

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021**

9:00 a.m.

Hornet Park Community Center 5245 Hornet Ave Beech Grove, IN 46107

Committee Members

✓ = Present (blank) = Absent * = Proxy

	Boone County	Craig Parks		City of Lawrence	Steve Collier
✓	Hancock County	Gary Pool	✓	Town of McCordsville	Ryan Crum
	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	Steve Moore		City of Southport	Jim Cooney
✓	Town of Bargersville	Joseph Csikos*	✓	Town of Speedway	Grant A Kleinhenz
✓	City of Beech Grove	Dennis Buckley	✓	City of Westfield	Andrew 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	Mike Hollibaugh*		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	Tami Houston*		Indianapolis Airport Authority	Drew Genneken
	City of Franklin	Steve Barnett		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
✓	City of Greenfield	Mark Myers		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	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Cole Jackson – Indianapolis MPO
Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO	Michael McBride - American Structurepoint
Mike Maurovich - American Structurepoint	Craig Parks – USI Consultants
Jeff Hill - WSP	Mark Fisher – Indy Chamber
Kevin Osburn – Rethink Coalition	Brenda Freije – Rethink Coalition
Daniel Johnson – City of Greenwood	Shawn Strange – First Group
Bradley Davis – Hamilton County	Gregory Budd – Lochmueller Group
Kate Zale – EMCS, Inc.	Marsha Craney-Blevins – GAI Consultants
Amy S. Curtis – Etica Group	

1. WELCOME

Andrew Cook called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and introduced **Anna Gremling** who informed the attendees about the sign-in process, Wi-Fi access, and gave an overview of Covid-19 procedures. Attendees introduced themselves.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 21, 2021 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Anna Gremling informed the committee that the packet was digitally updated after being originally sent out in order to update Whitestown’s attendance information. **Gremling** then asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. **Ryan Wilhite** stated the minutes to be approved were for April 21 not April 4 as shown on the agenda. No other changes were requested.

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

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Ryan Willhite moved to approve the minutes as updated.
Dennis Buckley seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 The April 21, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee Minutes were approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

3. MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 2, 2021 JOINT TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES MEETING

Anna Gremling asked if there were any changes to the minutes and heard none.

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

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Ryan Willhite moved to approve the minutes as updated
Dennis Buckley seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 The June 2, 2021 Joint Transportation Technical and Policy Committee Minutes were approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

4. 2021-2022 INDIANAPOLIS MPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Sean Northup gave an overview of the UPWP including local dues, local funding matches, the Knozone program, IndyGo funds (including an upcoming onboard survey), and funding related to the regional comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDs). **Northup** gave an overview of the planning elements in the UPWP and gave an overview of upcoming large projects such as the freight plan. **Andrew Cook** asked if all items were covered under this resolution and **Northup** responded they were. **Cook** then asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Shelby County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

Town of Bargersville*	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel*	Approve

Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Mark Myers moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-018
Mark Heirbrandt seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-018 was approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

5. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Jen Higginbotham gave a presentation concerning the 8th amendment to the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). **Higginbotham** stated the amendment included one Hendricks County project and two INDOT projects. **Higginbotham** gave an overview of the one public comment received so far stating the comment cited objections to a road widening project in Indianapolis. Higginbotham stated the project connected to the public comment is not included in the amendment being considered at this meeting. **Andrew Cook** opened a public hearing at 9:18 a.m., heard no comments, and closed the public hearing at 9:18 a.m.

Member	Result
Hancock County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Shelby County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve
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City of Carmel*	Approve

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Town of McCordsville	Approve
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Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-016
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-016 was unanimously approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

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

Steve Cunningham stated the IRTIP is being re-adopted after INDOT made updates for consistency and updated cost to complete figures. **Cunningham** stated no public comment has been received so staff is again seeking approval of the document. **Andrew Cook** opened a public hearing at 9:20 a.m., heard no comments, and closed the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.

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

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Town of Danville	Approve
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City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Christine Altman moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-014
Mark Meyers seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-014 was unanimously approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

7. **INDIANAPOLIS MPO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY FEDERAL EXCHANGE GUIDEBOOK ADOPTION**

Steve Cunningham stated the IMPO executed an agreement with INDOT to exchange federal transportation funds (such as STBG funds) with state funds. **Cunningham** stated this is a large change so the IMPO worked with American Structurepoint and IMPO subcommittees on a guidance document. **Cunningham** asked for questions and stated he expects the document to evolve over time. **Cunningham** stated that a training on the guidebook would be offered the next day. **Mayor Buckley** stated he appreciated everyone’s work on this. **Cunningham** responded stating many people were involved in the process. **Andrew Cook** stated he appreciated the attempt to reduce red tape and **Cunningham** stated that the change will hopefully make the process easier.

Cunningham reminded the committee about the upcoming call for projects for fiscal years 2025-26 which will open Friday and close October 15.

