Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Online via Zoom

Ball State CAP: Indy 25 N Pine 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	Tony 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	Steve Moor	✓	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	David LittleJohn	✓	Town of Zionsville	DJ O'Toole
	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
	-			(IAA)	
✓	City of Franklin	Mark Richards		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
✓	City of Greenfield	Jason Koch	✓	FHWA	Erica Miller
✓	City of Greenwood	Daniel Johnston		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	Erika Miller		IDEM	Shawn Seals

Others Present

Anna Gremling - IMPO	Jen Higginbotham - IMPO
Rose Scovel - IMPO	Annie Dixon - IMPO
Cole Jackson - IMPO	Kristyn Sanchez – IMPO
Sean Northup - IMPO	Steve Cunningham - IMPO
Johnny Han - INDOT	Lesli Morgan - INDOT
Annette Darrow - IndyGo	Andrew Swenson - IMPO
Brandon Burgoa - INDOT	Matt Light – Noblesville
Chad Mills, Westfield	David Borden, Indianapolis
Scott Bailey, INDOT	Jennifer Beck, INDOT
Taylor Firestine – Health by Design	Julia Surber – VS Engineering
Paul Peoni – Greenwood	Chris Hammond
Mike Goralski	Jeff Hill
Chris Jensen	Kate Zale

1. <u>Welcome</u>

Anna Gremling called the meeting to order at 9:03 initiated roll call. Gremling stated the traffic count website was posted this week and will be available through March.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. Minutes for the October 6, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

Anna Gremling asked for any corrections to the October 6, 2021 Technical Committee meeting minutes and heard none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
City of Southport	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IAA	Approve

David Buckley moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Gary Pool seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The October 6, 2021 Transportation Technical Committee Minutes were approved.

MOTION PASSES.

1. MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 JOINT TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES MEETING

Anna Gremling asked for any corrections to the December 15, 2021 Joint Transportation Technical and Policy Committee meeting minutes and heard none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
City of Southport	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve
City of westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IAA	Approve

David Buckley moved to recommend the minutes to the Policy Committee as presented.

Gary Pool seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The December 15, 2021 Joint Transportation Technical and Policy Committees Minutes were recommended for approval by the Policy Committee.

MOTION PASSES.

2. <u>2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT</u>

Jen Higginbotham gave an overview of five proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and stated they are available for public comment and review between February 1 and February 15 and a public hearing will take place at the IMPO Policy Committee meeting. Higginbotham stated proposed amendments include the addition of an INDOT project per INDOT and FHWA's request, Noblesville project and Avon project amendments relating to the IRTIP call-for-projects (as these two projects are being recommended for the IRTIP and the MTP must match), and two Johnson County projects being amended for moving forward with State funding. Higginbotham asked for questions and heard none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve

Result
Approve
Approve
Approve

Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve

Approve
Approve

CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IAA	Approve

David Buckley moved to recommend the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) amendments to the Transportation Policy Committee

Ryan Willhite seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The 2050 MTP Amendments were recommended to the Policy Committee.

MOTION PASSES.

3. RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Cole Jackson gave an overview of proposed amendments to the 2020-2023 IRTIP including three local amendments and one local INDOT amendment. Jackson stated only one of the amendments affects IMPO administered funding and that project is the 30th over White River bridge amendment requested by the City of Indianapolis. Jackson stated the amendment request is for an additional \$4 million in MPO-managed STBG funds with an additional \$3.7 million in a local match. Jackson stated this request is a follow-up to the letter included in the December meeting packet and a new letter explaining the reasons for the request in detail is attached to the meeting packet. Jackson stated Indianapolis staff were on the call for questions then asked for questions for either Indianapolis or IMPO staff and heard none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
City of Southport	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IAA	Approve

Jason Taylor moved to recommend the 2020-2023 IRTIP amendments to the IMPO Transportation Policy Committee **Dennis Buckley** seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The Transportation Technical Committee recommended 2020-2023 IRTIP amendments to the Policy Committee. MOTION PASSES.

4. 2024-2025 IRTIP Project List Recommendation

Kristyn Sanchez gave an overview of the results of the call for projects for fiscal years 2025-26 that opened in August and closed in October. Sanchez stated the IMPO received 72 applications from 23 communities totaling more than \$200 million in ask to distribute \$66.5 million in available funding. Sanchez stated that as a result of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) additional funding became available increasing funding available by approximately \$12 million and, as a result, the call for project years was changed to 2024-2025 to fill a spending gap in those years. The IMPO is recommending 30 projects for 15 communities totaling about \$78 million in funding for distribution. Sanchez stated after the original recommended list was sent out for comments two changes were made. The IMPO added one Hamilton County project and Noblesville's Pleasant Street had a score change related to the MTP (illustrative to third time-period correction). This pushed a Whitestown project off the recommended list. Noblesville's Pleasant Street project in conjunction with the Pleasant Street trail project would be the first advanced construction project under the federal exchange program if recommended by the IMPO Transportation Policy Committee. Sanchez stated 11 projects are recommended for funding in fiscal year 2024 and must go to letting in 2024 or risk losing funding as that is the last

year funding will be available under the Federal Program. Sanchez then stated the 19 projects recommended for 2025 will be under the federal exchange program. Sanchez stated the IMPO recommends using other available funds scheduled for 2024 to bring several projects in that year that are funded at less than an 80% federal match up to an 80% federal match. Sanchez responded to a question about why funds would be used to bring up the federal match rather than fund another project from the call the projects by stating there were concerns about the next projects in the recommendation list being able to be ready for letting in 2024 so staff thought it was safer to use the funding in this manner.

Anna Gremling stated it was intended to release a press release concerning these projects after the February 16 Policy Committee meeting. Gremling stated "big checks" are available and to contact herself should a community desire a big check. Gremling reiterated projects scheduled for 2024 must be let in 2024 as that is the last year of the federal program.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hancock County	Abstain
Morgan County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
City of Carmel	Approve
Town of Cumberland	Approve
City of Fishers	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve

Member	Result
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve
City of Southport	Approve
City of Westfield	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve
IAA	Approve

Dennis Buckley moved to recommend the 2024-2025 IRTIP project list to the Transportation Policy Committee **Sri Venugopalan** seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The Transportation Technical Committee recommended the 2024-2025 IRTIP project list to the Transportation Policy Committee

MOTION PASSES.

STATUS REPORTS

5. INDOT FREIGHT PLAN

Johnny Han and Leslie Morgan gave an overview of the INDOT Freight Plan. They stated that many stakeholders including the IMPO are contributing to the plan. Han gave an overview of preferred corridors and stated recommendations will be complete soon. Han continued stating INDOT has been coordinating with FWHA concerning the IIJA and is expecting more detail this summer and stated an online survey is currently available. Jen Higginbotham informed the committee about the IMPO's involvement as the IMPO completes a freight plan. Han then gave an overview of surveys and a schedule for project upcoming project milestones.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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Anna Gremling stated a proposed update to the IMPO mission statement will be included in the IMPO Policy Committee meeting agenda. **Gremling** stated elections for the IMPO Executive Committee will also occur at the IMPO Policy Committee meeting. **Rose Scovel** stated public comment opportunities and virtual town halls will occur for the CEDS.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Taylor moved to adjourn the February 2, 2022 Transportation Technical Committee meeting. **David Borden** seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.

The February 2, 2022 Transportation Technical Committee meeting was adjourned.

MOTION PASSES.