

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
 October 10, 2018**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MIBOR REALTOR Association, Meeting Room B
 1912 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Committee Members Present

Julie Young – Town of Bargersville	Neil VanTrees – Johnson County
Kevin Killinger – Town of Bargersville*	Bill Anthony – City of Lawrence
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Ryan Crum – Town of McCordsville
Nick Parr – Boone County	Steve Pool – Town of New Palestine
Todd Barker – Town of Brownsburg	Jim Hellmann – City of Noblesville*
Jeremy Kashman – City of Carmel	Scott Singleton – Town of Plainfield
Laura Parker – Town of Danville*	Wendel Walters – Town of Speedway
Jeff Hill – City of Fishers	John Nail – City of Westfield*
Mark Richards – City of Franklin	Josh McClung – Town of Whitestown*
Anthony Krycka – City of Franklin*	Lance Lantz – Town of Zionsville
Jason Koch – City of Greenfield	Annette Darrow – IndyGo
Daniel Johnston – City of Greenwood	Philip Roth – CIRTA
Brad Davis – Hamilton County	Andrew McGee – CIRTA*
Gary Pool – Hancock County	Katie England – INDOT
John Ayers – Hendricks County	Robert Dirks – FHWA
Melody Park – City of Indianapolis	

* = Proxy

Others Present

Anna Gremling – MPO	Trent Newport – CrossRoad Engineers
Taylor Firestine – MPO	Kate Zale – Etica Group
Steve Cunningham – MPO	Mark Turner – First Group
Kristyn Sanchez – MPO	Marsha Craney-Blevins – GAI Consultants
James Rinehart – MPO	Kim Irwin – Health by Design
Jen Higginbotham – MPO	Liz Thomas – Johnson County
Rose Scovel – MPO	Pete Peterson – RQAW
Ward Kennedy – MPO	Bill Hall – United Consulting
Andy Swenson – MPO	Ross Snider – USI Consultants, Inc.
Kate Weese – Clark Dietz	Julia Surber – VS Engineering

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed IRTC Technical Committee members. Introductions were made around the room.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2018 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

Mayor Dennis Buckley moved to approve the August 8, 2018 IRTC Technical Committee minutes.
Philip Roth seconded the motion.
 The minutes of the August 8, 2018 IRTC Technical Committee meeting were approved.

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT #1 (RES. 18-IMPO-018)

Jen Higginbotham began by updating the committee on air quality conformity following the February decision by the D.C. Court of Appeals (*South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA*). The court case has necessitated that the MPO analyze projects within the 2045 LRTP to ensure the plan will attain emissions levels conforming to federal air quality requirements per 1997 standards. Now, the MPO is holding off on amendments to the LRTP to ensure air quality conformity. She noted that guidance issued from FHWA on October 1, 2018 indicated a grace period for compliance by February 2019.

Higginbotham presented her memo dated October 3rd outlining Amendment #1 to the 2045 LRTP, including three (3) existing project modifications, and four (4) new projects to be added. INDOT's SR 39 & I-70 Added Travel Lanes and I-65 Added Travel Lanes (from South Split to I-465) were moved to the Illustrative List of Projects. IndyGo's Blue Line BRT route alignment was modified. She continued listing the four (4) new projects: US 36 Added Travel Lanes (from I-465 to Raceway Rd.); US 31 at 236th St. Interchange; SR 32 Reconstruction (from Poplar St. to East St.); and the 2020 Marion County Transit Plan (MCTP) network map was added to the 2045 LRTP document as a correction (it was already in the model).

Mayor Dennis Buckley moved to recommend approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-018

John Ayers seconded the motion.

The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-018.

4. INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AMENDMENTS 2018-2021) (RES. 18-IMPO-020)

Kristyn Sanchez presented the 4th Quarter 2018 TIP Update. The MPO received 14 local and 16 INDOT amendment requests. She reviewed a summary list of projects, including adding the next phase of the Ronald Reagan Pkwy., bonus funds flexed to TIP in the UPWP, and adding IndyGo's Blue and Purple Lines.

