

**Metropolitan Planning Organization
West Central Indiana Economic Development District
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Agenda
January 17, 2012 – 2:00 PM
WCIEDD Conference Room, 1718 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN**

1. **Call to Order.** (Mayor Bennett)
2. **Roll Call.** (Ron Hinsenkamp)
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Review and approve the minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting held on November 15, 2011. A copy of these minutes is posted on the MPO web site and available for review at the following link. (Mayor Bennett)

http://www.westcentralin.com/transport/minutes/2011/TPC_Minutes,11-15-11.pdf
4. **Communications from Presiding Officer.** None.
5. **Report of Officers and/or Committees.** None.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Update on the status of the MPA-wide Traffic Sign Inventory Project being funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). (Ron Hinsenkamp)
 - b. Update on the status of development of the City of Terre Haute HSIP projects to install backing plates on traffic signals throughout the city and to upgrade pedestrian signal heads to meet MUTCD and ADA standards. (Ron Hinsenkamp)
 - c. Update on the status of efforts to develop and advance a City of Terre Haute sidewalk project that can be considered for federal-aid funding. (Ron Hinsenkamp)
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Review, discuss, and act on a proposed TPC resolution urging Congress not to change the population threshold that requires establishment of MPOs from 50,000 to 250,000. A copy of the proposed resolution is included as Attachment 1 to this agenda. (Ron Hinsenkamp & Mayor Bennett)
 - b. Review and briefly discuss the FY 2011 Annual List of Obligated Projects. A copy of the annual list is included as Attachment 2 to this agenda. (Ron Hinsenkamp)
 - c. Review and act on endorsement of a WCIEDD application for Section 5310 Senior, Disabled, Rural Transit Grants. (Dale Nightingale & Mayor Bennett)
 - d. Review and discuss the proposed scope of work for a MPA-wide public transit study to identify and analyze projected transit needs, service options, etc. through 2035. A copy of the proposed scope of work will be included in the handout that will be distributed at the beginning of this meeting. (Ron Hinsenkamp)
 - e. Update on the status of the Terre Haute Urbanized Area Railroad Corridor Study. (Mayor Bennett & Ron Hinsenkamp)
 - f. Election of the committee chairperson and vice chairperson for 2012. (Mayor Bennett)
 - g. Other new business, as presented by committee members. (Committee Chair)
8. **Invitation to Interested Parties:** Open the floor to other interested parties wishing to be heard. (Committee Chair)

9. **Adjournment.** (Committee Chair)

Attachment:

1. Draft Resolution, 011712-01
2. Annual List of Obligated Projects

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution Number 011712-01



WHEREAS, West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. (WCIEDD) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), designated by the Governor of Indiana, for the Terre Haute – Vigo County Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 450.310; and

WHEREAS, West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. provides rural transportation planning assistance to local government officials in Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Vermillion Counties as a Rural Planning Organization (RPO); and

WHEREAS, West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. carries out well defined comprehensive multijurisdictional transportation planning processes that lead to wise transportation investment decisions that support or enhance the economic vitality of the MPA and the region, reduce congestion, increase safety and security, enhance mobility, and improve the environment; and

WHEREAS, These proven regional transportation planning and decision making processes are based on effective inter-governmental collaboration, rational analysis, local stakeholder and public input, consensus-based decision making by local government officials, and on “cooperation” and “coordination” between MPOs, RPOs and state DOTs; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important policy decisions for the next federal surface transportation authorization is the explicit inclusion of local elected officials, as the closest unit of government to the people, to represent their communities in transportation investment decisions, and,

WHEREAS, Continuing regional partnerships for regions of all sizes are necessary to ensuring local implementation of the federal government’s transportation vision and priorities, and furthering the local-state-federal partnership; and,

WHEREAS, increasing the MPO threshold eliminates community and local elected official inclusion in the regional transportation planning process and reduces the ability of communities to improve through sound transportation investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, the current designation of MPOs at a population level of 50,000 allows continuation of the progress realized since the inception of MPOs for growing and existing communities to address issues of job access, congestion, safety, air quality, and livability through a transparent process with local elected officials as a cornerstone - tying investments to community and citizen needs; Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The WCIEDD Transportation Policy Committee urges Congress to maintain the 1962 Congressional mandate to establish MPOs in urbanized areas with populations over 50,000 and to strengthen the current federal mandate for state DOTs to partner with rural local elected officials by elevating this relationship from one of “consultation” to one of “cooperation” and “coordination”.

The above and foregoing resolution was hereby adopted this 17th day of January 2012 during a regular meeting of the WCIEDD Transportation Policy Committee held in Terre Haute, IN.

Attest

Duke A. Bennett
Mayor of the City of Terre Haute
Transportation Policy Committee Chair

Ronald M. Hinsenkamp
Chief Transportation Planner
Transportation Policy Committee Recorder

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Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Terre Haute – Vigo County Metropolitan Planning Area

Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011)



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References

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act:
A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) [Public Law 109-59]
23 CFR Part 450, Planning Assistance and Standards
49 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Public Transportation

Introduction

As part of the federally prescribed metropolitan transportation planning process, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must publish an annual listing of projects for which federal funds, provided under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, were obligated in the preceding program year. Fulfillment of this Congressional mandate is intended to increase the transparency of federal government spending on transportation projects within a metropolitan planning area (MPA) to state and local officials, and to the public at large.

