

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2008
Marion City Hall, City Council Chambers
1:30 P.M.

Member	Present	Not Present	Proxy
Lu Barron			Les Beck
Brian Fagan			Chuck Wieneke
Kay Halloran	X		
Jim Houser			Mike Goldberg
Samantha Dahlby	X		
Linda Langston			Steve Gannon
Kim McCarty		X	
Jerry McGrane	X		
Ian Cullis		X	
Tim Carson		X	
Paul Rehn	X		
Tom Theis	X		
Boyd Potter			Treharne
Pat Shey		X	
Jim Doyle		X	
Bill Bogert	X		
Scott Sylvester		X	
David Zylstra	X		
Bill Voss	X		

Staff Present: Sushil Nepal, Drew Westberg, Adam Lindenlaub

Others Present: Cathy Cutler, Dave Van Dee

Treasurer Paul Rehn called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm as the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary were absent.

AGENDA

Public Comment

None.

1. Approve Minutes from the October 23rd meeting.

Kay Halloran moved to approve the minutes from the October 23rd meeting. Jerry McGrane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2. Outreach & Communications Plan (OCP) discussion (mailing).

Drew Westberg gave an update on feedback received on the draft Outreach and Communication Plan (OCP). Westberg stated that upon approval today the 45-day public comment period on the OCP would start and that the close date would be January 3rd, not December 28th as shown in the agenda. Tom Theis moved to approve to draft OCP and open the public comment period. McGrane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Metro-area Advisory Committee (MAC) discussion (attachment).

Westberg reviewed the roles and responsibilities and member list for the Metro-area Advisory Committee

(MAC). Westberg stated that, if approved, the entities on the membership list would be contacted on January 5th. Westberg stated that there would be a press release and nominations would be expected on January 21st. Bylaws for the MAC would be prepared and presented for approval at the January Policy Board meeting. Westberg said that the first MAC meeting would be scheduled for February. Les Beck suggested that a group meeting with AARP regarding seniors should also be contacted for membership on the MAC. Bill Bogert asked if the groups listed would be the only ones allowed. Samantha Dahlby stated that the list was a good starting point but that membership should not be locked in to just those.

Staff was given direction to proceed with contacting the entities for membership on the MAC.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update.

Adam Lindenlaub reported that there would be \$3,226,455 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to program for FY13 of the FY10 – FY13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Lindenlaub stated that all of the Transportation Enhancements (TE) program funds would be dedicated to the Boyson Road Trail that was partially funded in FY12. This project would also need TE funds in FY14 to be funded at the 80% level.

5. Organizational Development Workshop (attachment).

Westberg reported that Request for Proposals (RFP) were sent directly to six firms to facilitate an organizational development workshop and posted online. The responses to the RFP will be due on November 21st. If none are received then the RFP will be reissued.

6. Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan Update.

Westberg gave an update on the progress of the Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan. Westberg stated that the next meeting of the Stakeholder Group would be in December at which time they will review and provide comments on road alignments and land use scenarios.

Old/New Business

1. Linn County ICAAP application support.

Lindenlaub explained that Linn County received an extension on their Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) application for the intersection of Highway 13 and Mount Vernon Road and is requesting a resolution of support from Corridor MPO. Bogert moved to pass a resolution of support to Linn County for their ICAAP application. McGrane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2. Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (IPRAC) update.

Corridor MPO's IPRAC representative Dahlby gave an update from the last meeting. Dahlby noted that Amtrak was present at the meeting and reported that they could be in Iowa in four years. Amtrak stated that Cedar Rapids would be a commuter line as opposed to the passenger line that would be along I-80. Iowa DOT is starting to campaign to have State Legislators lobby to have Amtrak provide service in Iowa. It was noted that Iowa City may have taken a vote on passenger rail between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. Staff will confirm. Staff will also e-mail a web link regarding IPRAC.

3. Cedar Rapids/Iowa City commuter bus study.

Lindenlaub stated that talk has resumed between the regional planning agencies on performing a feasibility study of a commuter bus route between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. The agencies involved would be Corridor MPO, the Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG), and the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG). Dahlby stated that such a feasibility study could also be used to show the demand for a commuter/passenger rail line between the two metropolitan areas. Lindenlaub will provide an update at the next meeting.

4. Change to January Corridor MPO meeting date.

Lindenlaub proposed moving the January Corridor MPO meeting date from January 15th to the 22nd.

Lindenlaub stated he would send out an e-mail asking Policy Board members to verify their availability.

Agenda Item Requests

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07.