



MINOR BETTERMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2011

Members: John Douglas, URMDAC
Bonnie Hadley, URMDAC
Brian Irish, Staff
Matt Meier, Staff
Marty Moyer, CCI
Shelley Oylear, Staff
Linda Peters, CCI
Doug Riedweg, RROMAC
Stephen Roberts, Staff
Lars Wahlstrom, RROMAC
Aisha Willits, Staff

Staff: Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Todd Watkins

Consultant: Leslie Howell

Absent: Jinde Zhu, Staff

Guests: Barbara Dusicka

Welcome

Leslie Howell opened the meeting with introductions and review of the last meeting minutes. All minutes, roles and responsibilities, ground rules, and communication guidelines were approved.

Dave Schamp gave an overview of the use of criteria for prioritizing candidates. This is not for selection, but a starting point for evaluation, consideration, and recommendation.

The criteria need to be measurable, defensible, understandable, and simple. Move the best candidates to the top of the list for consideration and get the biggest value for the money. We need to use funds to leverage other funds (i.e., federal funding). Focus on connectivity, safety, public support, and cost effectiveness. The Minor Betterment Committee will advise the Board and make suggestions, but ultimately the Board will decide.

Brian Irish reviewed the draft evaluation criteria. There was discussion about changing several of the headings and comments. Some of those changes are captured here.

- Renamed "SPIS Ranking and TVF&R incident evaluation" to "Incident Evaluation" within Safety
- Added description to Evaluation Criteria for Incident Evaluation
- Added "Posted Speed" under Evaluation Criteria for "Traffic Speed"
- Renamed "Existing Geometry" to "Geometry" and improved Evaluation Criteria description

- Added “Proximity to...” description for each facility connection under Evaluation Criteria
- Added multiple definitions under Facility connection: Point of Interest
- Renamed “Residential Density” to “Population Density and Demographics”
- Renamed “Existing Facilities” to “Walkability/Connectivity” and added clarifying question
- Renamed “Factor: Public Support” to “Factor: Community Support”

Barbara Dusicka was a guest from CPO 1 (Connecting Neighborhoods Group) and she congratulated the county on forming this committee. Barbara recommended that the actual speeds be used to evaluate the candidates rather than the posted speeds. She recommended that school district information be used for demographics. Also that cost should not be used as a criteria, but a denominator. She suggested ranking by factor alone, then cost benefit, and leave public support in the equation, but don't weight it as high.

Shelley Oylear asked to see geographic distribution of the projects for the past. Brian will provide this information at the next meeting.

Linda Peters suggested we put the criteria out for public response without all of the numbers/scores. Brian will make the changes discussed and Victoria will post this to the web page.

Leslie asked Brian to create a form that each member can use to write down their suggested weighting for each category. This form will then be entered into a spreadsheet calculating the average of the group.

Issues Bin (Things discussed that need follow up)

- Look into sources of accident information outside of TVFR.
- John Douglas, Shelley Oylear, and Brian Irish will work off line to develop census-based criteria (John will run the numbers by July 14)
- Identify which CPOs have had projects that have been completed.

The next meeting is August 4, 2011, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Training Room 1