Sanchez noted the STBG Project Amendment request from the City of Fishers for the 96th St. Added Travel Lanes and Bridge 165 for \$2,316,792 due to addition of eight (8) retaining walls, two (2) septic abandonments, and additional detention requirements. The HSIP Project Amendment, also from the City of Fishers, requested an additional \$513,827 allowing design modifications for the 126th St. and Reynolds Dr. Roundabout.

Daniel Johnston and **Neil VanTrees** questioned **Jeff Hill** on the additional retaining walls in Fishers' STBG Project Amendment request. **Hill** explained that seven walls were not originally scoped but were needed for environmental mitigation along Mud Creek as well as to reduce right-of-way acquisition. Other costs resulted from an increase in right-of-way acquisition and septic conversions to sewer. **Gary Pool** asked who the consultant was on the project. **Hill** said American Structurepoint.

Anna Gremling noted that few projects have been let to date in fiscal year, with two projects at risk for February 2019 letting. Some 21 projects to let worth \$41 million, with only \$19.4 million spent down. **Gary Pool** asked what the odds were for the projects at risk to make their respective letting dates. **Melody Park** said the Dandy Trail Project ran into issues with historical box beam and bats which were determined not to be endangered, but felt comfortable that the City of Indianapolis would make its letting. **Todd Barker** responded that the Brownsburg Roundabout Project was delayed in acquiring land on two parcels, but the town was working with land owners' legal counsels.

Gremling asked **Hill** how Fishers would proceed with the project if request is denied. **Hill** said it may be necessary to file an exemption to the Complete Streets Policy to remove the trail and sidewalk but will be evaluating other cost-cutting options.

Neil VanTrees requested more background information on Fishers' HSIP Project Amendment request. **Hill** mentioned that 126th St. at Reynolds Dr. was originally scoped as a signalized intersection, but later in the process, decided a roundabout was deemed necessary with pending SR 37 reconstruction. He also noted that an additional \$67,000 in local dollars has been identified to supplement the construction budget.

Mayor Dennis Buckley motioned to separate the two City of Fishers Project Amendment Requests in question from the other TIP project amendment requests for vote.

Gary Pool seconded the motion.

All TIP project amendment requests were recommended for approval, except for the City of Fishers STBG and HSIP Project Amendment Requests which were voted on separately.

Jeff Hill motioned to vote on each of the City of Fishers' Project Amendment Requests individually.

Brad Davis seconded the motion.

The two Project Amendment Requests from the City of Fishers were separated for individual votes.

Jeff Hill motioned to vote on the City of Fishers STBG Project Amendment Request (96th St. Added Travel Lanes and Bridge 165)

Gary Pool seconded the motion.

Anna Gremling conducted a roll call vote.

The City of Fishers STBG Project Amendment Request (96th St. Added Travel Lanes and Bridge 165) did not pass. Will move to IRTC Policy Committee with a do not pass recommendation.

**Motion: City of Fishers STBG Project Amendment Request
Date: 10/10/2018**

MEMBER	Yay	Nay	Abstention
Avon	Not Present		
Bargersville		1	
Beech Grove		1	
Boone County		1	
Brooklyn	Not Present		
Brownsburg	1		
Carmel	1		
Cicero	Not Present		
Cumberland	Not Present		
Danville		1	
Fishers (motion)	1		
Franklin		1	
Greenfield	1		
Greenwood		1	
Hamilton County	1		
Hancock County (second)		1	
Hendricks County		1	
Indianapolis		1	
Johnson County		1	
Lawrence	1		

McCordsville	1		
Moorestown	Not Present		
Morgan County	Not Present		
New Palestine		1	
Noblesville	1		
Pittsboro	Not Present		
Plainfield		1	
Shelby County (w/Fairland)	Not Present		
Southport	Not Present		
Speedway		1	
Westfield	1		
Whiteland	Not Present		
Whitestown		1	
Zionsville		1	
IndyGo		1	
CIRTA	1		
Indianapolis Airport Authority	Not Present		
Ports of Indiana	Not Present		
INDOT			1
Totals	10	16	1

Gary Pool moved to approve the City of Fishers HSIP Project Amendment Request (126th St. and Reynolds Dr. Roundabout) **Mayor Dennis Buckley** seconded the motion. The City of Fishers HSIP Project Amendment request (126th St. and Reynolds Dr. Reynolds Roundabout) was approved.

