

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021
9:00 a.m.
MIBOR, 1912 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202**

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	Jodi Dickey	✓	Town of Whitestown	Danny Powers
✓	City of Carmel	Jeremy Kashman	✓	Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	CJ Taylor		IndyGo	Ryan Willhite
	Town of Cumberland	Christine Owens	✓	CIRTA	John Seber
✓	Town of Danville	Andrew Pitcher		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
Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO	Mike Maurovich - American Structurepoint
Jennifer Dunn – Indianapolis MPO	Mike Butler – Banning Engineering
Kate Zale – EMCS Inc.	Jeff Hill – WSP USA
Caleb Gutshall – City of Noblesville	Marsha Craney-Blevins – GAI Consultants

I. WELCOME

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:03, informed the attendees about the sign-in process, and gave an overview of Covid-19 procedures. Attendees introduced themselves.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2021 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Member	Result	Member	Result
Boone County	Approve	City of Greenwood	Approve
Hancock County	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Mooresville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve	Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve	Town of Zionsville	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve	CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

John Ayers moved to approve the minutes as presented.
Jeremy Kashman seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
The April 4, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Minutes were approved.
MOTION PASSES.

3. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Jen Higginbotham gave a presentation concerning the 8th amendment to the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) stating the amendment was required for transportation conformity. **Higginbotham** stated the amendment included one Hancock County project and two INDOT projects (one in Marion County and one in Hendricks County).

Higginbotham continued stating the public comment period is open and gave an overview of the one comment received so far which cited objections to road widening. **Higginbotham** stated this is the last amendment to the LRTP until the new 2050 MTP is approved.

Member	Result	Member	Result
Boone County	Approve	City of Greenwood	Approve
Hancock County	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Mooresville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve	Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve	Town of Zionsville	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve	CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to recommend Resolution #21-IMPO-016 to the Transportation Policy Committee.
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
Resolution #21-IMPO-016 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee.
MOTION PASSES.

4. ADOPTION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (IRTIP) PROGRAM 2022-2025

Kristyn Sanchez gave an overview of the 2022-2025 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (IRTIP) adoption. **Sanchez** stated the IRTIP was last approved in April but INDOT found discrepancies in their project list and the IMPO was asked to work with INDOT on correcting those issues. The TIP was resubmitted to INDOT and INDOT has not found additional issues with their projects. The IRTIP therefore needs to be readopted. **Ryan Wilhite** questioned if this is a new TIP adoption and not a TIP amendment and **Sanchez** responded in the affirmative and clarified that while this is an adoption it is not significantly different from the past TIP. **Anna Gremling** questioned when the document will become effective and **Sanchez** responded FHWA will review after policy approval then the document will go back to INDOT for the Governor’s approval.

Sanchez gave reminders about upcoming quarterly tracking and the 2025-26 call for projects. **Gremling** informed the Committee about concerns with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and potential corrective actions.

Gremling stated she will keep members informed about anything that may affect local projects. **Robert Dirks** stated the STIP needs updated due to discrepancies between the STIP and the MPO TIPs as well as the narrative. **Dirks** stated he expects the impact on local projects to be minimal.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of Mooresville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Ryan Willhite moved to recommend Resolution #21-IMPO-014 to the Transportation Policy Committee. **Jeremy Kashman** seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. Resolution #21-IMPO-014 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee. MOTION PASSES.

5. **INDIANAPOLIS MPO FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE PROGRAM GUIDANCE**

Steve Cunningham stated the IMPO signed an agreement with INDOT in August of 2020 to exchange federal funds for state funds with the goal of moving projects faster, with less INDOT oversight, and with improved cost savings. **Cunningham** stated the IMPO and American Structurepoint, working with the Steering Committee, have prepared a guidance document outlining the policies and procedures of this federal exchange program. **Cunningham** stated after many drafts and reviews they are requesting approval of the guidance document so the IMPO may move forward with a call-for-projects using this system. **Cunningham** stated if the Technical Committee recommends approval the document would go to the Policy Committee for approval and would commence in the 2025 fiscal year. **Cunningham** informed the committee they expect it to be a living document with major revisions presented before the committee. **Cunningham** thanked the members of the TTC, the Steering Committee and American Structurepoint for all they hard work on this document.

