



## Meeting Minutes for the Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for the April 22, 2026 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization.

### Attendance

- **Members Present:** Sam Tobin-Hochstadt [Chair], John Kennedy [Vice Chair], Paul Ash
- **Staff:** Katie Gandhi, Patrick Martin
- **Guests:** 1 online

### Meeting Recording

- Recordings for past BMCMPPO Citizens Advisory Committee meetings can be viewed on the [BMCMPPO Citizens Advisory Committee Recordings on Google Drive Folder](#).

### Meeting Notes

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**  
*Tobin-Hochstadt called the meeting to order and noted objections to a new hyperlinked format meeting packet. He expressed concern about archival quality documentation for all BMCMPPO meetings using our new system that the City has developed for achieving compliance with federal Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, Level AA compliance. Committee discussion ensued.*
- 2. Approval of Agenda for April 22, 2026\***  
*Tobin-Hochstadt moved for the approval of the Wednesday April 22, 2026 meeting agenda. Paul Ash seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.*
- 3. Approval of [BMCMPPO CAC Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2026](#)**  
*Tobin-Hochstadt moved to approve the February 25, 2026 meeting minutes with a correction noted by John Kennedy. John Kennedy then seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.*
- 4. Communications from Chair and Vice Chair**



*Tobin-Hochstadt reported on his attendance and participation in the April 24<sup>th</sup> BMCMPPO Policy Committee meeting as a representative of the CAC.*

**5. Communications from Officers and/or Committees - none**

**6. Reports from MPO Staff**

6.1. [Public Hearing Notice for three Bloomington Transit public comment sessions](#)

*Martin noted Bloomington Transit will conduct three public meetings focused on a combination of Route 3W and Route 13 into a new Route 16 with continuing service to Cook Medical and Ivy Tech Community College. The consolidation will establish a new Route 16 servicing the west side of Bloomington and Monroe County preserving service to Ivy Tech College and Cook Medical. The proposed changes taking effect on June 1, 2026, will preserve service outside the City of Bloomington limits with supplemental support from the Monroe County Council through an Interlocal Agreement.*

6.2. [March 30, 2026 Speed limit reduction announcement for state road 46 in Ellettsville](#)

*Martin shared an INDOT March 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 press release regarding a speed limit reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph for state road 46 in Ellettsville between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Paul Street.*

6.3. [AASHTOWARE Safety Software](#) implementation for INDOT

*Martin reported that INDOT will adopt the new statewide software system used by twenty-two states nationwide. The safety platform will clean and combine data to make it more meaningful and ready for analysis. The platform will house all the necessary crash data reported to the Indiana State Police and translate it into understandable, intuitive search formats for the application of effective crash location countermeasures.*

6.4. MPO process update for [INDOT Traffic Count Database System \(TCDS\)](#)

*Martin reported on an upgrade of the current BMCMPPO software/database management system (currently used by Bloomington's Engineering Department) to INDOT's statewide license and visually-based GIS system. The upgrade will reduce MPO costs*



*and allow for an improved seamless visual GIS data query viewing on INDOT's statewide TCDS system.*

- 6.5. [INDOT Draft Active Transportation Report news release](#) - this link includes links to both the draft report and the comment form.  
*Martin shared that the State of Indiana has written a draft Active Transportation Report, which is open right now for public comment.*
- 6.6. 2026 Board and Commission Conflict of Interest Questionnaire  
*Martin reported that all Bloomington Board and Commission members must complete the Conflict of Interest questionnaire as a legal requirement. The City Clerk reported the successful completion by all CAC members.*
- 6.7. [Monroe County map of flood locations and flood signage](#), which includes areas of known flooding, locations of "Road May Flood" signage, and flood hazard data from the DNR.  
*Gandhi shared Monroe County's new map of flood locations. Their map was created in order to fulfill a request from the US Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Safety and Messaging Signage campaign, who was asking for local information on hazardous flooding areas - either known areas of severe roadway flooding or areas where a fatality has already occurred. The BMCMPPO helped compile a list for the city of Bloomington using crash data.*
- 6.8. [2026 Roadmap to Safety Report](#), created by [Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety](#)  
*Gandhi briefly shared this resource and highlighted the State of Indiana numbers.*
- 6.9. Extra funds received from INDOT for fiscal year 2026 - details on the use of these extra funds is provided in agenda item 6.9.  
*Gandhi shared that the BMCMPPO has received an extra \$47,894 in FY2026 funds, which must be used by September 30, 2026. Allocation of these funds is addressed in items 6.10 and 8.1.*
- 6.10. Memo about [April 8, 2026 BMCMPPO-local public agencies](#) to discuss extra fiscal year 2026 funds, changing TIP project construction phase dates, and potential exchanging of funds with another MPO.



*Gandhi shared that per the meeting described in this memo, the BMCMPPO will propose, through future amendments presented to the committee: to give the extra \$47,894 in FY2026 funds to the Downtown Curb Ramps phase 5 project; and, to move the construction phase years for the Old SR 37/Dillman Road and College & Walnut phase 1 projects.*

- 6.11. Recent updates on BMCMPPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects.

*Gandhi shared updates to projects being funded using federal MPO funds. For more information, view the virtual public map of project locations and view the TIP project listing.*

**7. Old Business - none**

**8. New Business**

- 8.1. Committee vote on [TIP update memo](#) for proposed changes to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPPO TIP (BMCMPPO resolution FY2026-07)  
*Kennedy moved to recommend approval of the FY2026-2030 TIP Amendments. Tobin-Hochstadt seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.*

**9. Public Comment on matters not included on the agenda (non-voting items) - none**

**10. Communications from Committee Members on matters not included on the agenda (non-voting items) - none**

**11. Upcoming Meetings**

- 11.1. Policy Committee: April 24, 2026 at 10:30AM (hybrid)
- 11.2. Technical Advisory Committee: May 27, 2026 at 10:00AM (hybrid)
- 11.3. Citizens Advisory Committee: May 27, 2026 at 5:30PM (hybrid)

**12. Adjournment**

*Tobin-Hochstadt moved to adjourn. Ash seconded the motion.*