

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 17th, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Online / Phone**

Committee Members

✓ = Present (blank) = Absent * = Proxy

	Boone County	Craig Parks		City of Lawrence	Steve Collier
✓	Hancock County	Gary Pool		Town of McCordsville	Tonya Galbraith
	Morgan County	Ryan Goodwin		Town of Mooresville	Mark Mathis
✓	Hamilton County	Mark Heirbrandt		Town of New Palestine	Stephen Pool
✓	Hendricks County	Eric Wathen	✓	City of Noblesville	Matt Light
✓	Johnson County	Luke Mastin		Town of Pittsboro	Jason Love
	Shelby County	Desiree Calderella	✓	Town of Plainfield	Andrew Klinger
✓	Town of Avon	Ryan Cannon*		City of Southport	Jim Cooney
✓	Town of Bargersville	Joe Csikos*	✓	Town of Speedway	Jacob Blasdell
✓	City of Beech Grove	Dennis Buckley	✓	City of Westfield	Andy Cook
	Town of Brooklyn	Karen Howard		Town of Whiteland	Kevin McGinnis
	Town of Brownsburg	Brian Jessen		Town of Whitestown	Brittany Garriott
	City of Carmel	James Brainard		Town of Zionsville	Emily Styron
	Town of Cicero	CJ Taylor	✓	IndyGo	Inez Evans
✓	Town of Cumberland	Ben Lipps	✓	CIRTA	Christine Altman
	Town of Danville	Mark Morgan		INDOT	Clark Packer
✓	City of Fishers	Jason Taylor		Indianapolis Airport Authority	Drew Genneken
	City of Franklin	Steve Barnett		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
✓	City of Greenfield	Chuck Fewell	✓	FHWA	Robert Dirks
✓	City of Greenwood	Mark Myers		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	David Borden*		IDEM	Shawn Seals

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO
Nick Badman – Indianapolis MPO	Rose Scovel – Indianapolis MPO
Andrew Swenson – Indianapolis MPO	Ryan Wilhite - IndyGo

1. WELCOME

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. She then took roll call attendance.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21ST, 2020 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AND DECEMBER 2ND, 2020 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Anna Gremling asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. There were none.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Hancock County	--
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Abstain
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Mark Myers moved to approve both sets of minutes simultaneously.

Chuck Fewell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

The October 21st, 2020 Transportation Policy Committee Minutes and December 2nd, 2020 Joint Meeting Minutes were approved.

MOTION PASSES.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – EXCLUDED CITY / TOWN, TOWNS, AND COUNTIES.

Anna Gremling said the IMPO would do roll call votes members of each class. Gremling asked if anyone was interested in submitting any new nominations for their class; there were none.

Town Election Results

Member	Result
Town of Avon	Brian Jessen
Town of Cumberland	Brian Jessen
Town of Plainfield	Brian Jessen

County Election Results

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Mark Heirbrandt
Hancock County	Mark Heirbrandt
Hendricks County	Mark Heirbrandt
Johnson County	Mark Heirbrandt

Excluded City / Town Election Results

Member	Result
Town of Speedway	Dennis Buckley
City of Beech Grove	Dennis Buckley

*Proxy member vote

Christine Altman moved to accept the nominees for the Executive Town, County, and Excluded City / Town.

Gary Pool seconded the motion. Roll Call votes were conducted.

Brian Jessen (Town), Mark Heirbrandt (County), and Dennis Buckley (Excluded Town and City) were elected to the Executive Committee.

MOTION PASSES.

4. 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT 6 (RES. #21-IMPO-002)

Jen Higginbotham provided an overview of the amendment proposed. She also said that public comment was available from February 1 – February 15, and discussed a comment that was submitted to the IMPO requesting information on a complete list of projects and funding sources. Anna Gremling said there would be one more opportunity to amend the 2045 Long-

Range Transportation Plan before the adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. **Gremling** opened the public hearing and asked if any members of the public had any questions; there were none. The public hearing was closed.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Hancock County	--
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-002.

Matt Light seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Resolution # 21-IMPO-002 for the 2045 LRTP, Amendment 6 was approved.

MOTION PASSES.

5. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (RES. #21-IMPO-005)

Steve Cunningham said this quarter has four local amendments and eight INDOT amendments. None of the projects impact the MPO's funding. The proposed amendments were out for public review and comment from February 1 through February 15 and no comments were received. The Tech Committee recommended approval of the amendments at their February 3rd meeting. He asked if there were any questions; there were none. **Anna Gremling** opened up the public hearing; there were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	--
Hancock County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Matt Light moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-005.

Mark Myers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Resolution # 21-IMPO-005 for the TIP Amendment was approved.

MOTION PASSES.

6. BYLAWS (RES. #21-IMPO-006)

Annie Dixon displayed an overview of the changes to the bylaws, which included separating the Executive Committee from the Transportation Policy Committee. Each Policy Committee will have the ability to amend its own bylaws. **Dixon** presented the previous board organization before the IMPO's separation from the City of Indianapolis and the current structure. The Transportation Policy Committee remains the federally-designated MPO for Central Indiana and has final say on all transportation policies. The Executive Committee replaces the Metropolitan Development Council, and is responsible for overseeing the IMPO's operations. **Dixon** also showed how a new committee would fit in after a future board is formed.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	--
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Chuck Fewell moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-006.

Andrew Klinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Resolution # 21-IMPO-006 for the Amended IMPO Bylaws was approved.

MOTION PASSES.

