



Citizens Advisory Committee

Minutes

BMCMPO Citizens Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

Wednesday March 26, 2025

5:30 –7:00 pm

LOCATION: Bloomington City Hall Mcloskey Room & Virtual Location via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/3521634803>

Meeting ID: 352 163 4803 | Passcode: BMCMPO

Members Present: John Kennedy (Chair), Sam Tobin-Hoschstadt (Vice Chair), Mary Jane Hall, Sarah Ryterband (V)

Staff Present: Pat Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: 1 guest online

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 5:34 p.m. with Kennedy, Chair presiding.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

****Hall moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Ryterband seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (4-0).* APPROVED.**

III. Approval of Minutes*

a. February 26, 2025

****Tobin-Hoschstadt moved to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (4-0).* APPROVED.**

IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

- a. Kennedy, who also serves as the Vice Chair of the Policy Committee, shared that the Policy Committee, at their March 14th 2025 meeting, approved the items we recommended for approval at our previous meeting.
- b. Tobin-Hoschstadt shared that INDOT will be examining future grants that fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and may not [be able to] approve them - the only acceptable priorities will likely be congestion reduction and safety improvements. He noted that that includes a significant portion of the projects that we approve in the TIP.

**Action Requested / Public comment prior to vote (limited to five minutes per speaker).*

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

- a. **Ryterband shared that April is distracted driver awareness month – she stated that it's one of the biggest reasons for crashes – and asked us to consider what we could do about that. Discussion ensued.**

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. [BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program](#) - update/resolution to fiscal constraint and agency summary tables
Gandhi, MPO Staff shared the updates that have been made to the fiscal constraint table from FY2026-2030 TIP since it was approved. Discussion ensued.
- b. [Crash Hub/Crash Dashboard](#) – introduction
Gandhi shared an overview of this new data tool available to the public. Members discussed 17th and the bypass, SR 45 and Smith, Weimer and Bloomfield, Adams and Bloomfield, and other intersections. Members requested that the dashboard show traffic volumes and asked if INDOT fatality/serious injury accident investigation reports could be shared with committees. Staff asked if writing a letter to INDOT about 17th and bypass would be possible. Discussion ensued.
- c. Local Government Stakeholder Session for the [INDOT Design Manual](#) – update
Gandhi shared information about a recent stakeholder session with INDOT (attended by Cibor and Gandhi) regarding potential upcoming updates to their design manual and transportation safety in Indiana.
- d. 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – see [public primer](#)
 - (1) Public Open Houses: Wednesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. City of Bloomington City Hall Council Chambers, 401 N. Morton St. Bloomington, IN 47404
 - (2) Virtual open houses: Thursday, April 3, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, April 24, at 5 p.m. Visit <https://forms.office.com/g/E05KvPp8PU> to register.
 - (3) Public Comment Period: April 1 through May 16, 2025. Public comment form
Gandhi shared information about upcoming public input and information sessions for the INDOT FY2026-2030 STIP.
- e. Updates on BMCMPPO Projects (projects using federal funding allocated through the BMCMPPO)
 - (1) City of Bloomington – **Gandhi shared project updates that were provided by the Engineers at the TAC meeting:**
 - (a) **N Dunn St Multiuse Path Project (between bypass and Griffy): a public meeting is scheduled for March 27 (in-person only) at Lower Cascades Park – [project website](#); [calendar event](#). The first step is choosing which side of the road to place the path on.**
 - (b) **1st Street: currently finish asphalt surfacing at the Fairview intersection. Project should wrap up this spring.**
 - (c) **High St multi-use path: High St is continuing to work with INDOT on ROW acquisition; construction hopefully to start in early 2026**
 - (d) **2nd Street: is currently waiting on environmental approval from INDOT; contractor bids will be accepted starting in August.**

- (e) B-Line Trail extension (west of Adams): work is mostly complete but a block of it adjacent to the railroad was delayed for environmental remediation - should wrap up this spring
- (2) Monroe County – Gandhi shared project updates that were provided by the Engineers at the TAC meeting:
 - (a) Pedestrian Trail Crossing Improvements Project: this is for the installation of rapid flashing beacons/warning lights at crossings to be installed at [7 locations](#) along limestone greenway, Bloomington Rail Trail and Clear Creek Trail will be starting this spring and should finish by June
 - (b) Karst Farm Trail: traffic signals and pedestrian crossing lights are functional; a walk through should occur soon
 - (c) Vernal Pike Connector Road and Bridge at Sunrise Greetings Ct: beam setting is in progress this month
 - (d) Fullerton Pike Project: working on a soundwall for the next month; clean up and opening of phase 1 from Wickens to Rockport should occur by early May
- (3) Bloomington Transit
 - (a) Working on the acquisition of a new property

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments*
 - (1) INDOT – CONTRACT #45246, DES #2300919 & 2300920 – Rockport Rd N Bridge over I 69 NB/SB and Tapp Rd Bridge over I-69 NB/SB (*existing projects; shift funding to different fiscal year*)

Gandhi shared information about the TIP amendment under consideration.

****Hall moved to recommend approval of BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Tobin-Hoschstadt seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (4-0).* APPROVED**

- b. BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Adoption*

Martin shared information about the BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that is being considered for adoption.

****Ryterband moved to recommend approval of BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Hall seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (4-0).* APPROVED**

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

- a. **An online guest requested that the entire ARIES database (all 107 fields) be published on the dashboard, that multi-unit crashes be more clearly depicted, and that there be a way to download the data in the future. The guest also shared that Bloomington has been part of national transportation safety research studies in the past! Discussion ensued.**

X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (*non-voting items*)

- a. Communications
(1) None
- b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
(1) None

XI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Policy Committee: April 11, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Technical Advisory Committee: April 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Citizens Advisory Committee: April 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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