



## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

September 13, 2024

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Bloomington City Hall - Council Chambers and Virtual Location via Zoom

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jason Banach, Courtney Daily, Doug Horn, Chris Wahlman (P), Geoff McKim, Geoff Morris, Sarah Ryterband, Julie Thomas, Andrew Cibor (P), Nate Nickel (P)

**Staff Present:** Patrick Martin, Katie Gandhi

**Guests:** Patrick Carpenter (FHWA Indiana Division)

### **Meeting Recording:**

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### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

**Meeting led by Sarah Ryterband, Vice Chair**

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

**\*\*Geoff McKim moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Geoff Morris seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (10-0). \* Approved.**

### **III. Approval of Minutes\***

a. August 9, 2024

**\*\*Geoff Morris moved for approval of the August 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Courtney Daily seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (10-0). Penny Githens abstained. \* Approved.**

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

**Sarah Ryterband, Vice Chair (and chair of today's meeting) shared that next week is National Roundabout Week!**

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

- a. MPO Citizens Advisory Committee –*Sarah Ryterband shared that the CAC reviewed and recommended approval of the five FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments that are on today’s Policy Committee agenda.*
- b. MPO Technical Advisory Committee –*Nate Nickel shared that the TAC also reviewed and recommended approval of the five FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments that are on today’s Policy Committee agenda.*

#### VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. Staff Introduction – *Katie Gandhi introduced herself as the new MPO staff member. Katie started this position three weeks ago, filling the vacancy that Rachael Sargent left.*
- b. INDOT - Call for Local Safety Projects: *Pat Martin presented about the memo included in the packet for INDOT’s Call for Local Safety Projects. We are accepting applications between September 3 and October 11 for “low-cost systemic safety projects.” There are 21+ different types of projects that fall under this umbrella. 50 million dollars is available across the state. They include construction-ready projects within existing right-of-way (no land acquisition), less than \$200,000. City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County are all encouraged to apply for these projects – contact Andrew Cibor from Engineering at the City, or Lisa Ridge from Monroe County Highway if you would like to apply.*
- c. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP – Call for Projects: *Pat spoke about the new Transportation Improvement Project, FY 2026-20230 (beginning July 1). The first three years of funding must be fiscally constrained. Staff sent a formal Call for Projects email out at the end of August. The deadline for applications is 5pm, September 27<sup>th</sup>.*
- d. BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Staff Update: *Pat mentioned that the public survey, which was public for four months, is now closed. Staff have finished the draft chapter on current needs and are compiling future-short-term needs (1-5 years), which will include the projects that are submitted for the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Staff will interview Bloomington Transit, Monroe County and City of Bloomington about future needs (10-25 years). Staff will release a draft MTP document by the end of October and hold a public meeting for the MTP during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>.*

#### VII. Old Business

- a. None

#### VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments\*
  - (1) DES#2300274 – INDOT NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Installations) at various locations throughout Indiana
  - (2) DES#2400606 – INDOT NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Installations) at 370 N. Jacobs Drive in Bloomington
  - (3) DES#2301145 - INDOT I-69 slide correction from SR 37 to 3.96 miles S of SR 252 (Indian Creek Bridge)

(4) DES#2101712 - Dillman Road, Bridge #83 replacement (moved FY26 due to environmental time extension)

(5) DES#2200146 – Eagleson Avenue Bridge over IN RR (updated to add RR funding)

*Pat shared information about the most recent INDOT and local TIP amendments as detailed in the attached memo. Discussion ensued. Andrew Cibor requested that future memos highlight specifically what changes are being made and why.*

**\*\*Geoff McKim moved to approve all five BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Geoff Morris seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (10-0). \* Approved.**

- I. 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.*
  - a. *Taylor Brown introduced himself as the newly hired Legislative Affairs Specialist for the Office of the Mayor. Taylor is attending all committee meetings with the goal of helping streamline communication to the mayor.*
  - b. *Patrick Carpenter of Federal Highway Indiana Division (primary point of contact for MPO) stated that Federal Highway representatives are canvassing all MPOs in the state to share some information and updates related to safety. Fatalities and serious injuries have increased by 30% across the nation in the last 10 years (2012-2021). Fatalities and serious injuries are increasing across all users but especially in bicyclists and pedestrians. Federal Highway has always been committed to safety, but they've ramped up our tools and resources recently, including the safe system approach and the creation of the National Roadway Safety Strategy.*
- II. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (non-voting items)
  - a. Communications
  - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- III. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Policy Committee – October 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
  - b. Technical Advisory Committee – September 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
  - c. Citizens Advisory Committee - September 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- IV. Adjournment

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

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