7. 5307/5311 ALLOCATION PLAN (RES. #21-IMPO-003)

Anna Gremling provided a brief overview of the history of the 5307/5311 Allocation Plan and how transit providers in surrounding counties will no longer be able to receive rural transportation funding from INDOT. The IMPO hired RLS Associates for the study, and received criticism from some county commissioners for not reaching out to them. The IMPO encouraged operators to speak to counties on their own, with the IMPO serving as a resource. The IMPO wanted the plan to remain a technical process, with recommendations based on conditions and data, similar to the LRTP, TIP, and other planning products of the IMPO.

Jen Higginbotham shared recommendations on the 5307/5311 Allocation Plan, including:

1. Hamilton, Hancock, and Johnson counties should be single-county reporters to the National Transit Database (NTD) will Report 100% urban service
2. Hendricks and Morgan should be joint NTD reporters will report service based on annual GIS analysis of trip data
3. For subrecipient scenarios, Section 5307 funding suballocation will first be determined, and administrative costs (if applied) will be taken out of subrecipient allocation before determining final suballocation of funds
4. 5307 funding awarded for specific types of service, like fixed-guideway, will go to the agency contributing that service
5. The remaining 5307 funding will be suballocated to all recipients based on actual 2020 funding received from 5307 or 5311 sources (this is a “minimize the loss” scenario, since there will be a net loss to regional transit funding)
6. Hendricks/Morgan would require additional estimation because they will also continue to apply to INDOT for 5311 funding for rural service
7. The small increase in 5339 funding should be awarded based on need (as opposed to equally divided) – recommend a system similar to how 5310 is distributed

Higginbotham asked if there were any questions on the recommendations put forward by the IMPO. **Luke Mastin** said he knew that rural providers were heavily involved in this process and asked if the IMPO knew where they stood with this plan. **Gremling** said that even though no one likes that there would be funding cuts, there was consensus that each provider would lose an equal percentage of funding allocation loss.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Hancock County	Abstain
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	--
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Luke Mastin moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-003.
Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
Resolution # 21-IMPO-003 for the 5307/5311 Allocation Plan was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

8. 5307 ADMINISTRATOR (RES. #21-IMPO-004)

Anna Gremling clarified that, when staff talks about administration of 5307, they are talking about paperwork processing and ensuring that reporting to the FTA is accurate and compliant. She reiterated that the IMPO had met with the providers to discuss which agency would be best for handling the process. Three of the four service providers agreed that IndyGo should be the administrator. This was due to IndyGo’s ability to complete the work without having to increase overhead costs, and having the existing knowledge base and employees to handle the increased work.

Mark Heirbrandt said he is disappointed in how the process was handled. The Hamilton County Commissioners recommended CIRTA. He also asked how IndyGo could administer 5307 funding for free. **Inez Evans** said that IndyGo had already budgeted to handle administering 5307 funding, and already administers 5310 and 5339 funding so the transition would be smooth. She also noted that IndyGo does not know the real cost of administration yet and so felt that they should not charge for these services.

Christine Altman said that CIRTA had proposed fees according to identified needs and costs. **Altman** also said CIRTA has existing relationships with suburban transit providers, providing commuter and other services. She expressed disappointment that IndyGo originally suggested an administration fee and later revoked it. **Altman** also expressed disappointment that the commissioners were not more involved. **Gary Pool** asked if IndyGo would provide services to the counties similar to what CIRTA provides. **Ryan Wilhite** said IndyGo also has a package of services for suburban transit providers, and also has the staff and expertise to take on 5307 allocation since the agency also administers 5310 and 5339 funds, and is willing to administer 5307 for no charge.

Luke Mastin said that Johnson County is basing their decision on their provider’s preference. One concern on the county’s end is that they would like to know how reporting will work in terms of keeping Johnson County aware of operations and funding. **Jen Higginbotham** said subrecipients would be directly involved in tracking and reporting updates under IndyGo.

Mark Myers asked what happens to the funding if it isn’t used for administration. **Anna Gremling** said that the money saved on administration goes into the local service.

Gary Pool asked if giving this designation to IndyGo would give them the power to handle other discretionary funding or grants. **Higginbotham** said the 5307 funding has an allocation formula to determine how much goes to each county and none is left over for discretionary award.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Disapprove
Hendricks County	Approve
Hancock County	Abstain
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	--
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	--
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Disapprove
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Disapprove
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Disapprove

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-004.
Mark Myers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
Resolution # 21-IMPO-004 for the 5307 Administrator was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

9. SCENARIO PLANNING (RES. #21-IMPO-001)

Rose Scovel said the Scenario Planning project team has been working closely with regional stakeholders, including committee members and the Land Use Advisory Committee. There was one change in the preferred scenario, which was a mine in Fishers that will soon be ceasing operations convert from mining to conservation. This scenario plan helps the IMPO with the 2050 MTP recommendations.

Eric Wathen asked about some contradictions in the survey, specifically about transit. There were respondents that said they do not use transit, but would like to see more transit in their neighborhood. Scovel said contradictions like that are not uncommon in surveys; the respondents could be people that want transit, but are not currently served by it. Wathen also expressed concern with the low number of respondents; Scovel said the survey only played a small part in creating the final recommended scenario.

Member	Result
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Disapprove
Hancock County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon*	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	--
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Indianapolis*	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution # 21-IMPO-001.

Matt Light seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Resolution # 21-IMPO-001 for Scenario Planning was approved.

MOTION PASSES.

STATUS REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

1. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling said the IMPO would be sending out calendar invites for future committee meetings. Steve Cunningham said there will be quarterly tracking this quarter, and the draft 2022-2024 IRTIP will be released for public comment on the 22nd.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Anna Gremling asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mark Myers moved to adjourn the February 17th Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

The February 17th Transportation Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION PASSES.