

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Online / Phone**

Committee Members Present

Andrew Cook – City of Westfield	Dan Parker – City of Indianapolis
Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield	Inez Evans – IndyGo
Brian Jessen – Town of Brownsburg	

* = *Proxy*

Committee Members Absent

Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove	Jason Taylor – City of Fishers
Mark Heirbrandt – Hamilton County	Eric Wathen – Hendricks County

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Rose Scovel - Indianapolis MPO	Cole Jackson – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Kristyn Sanchez – Indianapolis MPO
Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO	Ryan Wilhite - IndyGo

1. WELCOME

Andrew Cook called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Anna Gremling took roll call attendance.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Member	Result	Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve	Plainfield	Approve
IndyGo	Approve	Brownsburg	Approve
Westfield	Approve		

Andrew Cook moved to approve June 25 Executive Committee minutes.
Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The June 25, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes were approved.
MOTION PASSES.

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Kristyn Sanchez gave an overview of the financial reports including local revenue, membership dues, and noted an increase in supply costs such as printer paper, web cameras, and similar items now that staff has returned to the office. Sanchez then asked for questions and heard none. Anna Gremling asked for acceptance of the financial reports.

Member	Result	Member	Result

Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Plainfield	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve

Andrew Cook moved to accept the financial report.
Brian Jessen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The financial report was accepted.
MOTION PASSES.

4. FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

Sean Northup gave an overview of financial resolution 2021-EXEC-011 covering four contracts including two items relating to Herd Strategies, one item concerning Capital Assets, and one item concerning the City of Indianapolis. **Dan Parker** asked if the items could be separated so he could abstain from the Indianapolis item vote. **Parker** also asked if the MPO’s lease was with the building authority or the City-County Government. **Gremling** stated it is with consolidated government and **Parker** stated he would have to abstain from voting on that contract.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Plainfield	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve

Andrew Klinger moved to approve Resolution #2021-EXEC-011 including all contracts except item d. concerning a license agreement with the City of Indianapolis for current office space for upcoming year.
Dan Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
Resolution #2021-EXEC-011 except item d. was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Abstain
IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Plainfield	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve

Andrew Klinger moved to approve Resolution #2021-EXEC-011 item d. concerning a license agreement year with the City of Indianapolis for current office space for upcoming year.
Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
Resolution #2021-EXEC-011 contract item d. was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

5. IMPO 2020 AUDIT

Kristyn Sanchez gave an overview of the IMPO’s audit now that the IMPO is separate from the City of Indianapolis. **Sanchez** stated the audit covered June 1 through December 31 and found that IMPO processes were strong. The audit found only one issue that needed to be addressed concerning a required training. **Sanchez** stated that training would be included in the internal controls processes moving forward. **Sean Northup** stated this was a more intensive audit than when the IMPO was in the City and the IMPO is pleased with the outcome. **Anna Gremling** stated this was a time-intensive process and staff is pleased.

Ryan Willhite asked if a different type of review will occur in upcoming years and **Sanchez** responded yes and the financial system is already set up for it. **Gremling** stated this is an item for acceptance.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Plainfield	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve

Brian Jessen moved to approve Resolution #2021-EXEC-019
Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
 Resolution #2021-EXEC-019 was approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

6. COVID/HYBRID POLICY UPDATE

Annie Dixon introduced the IMPO’s COVID-19 and hybrid meeting policies which were separated per Executive Committee feedback. **Dixon** stated there were small changes such as adding more flexibility in the COVID-19 policies and more detail on how the hybrid policies relate to locally-declared emergencies. **Dixon** stated that by separating the policies the Executive Committee can rescind COVID-19 policies without affecting Hybrid policies and can make changes to each policy separately. **Dixon** asked for questions and **Gremling** asked for approval.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Plainfield	Approve
Brownsburg	Approve

Andrew Cook moved to approve Resolution #2021-EXEC-014
Andrew Klinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
 Resolution #2021-EXEC-014 was approved.
 MOTION PASSES.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Anna Gremling stated the IMPO call for projects was opened last Friday with approximately \$66.4 million in funding for fiscal years 2025-26. **Gremling** gave an overview of the funding breakdown for different programs including \$49.8 million for STBG, \$4.1 million for CMAQ, \$4.1 million for HSIP, and \$3.7 million for TAP. **Gremling** stated the IMPO has been receiving questions on why so little funding is available considering the last year was skipped. **Gremling** stated the IMPO has overprogrammed in past years so there is no loss of funding per “use it or lose it” policies and this over-programming method has resulted in the region being over-programmed by approximately 12% currently. **Gremling** stated that funding available in the call for projects is lessened due to a 5% set aside for possible amendments and a 10% loss to INDOT based on the federal exchange agreement. **Ryan Willhite** asked what a normal funding amount for 2027 would be and **Gremling** stated with 10% to INDOT and 5% for amendments it will be less than \$45 million. **Kristyn Sanchez** stated it will likely be closer to \$43 million. **Gremling** stated that performance measures and goals require the IMPO to still fund safety and air quality projects. **Dan Parker** stated the available funding numbers are startling because the last year was skipped there is \$10-\$12 million less than expected. **Parker** continued stating that this may result in only 1-2 projects funded in some of

these categories. **Parker** asked **Gremling** for more information on funding and **Gremling** stated the IMPO did not skip a year but did not award funding for fiscal year 2025 which was put on hold. **Gremling** stated the IMPO will look more into CMAQ and HSIP numbers. **Willhite** asked for more information on reductions per year based on overages and other factors. **Sanchez** showed data in relation to this request. **Dan Parker** asked for this chart to be added to the PowerPoint for clarity when the PowerPoint is shared with others.

Sean Northup gave an overview of the newly available Census data and explained there was extremely fast growth in the central Indiana region. **Northup** stated they are reviewing this data in relation to funding, membership dues, and other factors. **Ryan Willhite** asked about how much of the region's population growth is from Central Indiana **Rose Scovel** stated that they are confirming the data but per IMPO staff 49% of Indiana's statewide population growth in the last 10 years happened in just Marion and Hamilton Counties. **Scovel** continued stating that if you add the population increases for the eight central Indiana counties together, it is 75% of the total statewide population growth.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Anna Gremling asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Inez Evans moved to adjourn the August 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
Andrew Cook seconded the motion.
The August 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting was adjourned
MOTION PASSES.