

INDOT Long- Range Plan development Coordination Meeting Notes

Meeting with the LaPorte District - Conducted at the NRIPC Offices, May 9, 2006
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

In Attendance: Don Abraham, LaPorte District
Jamile Smith, LaPorte District Systems
Larry Heil, FHWA
Ken Dallmeyer, NIRPC
Steve Strains, NIRPC
Jackie Anders, NIRPC
Bill Brown, NIRPC
Gary Evers, NIRPC
Edwin Buswell, KIRPC
Steve Smith, INDOT Central Office
Jerry Halperin, INDOT Central Office
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT Central Office

Steve Smith began the meeting with a quick review of the meeting's agenda. The four primary meeting components were:

1. A review of the INDOT Long-Range Plan, concentrating on projects for District and MPO on the 2006 to 2016 time frame.
 - A. Projects in the 2006 to 2015 Major Moves Program (The September 2005 draft listing)
 - B. Review of Candidate 2016 IPOC projects and preliminary priority evaluation
 - C. Identification of any projects in the 2006 to 2015 time frame that not in the Major Moves Program or not a Candidate 2016 IPOC Project.
2. Discussion of IPOC scoring process and opportunities to provide information to assist scoring and evaluations.
3. Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and proposed Access Management Guidelines.

Background – 2016 IPOC Candidate Projects: - The Indiana Planning Oversight Committee (IPOC) was developed in 2005. IPOC is the guiding force for the development of the Ten-Year Highway Production Plan, a subset consisting of the first ten-years of the INODT Long-Range Plan. The first fully funded 10-year highway production plans called the *Major Moves Plan*; it covers the period 2006 to 2015. As originally envisioned, the process is intended to move forward from year to year. As the 2006 fiscal year is completed, the 2016 fiscal year is added. The 2016 IPOC candidate projects are those projects listed in the INDOT Long-Range Plan with ready for contract dates of 2016. They can also be made up of projects which the District has identified as significant and in which they submit as candidates for evaluation and consideration for the 2016 fiscal year. Candidate projects are first identified, applications are then submitted and the projects are then scored according to the IPOC protocols. Their ultimate placement in

the Ten-Year Production Plan depends upon the project's score and funding availability projected for the fiscal year. The IPOC candidate project process is an annual process; next year, candidate projects for fiscal year 2017 will be evaluated and considered and then submitted to the IPOC committee for inclusion into the ten-year production plan.

For fiscal year 2016, four expansion projects have been submitted:

1. Added Travel Lanes on US 421 from North Junction with SR 2 to I-80/90
2. Added Travel Lanes on US 30 from US 41 to 0.4 miles west of I-65
3. Added Travel Lanes on US 20 from SR 152 to 4 lane section 0.4 miles west of SR 912
4. Added Travel Lanes on SR 51 from US 30 to 10th Street

2016 IPOC Candidate Projects:

US 421 from North Junction with SR 2 to I-80/90: This project was not originally in Major Moves. Several of the intersections will need to be revisited. Conformity was done for 2020 therefore the project will be okay to go in 2016.

US 30 from US 41 to 0.4 miles west of I-65: This project should be considered for road reconstruction from SR 55 to I-65. This will then change to an added travel lanes project on US 30 from US 41 to SR 55.

COMMENT: Check with David Butts on the scope of this project and have the schedule reviewed and make any changes necessary.

US 20 from SR 152 to 4 lane section 0.4 miles west of SR 912: The conformity analysis on this project was conducted for 2030. Therefore the analysis will need to be re-run. This should be revisited at next year's meeting. There is a possibility this project will move out to 2018-2020. A proposed intermodal facility may have an impact on this project by then.

SR 51 from US 30 to 10th Street: The conformity for this project was done in the 2030 network. For this project to go in 2016, conformity will need to be re-run for 2020.

COMMENT: MPO will re-run conformity

Additional Project Discussions:

I-65 from US 231 to US 30 LRP#427. This project is in 2011. Shoulders were reconstructed to maintenance of traffic construction. There were some questions as to whether or not it could be opened to traffic but was determined that the shoulders were not reconstructed to full depth.

COMMENT: This project may tie into the proposed Illiana project. Check with Brad Steckler and David Butts on the feasibility of moving this out to 2016 and respond back to the MPO.

US 6 from I-80/94 to 0.6 mile east of SR 51 LRP#257. This project is not in Major Moves but is scheduled for 2012. The conformity is currently in 2020.

COMMENT: Need to research why this is not in Major Moves and respond to MPO and District.

SR 2 at I-65 LRP#255. This project is shown in 2009 but in the 2010 network. MPO will the conformity out to 2020.

US 20 LRP#s 571, 572, 573, and 576: This is approximately 17 miles long and is questionable as to its need.

COMMENT: Should be taken out of INDOT's Long Range Plan

SR 49 – I-80/90 to I-94 and I-94 to Oak Hill LRP# 406 and 407. The LOS is questionable on this project. Also these two projects should be combined

COMMENT: Talk to Roy Nunnally regarding the LOS

US 30 from 0.9 mile east of I-65 to SR 51 LRP# 422. Project is currently scheduled for 2021. Capacity and safety issues need to be reviewed and possibly move the project up in the system.

SR 912 – I-80/90 to US 12 LRP# 439. This project is now a reconstruction project. There is concern on the safety along the corridor and feel it should be reviewed again.

COMMENT: Check with Brad Steckler in Safety regarding the status of this project

Proposed Illiana Corridor Status. At this time they are trying to obtain a bi-state agreement however there are legal issues with the PSB and each State's code regarding the PSB.

RPO Issues. There are no 2016 or 2017-2030 projects in the RPO. However there was discussion regarding several Ethanol Plants being proposed in the area – SR 114 in Rensselaer US 41 in Boswell and at US 41 and US 52. In Newton County they are trying to get and industrial park established at the old landfill and would like to see improvements at US 41 and SR 114