Regulations define *obligation* as the federal government's legal commitment to pay or reimburse the states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs. The regulations further define an *obligated project* as a project that has been authorized by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and funds have been obligated or approved for reimbursement. Projects for which funds have been obligated are not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded in the Transportation Electronic Award Management System (TEAM). For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requests federal funds be obligated in the Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS).

Development of this annual listing is a cooperative process between the MPO, project sponsors, public transportation operators, and INDOT. This cooperation is essential because of the different responsibilities held by each of these organizations in planning,

programming, and implementing federal-aid transportation projects. Information used to develop this listing is a compilation of data held by the MPO, the project sponsor, or INDOT, and it was the best data available at the time of the production of this report.

The primary source documents used to develop this annual listing are the MPO's adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), obligation information extracted from TEAM, and a download of obligation information furnished by INDOT. The TIP identifies federally funded highway, roadway, pedestrian walkway, bicycle facility and transit projects (capital and operating assistance) programmed to be carried out in the MPA during each program year. The annual listing includes the following information, most of which is extracted from the TIP:

1. Local Project #, Grant # or DES,
2. Project Sponsor,
3. Project Description.
4. The amount of federal funds programmed in the TIP
5. Federal funding obligations and balances, and
6. Estimated total project cost, which may extend beyond the four years of the TIP.

The program year covered by this annual listing is Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011, which covers the period from October 1, 2010 to September 2011.

Questions & Comments:

Questions or comments regarding this annual listing should be directed to:

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Highway, Road, Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects

Sponsor	Corridor, DES or Project Number	Facility	FC	Work Type	Work Category	Location or Description	Project Length (Mile)	Federal Funding Category	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Federal Funds Programmed in TIP	Federal Funds Obligated in FMIS	TIP Balance*
INDOT	0400513	I 70	11	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Major Pavement Project (Interstate)	From the Illinois/Indiana State Line to just W of the Wabash River bridge	5.20	IM	2011	CN	2,340,000.00	90,000.00	2,250,000.00
INDOT	0400541	I 70	11	Bridge Deck Replacement & Widening	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	EB bridge over Sugar Creek, 2.45 miles W of US 41	4.38	BR	2012	PE	208,000.00	150,975.00	57,025.00
INDOT	9709062	I 70	11	Bridge Deck Replacement & Widening	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	WB Bridge over US 41, 4.34 miles W of SR 46	6.83	BR	2012	PE	152,000.00	170,730.00	0.00
INDOT	9709066	I 70	11	Bridge Deck Replacement & Widening	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	WB Bridge over Thompson Ditch and railroad, 1.88 miles E of US 41	8.74	BR	2012	PE	192,000.00	205,380.00	0.00
INDOT	0710657	I 70	11	Bridge Deck Overlay	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	EB Bridge over 7th St., 0.38 mile E of US 41	0.00	IM	2011	CN	845,100.00	54,000.00	791,100.00
INDOT	0800118	SR 46	14	Pavement, Other	District Pavement Project (Non-I)	From US 40 to I-70		STP	2011	CN	480,000.00	657,680.02	0.00
INDOT	1005550	SR 46	14	New Signal Installation	Signal Project (New/Modernized)	Intersection of SR 46 and Hulman Drive (Terre Haute)		STP	2011	CN	120,000.00	130,092.30	0.00
INDOT	0801071	SR 63	7	Curve Correction	District Pavement Project (Non-I)	Curve from 0.1 to 0.3 mi S of Harlan rd	0.20	STP	2011	CN	560,000.00	246,585.58	313,414.42
INDOT	036	SR 641	12	New Road Construction	New Road Construction Project	Terre Haute Bypass. New Freeway from US 41 to I-70.	6.60	Multiple	2012	Multiple	1,760,000.00	1,883,495.94	0.00
INDOT	0800875	US 40	14	Bridge Replacement, Concrete	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	WBL BR over Clear Creek, 0.50 mi E of I-70	0.00	BR	2012	PE	220,000.00	12,400.00	207,600.00
INDOT	0201391	US 41	14	Auxiliary Lanes, Accel & Decel or Turn Lanes	District Intersection Improvement Project	From 0.5 miles S of I-70 at Johnson Ave to 0.25 mile S of I-70 at Davis Ave	0.23	NHS	2012	PE	108,000.00	150,800.00	0.00
INDOT	0710479	US 41	14	Bridge Deck Replacement & Widening	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	SBL BR over the SOO Line Railroad, 2.13 mi N of SR 63	0.00	BR	2012	PE	24,000.00	10,880.00	13,120.00
Terre Haute	1006019	ST 1028	14	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	Local Road Project	8th Avenue/3rd Street in Terre Haute	0.06	CMAQ	2012	PE	85,310.00	85,310.00	0.00
Terre Haute	0500974	ST1001	16	Added Travel Lanes	Local Road Project	Margaret Ave: US 41 to 7th St	0.36	HPP	2011	RW	431,580.00	111,580.00	320,000.00
Terre Haute	0500974	ST1001	16	Added Travel Lanes	Local Road Project	Margaret Ave: US 41 to 7th St	0.36	HPP	2011	CN	3,066,266.00	2,994,170.36	72,095.64
Vigo County	0600660	Lafayette Ave	14	Intersect. Improv. W/ New Signals	Local Road Project	Intersection improvement at Lafayette & Park	0.00	CMAQ	2011	CN	869,260.00	869,259.68	0.32
Total											11,461,516.00	7,823,338.88	4,024,355.38

*See WCIEDD SFY 2012-2015 TIP for future phase funding.

