

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2021  
9:00 a.m.  
Online / Phone**

**Committee Members**

✓ = Present      (blank) = Absent      \* = Proxy

✓	Boone County	Nick Parr		City of Lawrence	Sri Venugopalan
	Hancock County	Gary Pool	✓	Town of McCordsville	Ryan Crum
	Morgan County	Anthony Hinkle		Town of Mooresville	David Moore
✓	Hamilton County	Brad Davis		Town of New Palestine	Stephen Pool
✓	Hendricks County	John Ayers	✓	City of Noblesville	Alison Krupski
✓	Johnson County	Neil VanTrees		Town of Pittsboro	Steve Maple
✓	Shelby County	Desiree Calderella	✓	Town of Plainfield	Scott Singleton
✓	Town of Avon	Ryan Cannon		City of Southport	Diana Bossingham
✓	Town of Bargersville	Joe Csikos		Town of Speedway	Robert Wetnight
✓	City of Beech Grove	Dennis Buckley	✓	City of Westfield	John Nail
	Town of Brooklyn	Karen Howard		Town of Whiteland	Carmen Parker
✓	Town of Brownsburg	Al Geans	✓	Town of Whitestown	Danny Powers
✓	City of Carmel	Jeremy Kashman	✓	Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	CJ Taylor	✓	IndyGo	Annette Darrow
✓	Town of Cumberland	Christine Owens		CIRTA	John Seber
	Town of Danville	Rob Roberts	✓	INDOT	Scott Bailey
✓	City of Fishers	Jason Taylor		Indianapolis Airport Authority	Drew Genneken
	City of Franklin	Mark Richards		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
	City of Greenfield	Jason Koch		FHWA	Robert Dirks
✓	City of Greenwood	Daniel Johnston		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	Ericka Miller		IDEM	Shawn Seals

**Others Present**

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO
Kristyn Sanchez – Indianapolis MPO	Cole Jackson – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Michael McBride - American Structurepoint
Nick Badman – Indianapolis MPO	Mike Maurovich - American Structurepoint
Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO	

**I. WELCOME**

**Anna Gremling** called the meeting to order at 9:01 and took roll call attendance.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**2. MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2021 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Member	Result
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Bargersville	Approve
Boone County	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Abstain

Member	Result
City of Greenwood	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve

Member	Result
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Abstain
Shelby County	--
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	--

\*Proxy member vote

**John Ayers** moved to approve the minutes as presented.  
**Daniel Johnston** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
 The February 3, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Minutes were approved.  
 MOTION PASSES.

**3. ADOPTION OF 2022 – 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Kristyn Sanchez** stated there is \$2.6 billion programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with \$290 million of those funds allocated by the MPO. She continued stating the 30-day comment period for the TIP has ended and staff did not receive any comments. The TIP will be out for public comment again this upcoming Friday. **John Ayers** questioned if the list of obligated projects included all projects where the Purchase Order (PO) was still open. **Sanchez** responded the annual obligation is produced per Federal guidelines to include projects in the region that INDOT may be closing. This includes any projects impacted within the last year. **Ayers** stated he would contact INDOT with potential corrections.

Member	Result
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beach Grove	Approve
Town of Bargersville	Approve
Boone County	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenwood	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve

Member	Result
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Shelby County	--
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Dennis Buckley** moved to recommend Resolution #21-IMPO-007 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Jason Taylor** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
 Resolution #21-IMPO-007 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
 MOTION PASSES.

**4. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

**Nick Badman** stated the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) has been revised to reflect updates to media accessibility, phone and online involvement, and social media. **Badman** continued stating the proposed document also removed press release requirements for routine changes to some documents including the IRTP and TIP. The document is open for public comment, but no comments have been received at this time.

Member	Result
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beach Grove	Approve
Town of Bargersville	Approve
Boone County	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenwood	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve

Member	Result
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Shelby County	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Town of Brownsburg	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve

INDOT	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve

Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve

\*Proxy member vote

**Jason Taylor** moved to recommend Resolution #21-IMPO-008 to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
**Jeremy Kashman** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.  
Resolution #21-IMPO-008 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.  
MOTION PASSES.