Sanchez reminded committee members that the MPO’s Annual Call for Projects is open to applications until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 21st.

Gremling moved up an item from the Director’s Update of the agenda regarding financial agreements with other MPOs. She outlined the concept as an additional tool in the agency’s toolbox to ensure federal funding isn’t lost. This tool would allow the MPO to exchange a portion of its annual allocation funds with other Indiana MPOs to avoid losing funds to INDOT. Entering into an agreement would require a special meeting of the IRTC Administrative Committee for guidance.

5. **2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY (RES. 18-IMPO-017)**

Jen Higginbotham presented her memo concerning the 2045 LRTP Air Quality Conformity Report. The report includes only those projects adopted into the 2045 LRTP by the IRTC in December 2017. The results indicate that the MPO area is under allowable attainment budgets for ozone pollutants. She also noted Table 2 in the memo, which shows Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) increasing, but emissions decreasing in the region, indicating that LRTP projects will mitigate overall congestion and improve emissions outcomes even with expected population growth.

John Ayers moved to recommend approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-017. **Jeremy Kashman** seconded the motion. The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-017.

6. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT #1 AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY (RES. 18-IMPO-021)

Jen Higginbotham explained that the traffic demand model was re-run with the projects included in 2045 LRTP Amendment #1 (presented earlier in the meeting). Modeling these additional projects still allowed the region to meet its projected emissions budget. She mentioned that this report and the 2045 LRTP air quality report are available for public review and comment until October 23, 2018.

Philip Roth moved to recommend approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-021.
John Nail seconded the motion.
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-021.

7. 2019 SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS (RES. 18-IMPO-019)

Gremling noted that IRTC members should expect consideration of a Vision Zero policy for the region, with a resolution likely to be presented at the Joint Policy and Technical Committee meeting in December.

Andy Swenson presented a PowerPoint on PM-1 Safety Measures. Included a comparison with other states, as was requested at the IRTC Administrative Committee. Close to \$18 million was allocated for safety by INDOT in 2018. MPO staff recommends supporting INDOT targets for safety and will need official approval by November deadline.

Todd Barker moved to recommend approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-019.
Jeff Hill seconded the motion.
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approving Resolution Number 18-IMPO-019.

STATUS REPORTS

8. 5307/5311 REDISTRIBUTION

Philip Roth of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) presented a PowerPoint on urban/rural transit funding. INDOT will begin reducing funds for rural transit agencies in counties surrounding Marion, as these counties are now considered “urban.” **Roth** explained that these new reporting requirements will create a funding imbalance, decreasing rural funds (5311). Although urban funds (5307) would see a slight increase, this would not be enough to supplement the difference in 5311. The presentation included a flowchart of the existing funding formula.

Brad Davis asked if a rural transit provider conducting urban trips would be eligible for 5307. **Roth** responded yes, but because of the funding cap from FTA, it won’t make up that they lose in 5311. **Gremling** summarized the presentation stating that providers will be forced to either cut service, draw from philanthropic grants, and/or request monies from local governments. This will only be exacerbated following the 2020 Census. **Jeremy Kashman** and **Philip Roth** discussed cash flows, with **Roth** noting that there will be a lower share of rural funds for Central Indiana; although the urban pot will increase, it won’t be enough to make up for shortfall.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

- **Gremling** discussed creating written provisions for performance measures. The MPO is working with IndyGo and INDOT.
- **Gremling** invited committee members and guests to follow the MPO on its Facebook and Twitter feeds as the agency continues building its social media presence. She also mentioned that she will be a guest speaker for the

Indianapolis Chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT)'s meeting on Thursday, October 18th.
Reminder that the upcoming IRTC Policy Committee meeting will be held at Hornet Park Community Center in Beech Grove on October 24th. **Higginbotham** noted that INDOT will be hosting a public meeting on the North Split Alternatives this evening at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dennis Buckley moved to adjourn the meeting.
Neil VanTrees seconded the motion.
The Technical Committee voted in favor of adjournment at 10:25 a.m.