



## Citizens Advisory Committee

# Minutes

*BMCMPO Citizens Advisory Committee*

Regular Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025

5:30 – 7:00 pm

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order and Introductions

**Meeting convened at 5:31PM with John Kennedy, Chair presiding.**

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Cox-Ash, John Kennedy, Mary Jane Hall, Paul Ash, Sam Tobin-Hoschstadt, Sarah Ryterband

**Staff Present:** Katie Gandhi

**Guests:** None.

### II. Approval of Meeting Agenda\* PACKET PAGES 1-3

**\*\*Ryterband moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Tobin-Hoschstadt seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (6-0). 0 abstained.\* APPROVED**

### III. Approval of Minutes\*

a. July 23, 2025 PACKET PAGES 4-6

**\*\*Ryterband moved for approval of the July 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (6-0). 0 abstained.\* APPROVED**

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

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

### VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

a. Surface Transportation Bill - submit your Surface Transportation Reauthorization Priorities to USDOT! The current surface transportation bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), expires in September 2026, and the US Department of Transportation issued a [request for information \(RFI\)](#) asking for the public's input for [Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-0468](#): Advancing a Surface Transportation Proposal

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

That Focuses on America's Most Fundamental Infrastructure. The deadline for submitted comments was August 20th, but that has been extended to September 9, 2025. **Discussion ensued.**

- (1) The letter BMCMPO submitted in response to Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-0468 is included in this packet. **PACKET PAGES 7-9**
- (2) Local Officials in Transportation Coalition Meets with USDOT - The Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition met with the USDOT and FHWA Administrator to discuss local and regional priorities for surface transportation reauthorization. Their letter in response to Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-0468 is included in this packet. **PACKET PAGES 10-15**
- b. Early Coordination Letter for INDOT 2400106 SR45 and Hickory Leaf Drive Pedestrian Improvements **PACKET PAGES 16-24 Discussion ensued.**
- c. TIP Fund Distribution Process – overview **PACKET PAGES 25-26 MPO staff invite committee members to read this document and share any comments/thoughts they have.**

## VII. Old Business

- a. FY 2026 - 2030 BMCMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Status Report **Federal Highway Administration approval of the TIP is anticipated by INDOT soon.**
- b. TIP Project Status (project locations can be viewed on the TIP/STIP Map) **Discussion ensued.**

## VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments – Status Report **INDOT is no longer accepting amendments to this TIP because approval of the FY2026-2030 TIP is expected soon.**
- b. BMCMPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments (Resolution FY 2026-02)\* **PACKET PAGES 27-50** **Staff explained that though the FY2024-2030 TIP is the current legal copy, we are permitted to review and approve amendments to the “soon to be approved” FY2026-2030 TIP. The committee has seen and approved most of these changes already, for the current FY2024-2030 TIP, but today’s vote is for the FY26-30 TIP and all the changes that have taken place since the PC approval of the FY26-30 TIP in March. Discussion ensued.**

**\*\*Ryterband moved for approval of all BMCMPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (6-0). 0 abstained.\* 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*

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

- a. Communications **Ryterband shared that August is National Traffic Awareness Month – be aware while driving, especially during college move-in month. Gandhi shared about safety week events that took place in early August, which MPO staff assisted with.**

- b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas **Ryterband asked about plans for creating crash reports.**

**XI. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Policy Committee: September 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Technical Advisory Committee: September 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Citizens Advisory Committee: September 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

**XII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.**

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