

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council**  
**Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2020**  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
MIBOR Realtor Association  
1912 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202

**Committee Members Present**

Ryan Cannon – Town of Avon	Joe Scikos – Town of Bargersville
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Nick Parr – Boone County
Todd Barker – Town of Brownsburg	David Littlejohn – City of Carmel
CJ Taylor – Town of Cicero	Mark Richards – City of Franklin
Jason Koch – Town of Greenfield	Daniel Johnston – City of Greenwood
Brad Davis – Hamilton County	John Ayers – Hendricks County
Erica Miller – City of Indianapolis	Neil VanTrees – Johnson County
Srikanth Venugopalan – City of Lawrence	Ryan Crum – Town of McCordsville
Anthony Hinkle – Morgan County	Alison Krupski – City of Noblesville
Sarah Reed – City of Noblesville	Jason Love- Town of Pittsboro
Scott Singleton – Town of Plainfield	Desiree Caldera – Shelby County
John Nail – City of Westfield	Lance Lantz – Town of Zionsville
Annette Darrow – IndyGo	Jennifer Gebhard – CIRTA
Robert Dirks - FHWA	

\* = Proxy

**Others Present**

Anna Gremling – MPO	Jen Higginbotham – MPO
Sean Northup – MPO	Jennifer Dunn – MPO
Nick Badman – MPO	Danielle Gerlach – MPO
Kristyn Sanchez – MPO	Annie Dixon - MPO
Steve Cunningham – MPO	James Rinehart - MPO
Rose Scovel – MPO	Terry Cooper – Town of Cicero
Pete Peterson – RQAW	Marsha Craney – Blevins – GAI Consultants
Mark Turner – First Group	Amanda Johnson – EMCS
Amy Huebschman – EMCS	Stephanie Belch – INDOT
Jacob Phillips – INDOT	Shari Hinds O’Riley – USI
Amy Curtis – Etica Group	Dan Silverman – WSP
Matt Duffy – WSP	Roy Nunnally – INDOT
Kate Zale – Etica Group	Brandon Burgoa – INDOT
Caitlin Stankovich - INDOT	Jarvis Joiner – JQOL
Laura Parker – Morgan County	Valerie Cockrum – INDOT
Alison Redenz – Marion County Public Health	Logan Lane – Health by Design
Ryan Cannon – Town of Avon	Gerald Glover – Town of Avon
Jason Richey – Friends of West Indy	

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Technical Committee members. Introductions were made around the room.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 MINUTES**

**Mayor Dennis Buckley** moved to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as presented.  
**John Ayers** seconded the motion.  
The minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 IRTC Technical Committee Meeting were approved. MOTION PASSED

3. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

**Mayor Dennis Buckley** moved to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as presented.  
**John Ayers** seconded the motion.  
The minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 IRTC Joint Committee Meeting were approved. MOTION PASSED

4. **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT #4 (RES. 20-IMPO-003)**

**Jen Higginbotham** announced that four projects will be amended into the plan, including US-36 Widening in Avon (INDOT), US-31 Intersection Improvements in Franklin (INDOT), SR-135 Widening in Johnson County (INDOT), and CR-100S Widening in Avon (local dollars only). There will also be a description correction in the document for the County Line Road Widening in Indianapolis. In addition to project amendments, recently approved Resolution 10-IMPO-017 (Federal Safety Targets) and Resolution 19-IMPO-021 (Transit Targets) will be added to 2045 LRTP's *Appendix S: Targets*.

**Mayor Dennis Buckley** moved to recommend approval of Long Range Transportation Amendment #4 (Resolution 20-IMPO-003.)  
**Mark Richards** seconded the motion.  
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approval of Long Range Transportation Amendment #4 (Resolution 20-IMPO-003). MOTION PASSED

5. **INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RES. 20-IMPO-004)**

**Kristyn Sanchez** stated that the MPO received 13 INDOT amendment requests and 1 local amendment request that did not affect the MPO's annual allocation for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

**Jason Taylor** moved to recommend approval of the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 20-IMPO-004).  
**Srikanth Venugopalan** seconded the motion.  
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approval of the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 20-IMPO-004). MOTION PASSED

**Sanchez** provided an update on the SFY 2020 spenddown. The MPO has spent down approximately 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s of the 2020 annual allocation. One project went to letting in February and four are scheduled for March. The MPO anticipates the remaining annual allocation balance will be spent down with the March letting.

Staff expects to bring the SFY 2025 Call for Projects recommendations to the IRTC meetings in April for review.

