



# Minutes

BMCMPO Policy Committee

Regular Meeting

Friday January 30, 2026

10:30 am

## MINUTES

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**Members Present:** Andrew Cibor, Doug Horn, Hopi Stosberg, Jason Banach, John Kennedy, Julie Thomas (V) (departed meeting at 12pm), Linnea Wellings, Lisa Ridge, Nate Nickel, Scott Faris

**Staff Present:** Pat Martin, Katie Gandhi

**Guests:** None.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

**Meeting convened at 10:30am with Ridge, Chair, presiding.**

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

**Faris moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Horn seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (10-0).**

III. Election of Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Policy Committee Officers\*

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair

**Faris moved to nominate and elect Lisa Ridge as CY 2026 Chair of the Policy Committee. Thomas seconded. Ridge accepted the nomination. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (10-0).**

**Thomas moved to table the Vice Chair election until next meeting. Faris seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (10-0).**

***NOTE: It was stated at this meeting that if Ridge cannot attend the meeting as chair and sends a proxy, her proxy may chair the meeting. However, per BMCMPO bylaws (2.3 D), if the Chair of the Policy Committee is absent, the Vice-Chair shall conduct the meeting, even if the Chair designates a proxy.***

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2025\* *PACKET PAGES 4-7*

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

Faris moved for approval of the December 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Cibor seconded.  
**MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (10-0).**

- V. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair
- a. **Kennedy stated that the election of CY 2026 officers for the CAC was tabled until next meeting.**
  - b. **Kennedy stated that the CAC recommended approval of the TIP amendments and reviewed and recommended approval of the UPWP.**
  - c. **Ridge thanked Paul Satterly for serving on the TAC for the last TAC!**
- VI. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
- a. **Nickel stated that the TAC elected John Baeten (City of Bloomington) as Chair and Jane Fleig (City Bloomington) as Vice Chair. The TAC said goodbye to The TAC recommended approval of the TIP amendments.**
- VII. 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. Horn mentioned that the road is used by long wheel-base vehicles and tractor trailers and asked if that will be taken into consideration when designing the size of the roundabout. Discussion ensued.**
  - 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 10<sup>th</sup> St. Faris asked why they made this change. Discussion ensued.**
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Horn asked if the recording abilities that will be permitted through Zoom include video, and if it's possible for us to be made aware by the**

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**attendee that they are recording. Horn would like to know if his image and voice is being recorded by someone other than the public domain.**

- 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 the following projects: INDOT’s SR45/10th project (and the oak trees that have been flagged recently by INDOT for removal for the project), Old SR 37 and Dillman, High Street project, Eagleson Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Railroad, and Rockport Bridge #308.**

#### VIII. Old Business

- a. INDOT CY2026 Safety Targets\* *PACKET PAGES 21-23*

**MPO staff shared the memo in the packet, which contains additional information about the targets, as well as additional supporting data on the screen regarding safety targets across all states in the US, as well as state targets, averages, and methodologies. Faris asked what the compliance penalties are if the state fails to meet the statewide targets and if we can challenge it. Stosberg asked how hard it would be to create our own local targets and stated that even if we can’t formally adjust the state targets we should track ours at a local level so we know how we’re doing. Nickel shared the language the TAC has used in the past when approving the statewide safety targets. Horn requested that the MPO work towards developing a local set of goals. Discussion ensued. PC agreed that the next step is to work towards establishing our local goals and including the other committees in that discussion.**

**Stosberg moved “to approve the INDOT CY2026 Safety Targets as presented and strive locally to exceed these targets; and, that over the next year the BMCMPPO pursue specific metropolitan planning area goals related to serious injury and fatality crashes, to work toward a goal of zero serious injury and fatal crashes.” Faris seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (8-0). Wellings abstained.**

#### IX. 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) - *update project funding & update year of construction*
- (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*

**Horn moved for approval of all three BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments. Cibor seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (9-0).**

- 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 might be interested. Discussion ensued.**

- 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) Nickel complimented and thanked all entities who participated in the moving of snow over the past weeks!**
  - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas  
**(1) None**
- XII. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Technical Advisory Committee: February 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
  - b. Citizens Advisory Committee: February 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
  - c. Policy Committee: February 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. (Hybrid)

### XIII. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.**

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