**5. CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSA)**

**Anna Gremling** stated \$13.4 million in additional funds have been appropriated to the IMPO by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) to be used through September 2024. IMPO staff is reviewing guidance from Federal agencies and will review the results from the April quarterly tracking meetings before making recommendations on the best use of the funds. **Steve Cunningham** stated funds may be used to supplement projects in Federal fiscal year 2022 to better move projects through that heavily programmed fiscal year. While the Federal legislation allows for a wide range of uses for these CRSSA funds, INDOT is strongly suggesting funds only be used for infrastructure projects. INDOT is barring funds from being transferred to the FTA and will require an 80% Federal 20% local match. The Federal legislation will only permit the funds to be used within our designated urban area. Currently programed project funding types will be used first as they still are “use it or lose it” and the CRSSA funds will have more flexibility.

**Jeremy Kashman** asked about the programming status of the current Federal fiscal year and **Cunningham** responded FFY 2021 is spent and FFY 2022 is overprogrammed. **Kristyn Sanchez** stated she will send out information on the program to the committee. **John Ayers** appreciated the infrastructure use of the funds. **Brad Davis** asked if an existing project has less than an 80% Federal match, can CRSSA be funds be used to bring the Federal match up to 80%. **Cunningham** responded such a use was possible.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Anna Gremling** stated the functional classification call is open and applications are due May 14. **Gremling** continued informing the Committee the Federal Exchange Program is still being discussed and American Structurepoint is working with the IMPO on implementation. **Steve Cunningham** stated INDOT proposed the Federal Exchange Program to better the region’s funding procedures. **Cunningham** stated while there is a switch from Federal to State dollars, the IMPO’s role and funding procedures will be similar to existing procedures as the region is still required to meet certain performance measures. While these aspects of the process may not change, the Federal Exchange Program will offer improvements to project development and implementation.

**Mike Maurovich** of American Structurepoint stated the Federal Exchange Program will allow the use of State Funds in lieu of Federal funds which will eliminate some Federal requirements. INDOT is proposing a “hands-off” approach and many responsibilities of project implementation will be on each Local Public Agency (LPA). If any Federal funds will be included in any part of a project, or if a project involves Federal jurisdiction, those projects would still need to meet Federal standards such as NEPA. IMPO policies will have some continuity in goals, performance measures, project eligibility, scoring, etc. **Maurovich** then stated these changes may reduce burdens but they will also reduce the ability to accommodate cost overruns so applicants will need to accurately estimate costs. The IMPO and American Structurepoint are creating a document with policies, technical guidance, and construction procedures in relation to the Federal Exchange Program. **Maurovich** emphasized this process should result in some streamlining but some State procedures will still be required depending on the complexity of the project.

**Maurovich** then shared the results of a survey on the Federal Exchange Program. He explained the survey had 29 responses from members of both the Technical and Policy Committees. **Maurovich** stated a copy of the presentation with the survey results would be shared with the Committee after the meeting. **Cunningham** informed the Committee staff is working as quickly as possible on the roll-out of this program to prepare for the upcoming call for projects. He then stated the call-for-projects should occur this summer.

**Brad Davis** asked staff if the IMPO will take on various rolls that INDOT performed in the past. **Cunningham** stated the IMPO will take on various rolls on the financial and administrative sides of projects including some purchase orders, project close outs, and tracking meetings.

**Jeremy Kashman** asked staff about IMPO/LPA agreements as reimbursements and **Gremling** and **Cunningham** responded the contract and bid amounts will be up-front rather than reimbursements. **Gremling** continued informing the group staff does not want the process to be burdensome and is attempting to remove barriers to move projects more quickly.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Jason Taylor** moved to adjourn the April 7, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee meeting.

**John Ayers** seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.

The April 7, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

MOTION PASSES.