Meeting Notes

Meeting: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting for the Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: February 25, 2026

Members Present: Cheryl Gilliland, David Hittle, Hunter Jackson, Jane Flieg [Vice Chair], Jacqueline N. Jelen, John Baeten [Chair], John Connell, Lisa Salyers, Linnea Wellings, Lynette Tavernier, Mary Welz, Meghan Blair, Nate Nickel, Neil Kopper

Staff: Katie Gandhi, Patrick Martin

Guests: Eric Ost

Meeting Notes

- **Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda for February 25, 2026.**
  - *Kopper moved for the approval of the Wednesday February 25, 2026 meeting agenda. Fleig seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 14-0.*
- **Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2026**
  - *Kopper moved for the approval of the* January 28, 2026 *meeting minutes. Nickel seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 14-0.*
- **Agenda Item #4: Communications from Chair and Vice Chair**
  - Baeten thanked everyone for their good work on snow removal!
- **Agenda Item #6: Reports from MPO Staff**
  - BMCMPO FY2026 TIP annual allocations, programming, spending summary
    - Discussion ensued regarding the City of Bloomington's Downtown Curb Ramp not receiving its expected funding for fiscal year 2026.
  - BMCMPO Historical Designation Documentation
    - MPO staff requested that Monroe County share any additional supporting documents, if they have it.
  - Updates on Transportation Improvement Program projects
    - MPO staff provided updates on INDOT's I-69 Bridge Deck Overlay project
    - Kopper shared updates for City of Bloomington's Downtown Curb Ramps phase 5 and High Street projects.
    - Tavernier shared updates about Monroe County's Eagleson Bridge, Rockport Bridge, Fairfax High Friction, and Old State Rd 37 S/Dillman Road projects, as well as the County's search for a new engineer.

- **Agenda Item #7: Approval of BMCMPO Fiscal Year 2027-2028 UPWP (Resolution FY2026-06)**
    - Jelen asked how the necessary reductions in the budget were determined and if complete streets will be updated in the future. Ost asked if the complete dataset used in the crash dashboard could be published for the public. Discussion ensued.
    - *Fleig moved for the approval of the BMCMPO Fiscal Year 2027-2028 UPWP. Kopper seconded. Welz and Gilliland abstained. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12-0.*
- **Agenda Item #8: Approval of BMCMPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments (Resolution FY2026-05)**
    - *Kopper moved for the approval of the BMCMPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments (Resolution FY2026-05). Nickel seconded. Welz and Gilliland abstained. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12-0.*
- **Agenda Item #9: Public Comment on matters not included on the agenda (non-voting items)**
    - Meghan Blair shared that she, as a parent and citizen, is working on organizing parents to attempt to make improvements to the Russell Road crossing at University Elementary between the City Church parking lot and the school.

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