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Hancock County	Approve
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City of Carmel*	Approve

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City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-014
David Borden seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-014 was unanimously approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

8. **2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

Anna Gremling stated the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will soon be called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) because of updated federal regulations. **Jen 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** stated The MTP will include congestion mitigation information and a strengthened focus on connections to other MPO planning documents. **Higginbotham** stated the IMPO received about 130 project application and new recommended project list is fiscally constrained. **Higginbotham** then concluded listing recommendations and future considerations.

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Shelby County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
Town of Bargersville*	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel*	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

*Proxy member vote

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution #21-IMPO-017
Todd A. Barker seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
 Resolution #21-IMPO-017 was unanimously approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. INTERLOOP VISIONARY STUDY

Mark Fisher introduced himself and spoke about past efforts relating to the North Split which is one of the most traveled intersections in Indiana. **Fisher** stated Rethink 65/70 requested that the project be designed so that it could accommodate connections to recessed inner loop segments in the future. He stated the Lily Endowment funded a feasibility and vision study concerning options for the inner loop. **Fisher** stated the inner loop had a significant impact on people of color when it was constructed and better design now could help correct some past wrongs.

Brenda Freije introduced herself as president of Rethink 65/70 which is now a non-for-profit organization partnered with the Indy Chamber, Indiana Landmarks, and the Central Indiana Community Foundation. **Freije** stated Rethink 65/70 is a collaborative effort and the organization is working with many stakeholders around the inner loop.

Kevin Osborn introduced himself and stated a study on the inner loop took place over 2020 and showed a slide of the advisory committee. The study looked at options for reconstructions and redesign of the inner loop. One option is to rebuild it as is with modern safety standards while another feasible option is a recessed below-grade highway. **Osborn** stated the recessed option is less wide and uses less land creating opportunities for development. The study considered base criteria such as cost, traffic performance, safety, construction complexity, and environmental impact but also expanded criteria to consider factors such as local connectivity, quality of life, and equitable development. **Osborn** stated the construction of the inner loop displaced more than 17,000 people primarily in red-lined African American neighborhoods.

Osborn gave an overview of how both options score on the different criteria. **Osborn** stated the recessed option would be able to accommodate the same number of traffic lanes and capacity but would better connect to the larger street grid and create room for development. **Osborn** stated the recessed option would cost approximately \$2.8 billion but offers many benefits including development opportunity, park space, and reduced noise impacts. This option creates value through land sales, development (and associated property and income taxes), new businesses, and TIF funds which may all help fund the project. **Osborne** stated the other option to rebuild as is with just safety improvement cost would cost approximately \$2.3 billion but lacks those benefits. **Osborne** stated highway capping is occurring around the country including Cincinnati, Dallas, and Columbus, OH. The study shows that the recessed option is feasible, can address past injustices, the land value capture can help fund the project, and the project can create economic benefits. **Mark Fisher** stated the report will be released publicly next week. **Ryan Willhite** asked about INDOT's response and **Fisher** responded stating INDOT was surprised by the small cost difference between the two options but that the recessed option is not in their 5-year plans. **Osborne** stated INDOT was involved in the study and Rethink 65/70 worked with their design engineer. **Christine Altman** questioned how this would be integrated with the north split project and **Fisher** responded stating they are not trying to change the north split project, but it is designed to be compatible with a recessed option. **Willhite** asked when the inner loop will be replaced and **Fisher** said it will likely be replaced in sections as required. **Fisher** stated the group is trying to be proactive and no reactive.

10. HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATED PLAN

Anna Gremling stated this is a transit plan, similar in function to a long-range transportation plan, that identifies transit needs and goals. **Annie Dixon** stated the plan must be adopted by the Policy Committee by the end of the year. **Dixon** gave an overview of the plan including its purpose, identifying needs and gaps, and creating goals and strategies to meet those needs with a focus on seniors and individuals with disabilities. **Dixon** stated any organization applying for 5310 funds must identify goals in this plan. **Dixon** then gave overview of the draft goals and strategies identified so far.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Anna Gremling stated state legislation required the IMPO to create an asset management document but this is the last year the IMPO is required to complete it. **Gremling** stated it will be distributed to many elected officials in the region. **Jennifer Dunn** stated the document compiles and analyzes all LPA member asset management plans. The document includes various measurements, pavement conditions, treatment plans, and a separate bridge priority list. **Dunn** stated the plan would be available on the IMPO website. **Gremling** stated some jurisdictions have questioned their data and the IMPO will work with them before document goes out.

12. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling reminded the committee about the upcoming call for project, streetlight data, federal exchange training, and economic development funding notices.

ADJOURNMENT

Christine Altman moved to adjourn the August 18, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee meeting.
Ryan Willhite seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.
The August 18, 2021 Transportation Policy Committee meeting was adjourned.
MOTION PASSES.