

**Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Meeting Minutes**

March 18, 2010  
Multipurpose Room, Hiawatha City Hall  
1:30 P.M.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Lu Barron		X	
Don Karr		X	
Ron Corbett	X		
Ben Rogers		X	
Samantha Dahlby	X		
Linda Langston	X		
Jay Kacena		X	
Blake Jones	X		
Ian Cullis		X	
Paul Rehn		X	
Tom Theis	X		
Boyd Potter	X		
Monica Vernon		X	
Jim Doyle		X	
Bill Bogert		X	
Gil Janes	X		
David Zylstra		X	
Jason Rabe	X		

**Staff Present:** Adam Lindenlaub, Tara Bradley

**Others Present:** Cathy Cutler, Robin Kash, Dave Elgin, Ron Griffith, Tom Treharne, Ray Moe, Kevin Klinkenberg, Rich Voelker, Brenna Fall

Tom Theis moved to declare there was a quorum present. Samantha Dahlby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Chair Linda Langston called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

**AGENDA**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Action/Discussion Items**

**1. Approve Minutes from the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Thisis moved to approve the minutes from the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dahlby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## **2. Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan Presentation.**

Adam Lindenlaub gave a brief background on the Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan and then introduced Rich Voelker and Brenna Fall of Snyder & Associates. Voelker reviewed Snyder's scope and work on the project. Dahlby asked if there were pedestrian accommodations by Linn-Mar's campus. Fall said that they would recommend a lower speed like 25 mph, which is a common school area speed, and to provide a crossing further north on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Blake Jones asked if there was a lot of crossing between the high school and middle school. Fall stated that only during school events. Gil Janes asked if there would be warrants for a mid block signalized crossing. Tom Treharne informed the Policy Board that the City of Marion is looking at widening corners at intersections. Dahlby asked if there was a potential for an overpass. Treharne said that they did not look at that. Voelker stated that there were also some topography challenges for an overpass.

Dahlby asked what are the roadway elements that change with the narrow ROW. Voelker said that sidewalks and bike lanes would stay the same throughout but the vehicle lane widths would change. Dave Elgin informed the Policy Board that the City of Cedar Rapids has some comments regarding utility ROW and the trade-offs between utilizing ROW off road or under the street.

Voelker reviewed the recommended next steps for implementation of the corridor management plan.

Elgin expressed concern with the use of federal funds for construction of corridor elements and which ones would be funded.

Jones asked if this road is in Connections 2040. Lindenlaub stated that the feedback gathered so far is that is desired.

Janes asked about the grade separation decision at the Canadian National Railroad crossing. Voelker said that it makes sense due to the overall size of investment in the project.

Boyd Potter asked if there is any thought on acquiring property to increase the ROW in certain areas. Voelker stated that is an option.

Langston stated that there is a lot to discuss regarding implementation.

This moved to adopt the plan. Dahlby seconded the motion. Ron Corbett asked if adopting the plan guarantees funding. Lindenlaub stated that it does not. Lindenlaub noted that the Corridor MPO has already funded part of the roadway. Treharne stated that adoption of the plan would help planning in the area. Corbett stated concern with future trail funding and if Tower Terrace Road takes precedent. Dahlby expressed concern with making sure streets contain bike accommodations. Janes applauded the effort and stated that it is an example of what the Corridor MPO should do. With no more discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Langston asked for the discussion of implementation to be placed on a future agenda.

## **3. Amend FY10 – FY13 TIP to delete projects and reallocate STP funds to IDOT for Hwy. 100 Extension Project.**

Lindenlaub explained that no public comments were received regarding the deletion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue E – Improve from 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Street Project and Bever Avenue SE – Extend from Clark Street to Red Fox Road Project from the FY10 – FY13 TIP. Janes moved to amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP. Rabe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## **4. Hwy. 100 STP Allocation Clarification.**

Lindenlaub stated that Staff wanted to clarify the direction of the Policy Board regarding the stipulations attached to the STP allocation to the Hwy. 100 Extension Project. Langston stated that discussions with Senator Harkin indicated that the project needs to be in the 5-year plan in order to receive a federal earmark. Elgin informed the Policy Board that the project is in the Iowa STIP. The Policy Board stated that it is fine

with any activity on the project, such as the bridge design work, that would help make part of the project shovel ready for future federal earmarks.

**5. Amend FY10 – FY13 TIP for ICAAP & SRTS projects.**

Lindenlaub explained that no public comments were received regarding the addition of the recently awarded ICAAP and Safe Routes to School projects to the FY10 – FY13 TIP. Rabe moved to amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP. Jones seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**6. Connections 2040 Update on Street Types.**

Ray Moe of LSA Associates reviewed the two public workshops, project development, and plan report outline. Ron Griffith asked about the tie between land use and transportation. Moe stated that existing land use plans are honored but that the intensity is different. Kevin Klinkenberg of 180 Urban Design reviewed the work on street types for Connections 2040. Klinkenberg showed examples of existing and new roads with the street type elements incorporated. Janes noted that in most of the examples transportation dictates land use. Elgin made some comments on snow storage and pavement maintenance. Elgin asked if the consultants are looking at truck routes. Moe said that they will have to look at that. Treharne stated that Ankeny has done some of these examples.

**7. Trail Funding with STP Funds.**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Informational Items**

**8. Update on trail funding around the State.**

Tabled until next meeting.

**9. Metro-area Advisory Committee (MAC) recommendation for Connections 2040.**

Tabled until next meeting.

**10. 2010 Census Update on activities.**

Tabled until next meeting.

Langston requested that the Ordinance Review Committee should be reconstituted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.