



## POLICY COMMITTEE

March 8, 2024

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom

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## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jason Banach, Matt Flaherty, Doug Horn, Chris Wahlman (V)(P), Geoff McKim, Geoff Morris, Lisa Ridge, Sarah Ryterband, Penny Githens (P), Andrew Cibor (P)

**Guests:** Erin Grushon

**Staff Present:** Patrick Martin, Rachael Sargent

### Meeting Recording:

<https://catstv.net/government.php?issearch=banner&webquery=mpo+policy>

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

#### II. Approval of Minutes\*

##### a. February 9, 2024

**\*\*Geoff McKim moved for approval of the February 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Sarah Ryterband seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (9-0-1). \* Approved.**

#### III. Approval of Meeting Agenda\*

**\*\*Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Geoff McKim seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (10-0). \* Approved.**

#### IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

Lisa Ridge announced the Fullerton Pike Public Meeting on March 25, 2024 at 5pm held at the Batchelor Middle School Cafeteria. The project is anticipated to begin on April 1, 2024.

#### V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

Sarah Ryterband, reporting for the Citizens Advisory Committee, provided a statement that while the CAC voted to approve safety targets from INDOT, they do not support any deaths and are in favor of Vision Zero.

Rachael Sargent read a statement provided by Technical Advisory Committee Chair Nate Nickel: "The TAC passed an amendment to the INDOT Safety Target Declaration stating that fatalities and serious injuries that result from crashes on public streets should be prevented. The TAC believes that zero fatalities and zero serious injuries is a more appropriate goal, or target, for INDOT and Indiana's MPOs to pursue. However, the TAC understands that INDOT's Safety Target Declaration numbers are intended to convey only an incremental change toward safer streets, and not an ultimate goal. Furthermore, the TAC understands that these safety performance targets primarily affect distribution of federal funding and would not be used to justify fatal or serious injury crashes as acceptable. As such, the TAC approved adoption of the INDOT safety performance targets at their meeting last week."

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Status Report  
Burgess & Niple Consultant Erin Grushon provided an update on the BMCMPPO 2050 MTP. There will be a public meeting held on April 3, 2024 at City Hall.
- b. Urban Area Boundary Based on 2020 Census - Status Report  
Rachael Sargent provided an update on the Urban Area Boundary – no confirmation from INDOT regarding the updated Urban Area Boundary.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments\*
  - (1) DES#2101774 - I-69 Wrong Way Signage with LED Lights at the Intersections of I-69 & Fullerton Pike and I-69 & SR 45/W Bloomfield Rd / DES#2400027 – Statewide Wrong Way Signage with LED Lights

**\*\* Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of the FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Geoff McKim seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (10-0).\* Approved.**

- b. BMCMPPO Draft FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program  
(<https://bloomington.in.gov/mpo/unified-planning-work-program>)  
Pat Martin presented the Draft FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program. The comment period is currently open until March 23, 2024, with anticipated adoption at the Policy Committee meeting on April 12, 2024. Discussion ensued.

IX. Public Comment on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (non-voting items)

*Limited to five minutes per speaker, and may be reduced by the committee if numerous people wish to speak.*

X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda

(non-voting items)

a. Communications

Sarah Ryterband announced that Safety Week will be held the first week of April, with many activities to engage the public in support of the City of Bloomington's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) initiative.

b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

XI. Upcoming Meetings

a. Policy Committee – April 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

b. Technical Advisory Committee – March 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)

c. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XII. Adjournment

**\*\* Sarah Ryterband moved for adjournment.\***

*\*Action Requested / Public comment prior to vote on old and new business items (limited to five minutes per speaker).*

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