

**West Central Indiana Economic Development District
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Summary
March 20, 2007
Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 17 Harding St., Terre Haute, IN**

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by George Azar, Committee Chair, at 2:00 PM.

2. **Committee Members Present**:

George Azar*, Councilman-at-Large, Terre Haute City Council (Chair)
Pat Goodwin*, City Engineer, City of Terre Haute
Judy Anderson*, Vigo County Commissioner, Vigo County Board of Commissioners
Bob Hellmann, President, Vigo County Council
John Van Etten, President, Terre Haute International Airport Authority Board
Jim Bramble, Vigo County Auditor
Mark Albers*, Planning Director, INDOT Crawfordsville District

* Indicates a designated alternate selected by the incumbent of a position identified in the Transportation Policy Committee Bylaws to serve on this committee.

Committee Members Absent or Excused:

Fred Wilson, President, Vigo County Area Planning Commission
David Franklin, FHWA Indiana Region Representative
Stewart McKenzie, FTA Region 5 Representative

Others Present:

Merv Nolot, Executive Director, WCIEDD
Ron Hinsenkamp, Chief Transportation Planner, WCIEDD (Recorder)
Jackie Mitchell, Transportation Planner, WCIEDD
Andy Theisz, HNTB Engineering

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**: George Azar asked for questions, corrections or amendments to the minutes of the previous committee meeting, which were distributed electronically prior to today's meeting. There being no questions or discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

4. **Communications from Presiding Officer**: There were no communications.

5. **Report of Officers and/or Committees**: There were no reports.

6. **Old Business**:

Ron Hinsenkamp distributed final copies of the Policy and Technical Committee Bylaws previously adopted by the committee. He also shared some concerns about the bylaws expressed during the Technical Committee Meeting on February 28, 2007. However, the decision has been made to hold off on making any proposed changes to the bylaws until both the committees have had an opportunity to operate under the recently adopted bylaws for a while. (Status: Closed)

Mark Albers voiced some concern that the adopted bylaws do not identify a process, other than a procedure for calling a special meeting, for handling time sensitive Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) amendments that might need to be acted on between bi-monthly committee meetings. Ron Hinsenkamp advised the MPO is already working on development of this type of process, which will ultimately be incorporated into a new MPO Policy & Procedures Manual that will be submitted to this committee for approval. After some discussion, the committee agreed to delegate approval authority for administrative or emergency TIP amendments to the Executive Director and/or Chief

Transportation Planner until such time as a new formal process is developed and approved. All administrative or emergency TIP amendments processed under this interim procedure will be presented to the committee for review and endorsement at the next regular committee meeting. (Status: Open - Ron Hinsenkamp)

7. **New Business:**

George Azar discussed the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting schedule for the remainder of CY 2007 that was included in today's meeting packet. The committee will meet the third Tuesday of May, July, September and November at 2:00 PM. Meeting locations will rotate between the Third Floor Conference Room in City Hall and the Vigo County Council Chambers. (Status: Closed)

Ron Hinsenkamp discussed the pros and cons of letting the existing F.Y. 2007-2010 TIP rollover for F.Y. 2008. INDOT established an April 1, 2007 deadline for submission of F.Y. 2008 TIPs in order to comply with provisions of SAFETEA-LU and to meet state contract submission timelines for F.Y. 2008. After discussion, with assurance that pending TIP amendments will be incorporated into the current TIP by April 1, 2007, the committee agreed to let the current TIP rollover. (Status: Closed)

Ron Hinsenkamp briefly discussed the Draft F.Y. 2008 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) developed by the MPO staff. This draft was made available earlier for committee member review via a link to the WCIEDD Web Site. The committee voted unanimously to endorse the draft document, subject to final approval by INDOT, FHWA and FTA. (Status: Closed)

The MPO staff presented the following proposed amendments to the F.Y. 2007-2010 TIP. After discussion, the committee unanimously voted to approve all three of these amendments. (Status: Closed)

Requester: INDOT
 Project: I-70 Interchange Modification at US Hwy 41
 DES: DES #: 9804330
 Project Description: This new construction project will add dual left turn lanes from US 41 to I-70, add a southbound right turn lane onto I-70 and lower U.S. 41 under I-70. This work will increase capacity for left turning vehicles and improve mobility through the interchange.
 Fiscal Year: 2008

	Cost
Federal Share:	\$3,179,466
State Share:	794,866
Local Share:	0
Total:	<u>\$3,974,332</u>

Requester: Vigo County
 Project: Replace Bridge #151
 DES: 0200751
 Project Description: Replace bridge on Gannon Ln., 1 mile west of U.S. 150.

	Current 2008	New 2008
Fiscal Year:		
	Current Cost	New Cost
Federal Share:	\$648,000	\$685,988
State Share:	0	0
Local Share:	162,000	171,497
Total:	<u>\$810,000</u>	<u>\$857,485</u>

Requester: Vigo County
 Project: Replace Bridge #277
 DES: 0100390
 Project Description: Replace bridge over the CSX tracks on Bennett Ln., .4 miles north of US Hwy 40.

Fiscal Year:	Current 2008	New 2008
	Current Cost	New Cost
Federal Share:	\$700,000	\$796,000
State Share:	0	0
Local Share:	175,000	199,000
Total:	\$875,000	\$995,000

Mark Albers made a motion to add the following project to the F.Y. 2007-2010 TIP in order to meet the April 1, 2007 submission deadline for processing TIP amendments and to support rollover of the current TIP. After discussion, the committee unanimously voted to approve this amendment. (Status: Closed)

Requester: INDOT
Project: Installation of traffic signals.
DES: 0600720
Project Description: Installation of Traffic Signals, I-70 and SR 46 Entrance/Exit Ramps

Fiscal Year: 2007/2008

	Cost
Federal Share:	\$138,000
State Share:	34,500
Local Share:	0
Total:	\$172,500

Bob Hellmann made a motion to amend the following existing project in the F.Y. 2007-2010 TIP in order to meet the April 1, 2007 submission deadline for processing TIP amendments and to support rollover of the current TIP. After discussion, the committee unanimously voted to approve this amendment. (Status: Closed)

Requester: Vigo County
Project: Canal Road Phase II
DES: 9881930
Project Description: Construction of Canal Road Phase II, from Feree Road to I-70.

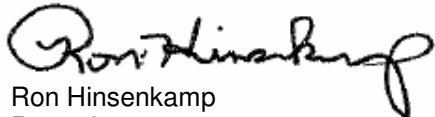
Fiscal Year:	Current 2009	New 2008
	Cost	Cost
Federal Share:	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
State Share:		
Local Share:	8,800,000	8,800,000
Total:	\$8,800,000	\$8,800,000

Ron Hinsenkamp briefly discussed some of the significant points outlined in the *March MPO Major Project Update* that was included in the packet for today's meeting. (Status: Closed)

Ron Hinsenkamp briefly reviewed the current status of the CMAQ Program and the *CMAQ Funds Allocation, Obligation & Project Report* included in today's meeting packet. Bob Hellmann pointed out that the FHWA approval dates for the projects at Fruitridge & Haythorne and Fruitridge & Park were not entered correctly. Ron advised that he would correct the dates in the database and provide a corrected copy of the report. (Status: Closed)

The Chair called for other new business and no additional items were presented.

8. **Invitation to Interested Parties:** The Chair provided other interested parties present at the meeting an opportunity to be heard on items not included in the agenda. No one present availed themselves of this opportunity to be heard.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be held on **May 15, 2007 at 2:00 PM** in the **Vigo County Council Chambers**, Vigo County Annex, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807.



Ron Hinsenkamp
Recorder