

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 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	Todd A. Barker
	City of Carmel	James Brainard		Town of Zionsville	Emily Styron
✓	Town of Cicero	CJ Taylor	✓	IndyGo	Ryan Wilhite*
✓	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	Daniel Johnson*		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	David Borden		IDEM	Shawn Seals

Others Present

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

I. WELCOME

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and took roll call attendance. **Gremling** then asked for an elected official to serve as Chair of the meeting noting the absence of both Chair (Mayor Cook) and Vice-Chair (Andrew Klinger). **Steve Barnett** volunteered to act as Chair for the meeting. **Gremling** asked for a motion to approve **Barnett** as chair for the meeting.

Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Shelby County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Cicero	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
Town of Danville	--
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood*	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo*	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved for Steve Barnett to serve as Chair for the April 21, 2021 Policy Committee meeting
Mark Heirbrandt seconded the motion. Roll Call votes were conducted.
Steve Barnett was chosen to serve as chair for the April 21, 2021 Policy Committee meeting
MOTION PASSES.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 17, 2021 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Member	Result	Member	Result	Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve	Town of Cicero	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
Morgan County	Approve	Town of Cumberland	Approve	Town of Speedway	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Danville	--	City of Indianapolis	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve	City of Fishers	Approve	IndyGo*	Approve
Johnson County	Approve	City of Franklin	Approve	CIRTA	Approve
Shelby County	Approve	City of Greenfield	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve	City of Greenwood*	Approve		
Town of Bargersville*	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve		
City of Beech Grove	Approve	City of Lawrence	Approve		

*Proxy member vote

Mark Heirbrandt moved to approve the February 17, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes.
Gary Pool seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The February 17, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee Minutes were approved.
MOTION PASSES.

3. Adoption of the 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Resolution #21-IMPO-007 (PUBLIC HEARING)

Steve Barnett asked for **Kristyn Sanchez** to introduce the 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program before the public hearing. **Sanchez** provided an overview of the public comment opportunities for the Transportation Improvement Program. **Sanchez** stated only one comment was received and that comment, from Health by Design, concerned disconnect between IMPO goals and INDOT, how the program affects vulnerable populations, and how the program relates to performance measures. **Sanchez** stated the IMPO will review the comments and provide responses. **Sanchez** continues stating the adoption of the 2022-25 Transportation Improvement Program adds illustrative projects and INDOT projects to the TIP. **Sanchez** asked for any additional comments or questions and received none. **Barnett** opened the public hearing and, upon hearing no questions or comments, closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-007 concerning the 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Member	Result	Member	Result	Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve	Town of Cicero	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
Morgan County	Approve	Town of Cumberland	Approve	Town of Speedway	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Danville	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve	City of Fishers	Approve	IndyGo*	Approve
Johnson County	Approve	City of Franklin	Approve	CIRTA	Approve
Shelby County	Approve	City of Greenfield	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve	City of Greenwood*	Approve		
Town of Bargersville*	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve		
City of Beech Grove	Approve	City of Lawrence	Approve		

*Proxy member vote

Christine Altman moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-007.
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. Roll Call votes were conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-007 concerning the 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program was approved
 MOTION PASSES.

4. Public Involvement Plan Resolution #21-IMPO-008 (PUBLIC HEARING)

Steve Barnett introduced **Nick Badman** who summarized the updated Public Involvement Plan (PIP) with updates on terms, the organizational chart, online engagement, social media, and press release requirements. Staff also re-completed a language accessibility analysis. **Badman** informed the Committee the PIP had been open for public comment, but no comments were received. **Anna Gremling** stated the IMPO is trying to end the use of the term “IRTC” in IMPO documents to provide clearer names for the Technical and Policy Committees. **Barnett** opened the public hearing and, upon hearing no comments or questions, closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-008 concerning the Public Involvement Plan.

Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Shelby County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve

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Town of Cicero	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
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City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo*	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
FHWA	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve

*Proxy member vote

James Taylor moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-008
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-008 concerning the Public Involvement Plan was approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

STATUS REPORTS

1. CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 (CRRSAA)

Anna Gremling stated the IMPO will receive approximately \$13.4 million in additional funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA). She stated the Federal legislation allows a wide variety of uses but INDOT is requesting that it be used for infrastructure only. **Gremling** continued stating staff plans to use these funds to fund existing projects in the TIP as FY 2022 is significantly overprogrammed. **Steve Cunningham** stated these funds must be used within the region’s designated urbanized area but there are enough eligible FY 2022 projects within that area to still use the funds efficiently. **Cunningham** also stated annual funds will be used first because those funds are still “use it or lose it”. **Gremling** stated staff would bring more specific recommendations to the Committee at the June meeting. **Christine Altman** asked if this plan would spread funds equitably through the region and **Cunningham** responded this strategy is the best means of moving projects through FY 2022 so that projects are not postponed. **Jason Taylor** questioned if FY 2023 is also over programmed and **Cunningham** responded that it is. **Taylor** then asked if the staff recommendation at the June meeting would include a specific list of projects. **Gremling** responded stating there will be a list of projects that these funds will likely be spent on and IMPO will have a better estimate after quarterly tracking.

Cunningham provided an update to the Federal funding exchange stating the IMPO is pursuing this for more flexibility and an agreement was signed in August of 2020. **Cunningham** continued stating while this program will change the “color” of the money it does not change the IMPO’s role in planning, programing, or requirements to meet performance measures but does make changes to the development and implementation processes. **Cunningham** stated American Structurepoint is preparing a guide covering technical and policy aspects of the Federal exchange. **Mike McBride** of American Structurepoint stated the effort is to not over-complicate this process and the goal is to prepare for a call-for-projects this summer. **McBride** continued stating the guide will have room for modifications based on the feedback from

the Committee. **Mike Maurovich** of American Structurepoint opened a presentation covering the Federal exchange program stating the program will use State funds in place of Federal funds thus eliminating some DOT policies and regulations. **Maurovich** continued stating the TIP will still be led by performance measures and goals and that LPAs should not expect significant changes to eligibility, scoring, etc. He continued stating, in some cases, NEPA and other Federal requirements may still apply depending on the project. Some State requirements may also apply such as those relating to historic preservation. **Maurovich** continued stating accurate cost estimates will be more important in the new process because there will be less flexibility to accommodate significant cost changes.

Maurovich then gave a presentation providing an overview of the results of a Federal exchange survey distributed to the Technical and Policy Committees. **Maurovich** gave an overview of responses on project eligibility, project size (maximum spent), match requirements, expensive eligibility, change orders and amendments, LPA capabilities, and LPA expectations for the results of this process. **Maurovich** then asked for any questions.

Gary Pool asked **Maurovich** about environmental review requirements and **Maurovich** responded environmental review requirements will depend on the complexity of the project with INDOT taking a hands-off approach while the LPAs have more responsibilities. **Maurovich** stated many Federal requirements will be removed but there still may be State level requirements for environmental review. **Robert Dirks** of FHWA stated some Federal actions will be reduced depending on project parameters and **Anna Gremling** stated American Structurepoint will put out a guide clarifying these points. **Christine Altman** asked for clarification about State regulatory language and the potential effects on available funds. **Ryan Wilhite** furthered this concern asking if the American Structurepoint guidance document will have information clarifying the effects of this language. **McBride** stated the guidance document will include more information and clarified that many projects will see significantly reduced regulatory burdens.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling stated the deadline to submit functional classification update requests is May 14. **Gremling** stated comments on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan were sent out to the Technical and Policy Committees. **Gremling** thanked Anita Bjork, IMPO office manager, for her service in recognition of administrative professionals' day.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Anna Gremling asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Gary Pool moved to adjourn the April 21, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee meeting.
Eric Wathen seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
The April 21, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.
MOTION PASSES.