



Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

BMCMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday January 28, 2026

10:00 AM

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Members Present: Cheryl Gilliland (P), Hunter Jackson (P), Jackie Jelen, Jane Fleig, John Baeten, Kelli Witmer, Nate Nickel, Neil Kopper (P), Linnea Wellings (P), Meghan Blair (V), Paul Satterly, Rebecca Swift (P) (V), Ryan Robling (P)

Staff Present: Patrick Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: Eric Ost (member of the public), Lynette Tavernier (Monroe County Highway Department), Ben Ayers (Monroe County Highway Department)

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 10:03 am with Nickel, Chair presiding.

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

Baeten moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Robling seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (13-0).

III. Election of Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Technical Advisory Committee Officers*

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair

Kopper moved for approval of the CY 2026 BMCMPO Technical Advisory Committee Officers (Baeten for Chair and Fleig for Vice Chair). Robling seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (10-0). Baeten, Fleig & Gilliland abstained.

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2025* *PACKET PAGES 4-7*

Baeten moved for approval of the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Robling seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (13-0).

V. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

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

- a. Baeten stated that the state has released their 2025 aerial imagery, provided by the Indiana State Geographic Information Office. Let Meghan Blair or John Baeten know if you have any questions about or need that data.
- b. Nickel thanked all city and state staff who have been out plowing all this snow!

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. Early Coordination Letter for the Monroe County-led Intersection Improvement Project at Old SR 37 and Dillman Road (DES#2500061), received December 15, 2025. **PACKET PAGES 8-15**
Staff shared that this is a project that will received federal funds through the MPO in FY2026, 2027 and 2028. The project's preferred alternative is a roundabout. Jelen asked if property owners have been contacted. Satterly, Monroe County engineer, has the first set of plans; he will recommend 37/69 as the detour instead of Empire.
- b. INDOT press release regarding a new speed limit reduction on SR 45/46 bypass, dated January 13, 2026 **PACKET PAGES 16-18**
MPO staff also emailed this information to committees on the date the press release occurred. Staff stated that the speed limit reduction will take place between Kinser Pike and 10th St.
- c. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Administrative Modifications, submitted January 14, 2026 **PACKET PAGES 19-20**
MPO staff explained this is a modification is to add federal MPO funds to the W 2nd Street project, the funds that could not be used for High St in this fiscal year.
- d. Public meeting open door, zoom and onboard updates, per City of Bloomington ITS Department December 2025 communication
Staff will need to work on making adjustments to documents in the future to make them more accessible. ITS has also enable the attendee recording feature in zoom meetings, which will allow attendees to record the meeting. Meeting hosts are also now being told to allow all AI transcription bots into the meetings to transcribe meetings.
- e. Project updates for local LPA-led projects using federal funding allocated through the BMCMPPO and for INDOT-led projects in Monroe County. [[TIP project map](#)] [[TIP project status & letting dates](#)]
MPO staff shared updates about INDOT's SR45/10th project (and the oak trees that have been flagged recently by INDOT for removal for the project), the Old SR 37 and Dillman project, High Street project. Kopper shared that they're in design for quite a few projects. Satterly shared that the Eagleson Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Railroad let in mid-January; Eagleson will be closed from September 2026 to July 2027. Satterly shared that Rockport Bridge 308 project will let mid-February.

VII. Old Business

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- a. INDOT CY2026 Safety Targets* *PACKET PAGES 21-23*
MPO staff shared that the memo in the packet contains additional information about the targets that will be presented to the Policy Committee, based on the questions they presented at their December meeting. No action was taken by the TAC today because the TAC approved the targets at their November 2025 meeting. Nickel shared that the Policy Committee echoed the same concerns the TAC had shared at their previous meeting.

VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments – Resolution FY2026-04* *PACKET PAGES 24-27*
- (1) City of Bloomington “High Street Intersection Modernizations and Multiuse Path” project (DES #2200020) – *move construction phase project funding to FY2027*
 - (2) INDOT “Sign Installation and Repair in the Seymour District” project (DES #2200005) – *add new project*
 - (3) INDOT “SR 45 Small Structure Replacement” project (DES# 2300998) – *add new project*

Nickel asked if there’s any particular signed that INDOT is replacing/enhancing. Wellings shared that it’s just a route maintenance project. Kopper reiterated that the change in High Street funding years presented here is related to the modification shared earlier for W 2nd Street; the funding added to W 2nd St came from High Street project. Satterly asked what the local detour route for SR45 Small Structure project would be – Wellings followed up by email after the meeting saying that the detour route wouldn’t be determined until closer to stage 3 or final tracings in the first half of 2027.

Baeten moved for approval of all BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Robling seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (12-0). Gilliland abstained.

- b. FY2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document and 30-day public comment period (from January 23 to February 21, 2026) – *voting to approve the document will occur at the February 27th 2026 Policy Committee meeting* *PACKET PAGES 28-96*

MPO staff introduced the draft of the FY2027-2028 UPWP document and highlighted sections of the document. Staff noted that the budget decreased for FY2027 by 16% since FY2026; therefore, the contract service agreements with Monroe County, City of Bloomington, and Bloomington Transit are proposed to be eliminated from the budget. Please share public comment period with those who

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might be interested. Fleig noted that the UPWP lists Joe VanDeventer as the Director of Street Operations; he no longer is.

- 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. **Eric Ost requested that one of the zoom meeting links don't have the password built in so it requires manually entering the password. Ost also stated that the ability to record the meeting and admit an AI notetaker isn't working, so he will follow up about that.**
- X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (*non-voting items*)
- a. Communications
 - (1) **Swift shared that Parks (including Haskell Smith, the city's forester) have been contacted about the trees INDOT marked for removal on SR45th/10th. Engineering says they are in discussion about right-of-way boundaries with INDOT. Discussion ensued.**
 - (2) **Swift shared that City of Bloomington Park's Department is putting the Powerline Trail project out for bid on February 11th. It will require a temporary closure on Rogers just north of the Switchyard to install a crosswalk – hoping to wait until school summer break to do that road closure so school bus routes aren't impacted.**
 - (3) **Goodbye Paul! ☹️**
 - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
 - (1) **Baeten complimented the snow response from the local and state staff, encouraged landlords to shovel their sidewalks and reminded us all to utilize uReport to identify hazardous areas.**
- XI. Upcoming Meetings
- a. Policy Committee: January 30, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. (Hybrid)
 - b. Technical Advisory Committee: February 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
 - c. Citizens Advisory Committee: February 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.

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