



Minutes

BMCMPO Policy Committee

Regular Meeting

Friday August 8, 2025

1:30 –3:00 pm

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Members Present: Nate Nickel (P), Doug Horn, Hopi Stosberg, Jason Banach, Julie Thomas (V), John Kennedy, Andrew Cibor (P), Lisa Ridge, Chris Wahlman (V) (P)

Staff Present: Pat Martin

Guests: None.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 1:30pm with Lisa Ridge, Chair presiding.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

****A member moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (9-0).***

III. Approval of Minutes*

a. May 9, 2025

****Stosberg moved for approval of the May 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Banach seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (9-0).**

IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

a. **Ridge welcomed IU students and families.**

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

a. **Nickel, Chair of the TAC committee shared that the TAC committee recommended approval of the TIP amendments on today's agenda.**

b. **Kennedy, chair of the CAC committee shared that the CAC appreciated the updates shared by MPO staff at the last meeting and that the CAC committee recommended approval of the TIP amendments on today's agenda.**

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

a. **State of Indiana Guidelines for Boards and Commissions (IC 5-14-9 Effective 07-01-25) Martin shared that MPO staff have taken steps to meet the new state requirement referenced above.**

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

- b. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Letter to All Recipients of USDOT Funding **Martin shared a recent letter from the US Department of Transportation, included in the packet, which describes words that should be eliminated from federal documents, agreements and policy statements. Staff have already been required to remove some of these words from the MTP and TIP documents.**

VII. Old Business

- a. FY 2024-2028 TIP modifications made in May 2025
Martin shared an overview of modifications (not requiring Policy Committee approval) that MPO staff made to the TIP. Stosberg asked if the reduction in total project cost for Rockport Road Bridge and Dunn Street projects are due to changes in project scope. Discussion ensued.
- b. FY 2024-2028 TIP modifications made in June 2025
Martin shared an overview of modifications (not requiring Policy Committee approval) that MPO staff made to the TIP. Discussion ensued.
- c. FY 2026 - 2030 BMCMPPO [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) – Status Report
- d. FY 2025 - 2026 [Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) (2026 update) – Status Report
Martin shared an overview of the UPWP (2026 update) document, approved by the Policy Committee in early April, which became effective July 1, 2025. Total allocations to the BMCMPPO are less than previous years. MPO staff also complete the required annual completion report for the previous year's UPWP contract.
- e. FY 2024-2028 TIP Projects Status (project locations can be viewed on the [TIP/STIP Map](#))

VIII. New Business

- a. FHWA SAFE Roads Initiative (<https://highways.dot.gov/safety/safe-roads>)
 - (1) Non-Freeway Arterial Roads using safety data, analysis, and assessments **Martin shared that INDOT requested a list of non-freeway arterials, segments with highest safety/operational concerns, which will be used by Congress and the national administration for the future reauthorization or resolution of the Surface Transportation Bill, which expires September 2026.**
- b. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments & Resolution* (projects locations can be viewed on the [TIP/STIP Map](#))
 - (1) DES#2300141 - County Wide Bridge Safety Inspections & Inventory
 - (2) DES#2101712 - Dillman Road Bridge #83 Replacement
 - (3) DES #2000804 - Section 130 Railroad Safety Project
 - (4) DES #2100752 – SR 46 Bridge Deck Overlay on SR 46 at N Hartstrait Road over branch Jacks Defeat Creek, 0.02 miles S of SR 46
 - (5) DES #2401348 – Small Structure Project on SR45, 0.37 miles west of I-69
 - (6) DES#2401404 - Sidewalk installation on SR 45, from Kinser Pike to Walnut
 - (7) DES #2401216 – Pedestrian Trail Bridge over SR 45, 0.63 miles north of SR 46
 - (8) DES#2500524 – Repair/Replace Joints on SR 48 over I-69 NB/SB, 5.96 miles E of SR 43
 - (9) Scour Protection work under Contract #B-45770
 - (a) DES#2401197 - I69 NB Bridge over Griffy Creek, 2.55 miles N of SR 46

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- (b) DES#2401198 - I69 SB Bridge over Griffy Creek, 2.55 miles N of SR 46
- (c) DES#2401199 - I69 NB Bridge over Beanblossom Creek, 2.79 miles N of SR 46
- (d) DES#2401200 - I69 SB Bridge over Beanblossom Creek, 2.79 miles N of SR 46
- (e) DES#2401201 - I69 NB Bridge over Beanblossom overflow, 3.28 miles N of SR 46
- (f) DES#2401202 - I69 SB Bridge over Beanblossom overflow, 3.28 miles N of SR 46

Martin shared information about the most recent amendments to the TIP for INDOT and local as detailed in the attached resolution. Stosberg asked about the SR45/46 pedestrian bridge project and the potential for relocating the bridge to location that provides more connectivity. Wahlman stated they only recently selected a design consultant for the project, they do plan to coordinate with the city on design, and that while it's not necessarily out of the question to relocate the main priorities are increasing the vertical clearance, increasing safety, and improving connectivity. Discussion ensued.

****Stosberg moved for approval of all BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Cibor seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (9-0).**

- X. 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. **None**
- XI. 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
- XII. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Technical Advisory Committee: August 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
 - b. Citizens Advisory Committee: August 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
 - c. Policy Committee: September 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- XIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

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