Anna Gremling asked Cunningham to elaborate on the cost change procedures and **Cunningham** responded stating cost increases would be possible within the first 18 months of a project’s inclusion in the TIP subject to funding availability. **Cunningham** informed the committee about upcoming training and stated the guidance document will be available on the IMPO website.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Brownsburg	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

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City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of Mooresville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to recommend Resolution #21-IMPO-015 to the Transportation Policy Committee. **John Ayers** seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. Resolution #21-IMPO-015 was recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee. MOTION PASSES.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. **2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

Jen Higginbotham stated the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will soon be called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) because of updated federal regulations. **Higginbotham** stated this document will include updated information on accomplishments, road projects, ride share, transit expansion, bike and pedestrian planning, economic development, scenario planning, performance measures, and resource allocation goals. **Higginbotham** stated resource allocation goals were increased from the last plan for road and bridge preservation and decreased for roadway expansion. **Higginbotham** also stated there will be fewer points weighted for functional classifications as those points were reallocated toward freight metrics. **Higginbotham** stated The MTP will include a new project list, congestion mitigation information and a strengthened focus on connections to other MPO planning documents. **Higginbotham** showed the audience the updated project list and stated it would be distributed via email.

7. INTERLOOP VISIONARY STUDY

Taylor Hughes introduced himself and gave an overview of Rethink 65/70's past efforts concerning the north split interchange construction. **Hughes** stated they wanted to provide the same level of attention to the other legs of the inner 65/70 loop. The Rethink 65/70 coalition received support from the Lily Endowment and created an advisory council to study options for the 65/70 loop. **Hughes** stated the group reviewed an option to rebuild the 65/70 loop nearly as-is with limited safety enhancements for motorists and a version with the road partially recessed with safety enhancements for all users. **Hughes** noted the later would be somewhat more difficult to construct. **Hughes** stated the later option would reduce the footprint (500 feet wide compared to 256 feet wide) and create significant development opportunities with strong quality of life improvements. **Hughes** then elaborated on comparisons between the two options providing an overview of costs, environmental impact, and quality of life impacts.

Hughes presented background information about the construction of the 65/70 loop including displacement from the red-lined neighborhood, homes bought-out below market value, and negative impacts on neighborhood connections. **Hughes** also gave an overview of other cities that have completed similar projects or will be completing them in the near future. **Anna Gremling** asked what the next steps in the process will be and **Hughes** stated the next step will be a fully engineered plan. **Hughes** then responded to questions from the audience including questions about retaining walls, other options available, and impacts. **Hughes** stated that the options are based on a system level analysis. **Hughes** concluded stating this presentation was for informational purposes only and they are not asking anything from this committee at this time.

8. HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATED PLAN

Annie Dixon stated the Human Services Coordinated plan is meant to determine unmet transit needs for individuals with disabilities and seniors as well as identify strategies and goals to address these needs. The plan will include a number of federal requirements. **Dixon** noted any entity applying for Section 5310 funds must cite a goal in the Coordinated Plan. **Dixon** showed a slide with draft goals and strategies and gave a high-level description of the goals as well as the timeline for the remaining planning process. **Dixon** stated the plan must be approved this year and will likely be considered for adoption in October by the Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee.

9. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Anna Gremling stated state legislation required the IMPO to create an asset management plan. **Jennifer Dunn** stated State Code required the MPO to make an action management plan to summarize and analyze asset management plans. **Dunn** continued stating the MPO was only required to complete this plan this year but the IMPO also completed a version of this document the previous year. **Dunn** gave an overview of the findings and stated the analysis did not show significant changes from last year. **Gremling** asked the Committee if they found the plan to be helpful and received two comments stating it was.

10. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling stated Streetlight Data is now available and can be used for the upcoming call-for-projects and for work connected to the IMPO. **Gremling** stated there are ten licenses available for consultants as well. The IMPO webpage has applications for access to the data. **Gremling** also informed the Committee the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has recently published notice of funding availabilities for several programs. **Gremling** concluded by reminding the Committee about the upcoming call-for-projects training.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Pool moved to adjourn the August 4, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee meeting.
Dennis Buckley seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.
The August 4, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.
MOTION PASSES.