollibaugh**.

Andy Cook motioned to approve Performance Measures 2 & 3 to include additional language stating that the MPO does not agree with the FHWA methodology to calculate pavement and bridge condition ratings.
(Resolutions #18-IMPO-010, #18-MPO-011)
Luke Mastin seconded.
The Performance Measures 2 & 3 to include additional language was approved.
Eric Wathen abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- **Gremling** noted that the MPO's Certification Report will be on the agenda for October IRTC meetings.
- **Gremling** mentioned the MPO has still not received guidance from IDEM or the EPA on the air quality conformity.
- **Gremling** named MPO Project Managers to LPA projects. She asked that they collaborate a bit after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting
Andrew Klinger seconded.
The meeting was adjourned.