

INDOT Long-Range Plan Development Coordination Meeting Notes
Meeting with the Ft. Wayne District and South Bend Elkhart MPO
Conducted at the INDOT Central Office, March 24, 2010
11:30 AM to 12:45 PM

In Attendance: Steve Smith, Manager, INDOT Long-Range Transportation Planning
Roy Nunnally, Manager, INDOT, Manager Office of Modeling
Jerry Halperin, INDOT Long-Range Transportation Planning
Frank Baukert, INDOT, Long-Range Transportation Planning
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT
John Leckie, INDOT, Ft. Wayne District (phone)
Ben Schaefer, INDOT, Ft. Wayne District (phone)
Joyce Newland, FHWA
Tony Parkinson, FHWA (phone)
Sandra Seanor, Executive Director, South Bend-Elkhart MPO
J.P. Hopman, South Bend-Elkhart MPO
James Turnwald, South Bend-Elkhart MPO (phone)
Jessica Mitchell, South Bend-Elkhart MPO (phone)

Steve Smith began the meeting with a short review of the meetings' agenda. The three areas of emphasis of the meeting were noted for developing the update of 2010 to the INDOT Long Range plan. Projects being shown in the plan for after 2020 will not be listed as specifics, rather as long range needs.

1. Discuss the Long Range Plan needs from the Transportation Demand Model and the MPO model.
2. Review Major Move Project Listing resulting from updating of project listing.
3. Open discussion of Long Range Plan needs .

A discussion developed on what the base year volumes were used for traffic counts as the MPO was concerned about over & under assignments of traffic estimates as well as some counts shown by INDOT were higher than 2035 projects counts by the MPO. A recommendation was made by the MPO to develop a process to provide traffic count numbers and adjustment factors acceptable to all.

The need for a standardized date to be used as a completion and/or open to traffic date was discussed, to assure project would be placed in the correct air quality year, based on open to traffic date of project. The MPO desires definite dates however INDOT cannot guarantee specific dates due to the possibility unknown construction issues. The recommended rule of thumb is to estimate one to two years after the ready for contracts date for open to traffic.

US 33 in Goshen: Added Travel Lanes from College Avenue/CR 36 to SR 15. The corridor functions at a poor level of service and is on the National Highway System. The project is scheduled for completion in 2016 may extend past the 2015 air quality analysis year causing air quality issues.

SR13 in Middlebury: Added Travel Lanes from US 20 to York St. in Middlebury. The project was planned as added Travel Lanes however projected traffic counts did not show the added lanes are warranted. Project has been moved beyond 2020 to a TBD completion date and phasing of sections. There is a potential for some near term intersection improvements.

SR 19 from SR 6 to SR 20: Project was shown as an unfunded need in 2007 the Plan update. Some intersection improvements have been made to improve the corridor consistent with the needs shown in the MACOG Congestion Management Plan.