6. **REGIONAL PEDESTRIAN PLAN (RES. 20-IMPO-001)**

**Jen Higginbotham** gave a brief overview of the Regional Pedestrian Plan. Work started in late 2018. There were three rounds of public input and the draft document public comment period ended on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Exposure of the plan was boosted by an interview with **Higginbotham** by the Indianapolis Star and WISH-TV. The MPO has received public comments mostly relative to where residents want to see sidewalks in their communities. These comments have been sent to the LPAs. Comments on the plan include critiques of methodology, especially in relation to the weight of equity in the gap analysis, and a desire to see implementation methods. **Higginbotham** also announced that MPO staff will host a training for the LPAs and others in March to learn how to apply and modify the plan's prioritization methodology for local communities.

**Jason Taylor** moved to recommend approval of the Regional Pedestrian Plan (Resolution 20-IMPO-001).  
**Steve Maple** seconded the motion.  
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approval of the Regional Pedestrian Plan (Resolution 20-IMPO-001).  
MOTION PASSED

7. INDIANA HOUSE BILL 1070 (RES. 20-IMPO-005)

**Anna Gremling** said the Administrative Committee recommended approval of a resolution of support for Indiana House Bill 1070. The Bill aims to reduce distracted driving, a goal that is in line with the Indianapolis MPO's crash reduction and Vision Zero missions.

**John Nail** moved to recommend approval of Support for HB 1070 (Resolution 20-IMPO-005).  
**Dan Parker** seconded the motion.  
The IRTC Technical Committee recommended approval of Support for HB 1070 (Resolution 20-IMPO-005). MOTION PASSED

**STATUS REPORTS**

8. INDIANA SENATE BILL 350

**Sean Northup** said there were three main actions for the new Indianapolis MPO: to separate from the City of Indianapolis, expand services, and receive a state statute under which it can operate. As of now, the only types of legislation the MPO can operate under are the Regional Development Authority or the Regional Planning Commission, neither of which are ideal for the Indianapolis MPO. The proposed legislation in Senate Bill 350 has two parts: one would expand the membership of the RDA and the other would expand the topic areas that can be serviced by the MPO. The bill was passed out of committee and will be voted on by the Indiana House of Representatives; it is being sponsored by Representative Brown. **Anna Gremling** explained the new structures and the differences between the future umbrella organization and the MPO.

9. SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS AND ANALYSIS

**Danielle Gerlach** presented metrics from the MPO's social media platforms over the past year. She highlighted increases in followers, engagements, and input. The organization is mostly impressed with 'shares' on Facebook, which allows posts to gain impressions from people outside of the MPO's followers. The top activity generators from 2019 included the preferences and concerns survey for the Regional Pedestrian Plan, a Farewell to Mike Terry from IndyGo, and Sean Northup's induction to SKL.

**John Nail** asked if there was anything the LPAs can do to help increase engagement with the MPO. **Gerlach** said that tagging the MPO in their own posts or sending them to staff so they can share it on MPO platforms would help greatly.

10. TRANSITION UPDATE

- HRIS
  - **Anna Gremling** said the MPO is still working on an HRIS to help with the onboarding process.
- Human Resources
  - **Gremling** said the MPO is still working on human resources details for the transition.
- Finance Software
  - **Gremling** said the MPO has decided to go with a second vendor for grant management software after having issues with the first chosen vendor.

## 11. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- Federal Exchange Agreement
  - **Anna Gremling** said the MPO has received a contract from INDOT that is similar to an LPA contract. The MPO wants to move that contract to a grant template instead. **Travis Underhill** (INDOT) has given the MPO a June 2020 deadline. **Gremling** said IRTC approval of the agreement will be done at the Summer IRTC Joint Meeting. The MPO will also have conversations with **Underhill** on changing the exchange rate to a more favorable split. After moving to the exchange funding model, the MPO will explore procedure details such as bids, letting dates, etc. **Steve Cunningham** noted that due to uncertainties associated with the exchange agreement, it is possible that the MPO will not hold a call for projects this October for SFY 2026. More will be known as the agreement progresses.
- ITE Freight Symposium
  - **Gremling** said the MPO has an opportunity to hold a freight symposium with the Institute of Transportation Engineers. She requested that if any members on the Technical Committee have ideas for sessions to please provide them to her for consideration.
- Indy's Best and Brightest
  - **Gremling** announced that both **Kristyn Sanchez** and **Jen Higginbotham** have been chosen as finalists for the Government section of the Indy's Best and Brightest competition.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 12. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

**James Rinehart** said **Jennifer Dunn** has received cleaned up incapacitating and fatal crash data from 2018 which has been added to the Regional Crash Dashboard on the MPO's website. There has also been a new filter added that can display accidents year by year. **Brad Davis** asked if the MPO had considered adding property damage to the dashboard. **Dunn** said it was considered, however there are issues with accurate location data for those crashes. **Anna Gremling** said it was something staff can look into adding.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Dennis Buckley** moved to adjourn the meeting.  
**Todd Barker** seconded the motion.  
The Technical Committee voted in favor of adjournment at 9:35 a.m.