



## Meeting Minutes for the Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes for the April 24, 2026 meeting of the Policy Committee of the Bloomington Metropolitan Planning Organization.

### Attendance

- **Members Present:** Andrew Cibor, Doug Horn, Hopi Stosberg, Jason Banach, Julie Thomas, Lisa Ridge, Nate Nickel, Rebecca Packer, Sam Tobin-Hochstadt, Steve Bishop, Scott Faris
- **Staff:** Katie Gandhi, Patrick Martin
- **Guests:**
  - Online: 2 members of the public
  - In-person: David Schilling (Administrative Attorney for the Legal Department)

### Meeting Recording

- A full account of the meeting can be viewed by watching the video recording, which can be viewed on [CATSTV's website](#) or on [CATSTV's YouTube Channel](#).

### Meeting Notes

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
2. **Approval of Agenda for April 24, 2026\***

*Horn moved to approve the agenda. Stosberg moved to approve the April 24, 2026 meeting agenda with the following alteration: the committee will complete agenda item #8 New Business prior to agenda item #7 Old Business. Cibor seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 11-0.*
3. **Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2026\***

*Faris moved to approve the February 27, 2026 meeting minutes. Bishop seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 11-0.*
4. **Communications from Chair and Vice Chair**
5. **Communications from Officers and/or Committees**



*Nickel shared that at its previous meeting, the TAC recommended approval of today's new business items. Tobin-Hochstadt shared that at its previous meeting, the CAC recommended approval of today's new business items.*

**6. Reports from MPO Staff**

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

*Martin shared information about three upcoming public comment sessions being held by Bloomington Transit to discuss service improvements to Route 16, which runs between downtown Bloomington to Ivy Tech to the W Bloomfield road in southwest Bloomington.*

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

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

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

*Martin shared updates from INDOT regarding the implementation of AASHTOWARE Safety Software, which will allow crash data to be displayed and refined at the state level instead at the local community level as it has in the past. BMCMPPO staff may be beta testers for the software.*

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

*Martin shared that from now on the BMCMPPO (and a couple other MPOs) will be able to utilize the state's (INDOT's) license to upload traffic counts into the INDOT Traffic County Database System (TCDC) instead of us having to pay for our own license account as we have in the past.*



- 6.5. [INDOT Draft Active Transportation Report news release](#) [external resource] (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 reminded everyone to please complete their 2026 Board and Commission Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, which is a requirement for all members and proxies of City of Bloomington boards and commissions.*
- 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](#) [external resource]  
*Gandhi briefly shared this resource and highlighted the State of Indiana numbers.*
- 6.9. Extra funds received from INDOT for fiscal year 2026  
*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 regarding April 8, 2026 meeting between BMCMPPO staff and 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**

- 7.1. New intra-operative intra-local agreement for MPO

7.1.1. [Email from committee member Faris](#) to MPO staff on April 15, 2026 [3rd party document]

7.1.2. [Letter submitted by committee member Faris](#) to MPO staff on April 15, 2026 [3rd party document]

7.1.3. [BMCMPPO Historical Designation Documentation](#)

*Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of making a formal request to City and County elected officials and legal staff to review the arrangement that has been in place since 1982, which established the City of Bloomington Plan Commission as the contracting body of the BMCMPPO. The current arrangement means that the City of Bloomington is responsible for hiring, housing, and paying for MPO staff; however, all formal BMCMPPO business remains under authority of the BMCMPPO Policy Committee.*

*Previously, MPO staff informally informed the county and city legal council that some preliminary questions had been raised by a couple members of the Policy Committee, regarding the 1982 agreement that designated the City of Bloomington as the BMCMPPO in 1982. David Schilling, Administrative Attorney for the Legal Department,*



*attended today's meeting as a guest to observe the conversation. Schilling mentioned that he hopes to have a very preliminary discussion about this topic with corporation council members.*

*Faris moved that the BMCMPPO PC recommend the Office of the Mayor and the Office of the County Commissioners prepare a new interlocal agreement for the urbanized area of Bloomington/Monroe County, as required, to be presented back to the BMCMPPO PC for approval. Thomas seconded. Motion failed by a voice vote of 4-6, with one (1) abstention (Packer).*

**8. New Business**

- 8.1. Committee vote on [proposed amendments to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPPO TIP \(BMCMPPO resolution FY2026-07\)](#)\*

*Tobin-Hochstadt moved for the approval of the proposed amendments to the FY2026-2030 TIP (BMCMPPO resolution FY2026-07). Stosberg seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 11-0.*

**9. Public Comment on matters not included on the agenda (non-voting items)**

**10. Communications from Committee Members on matters not included on the agenda (non-voting items)**

- 10.1. Communications  
10.2. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

**11. Upcoming Meetings**

- 11.1. Technical Advisory Committee: May 27, 2026 at 10:00AM (hybrid)  
11.2. Citizens Advisory Committee: May 27, 2026 at 5:30PM (hybrid)  
11.3. Policy Committee: May 29, 2026 at 10:30AM (hybrid)

**12. Adjournment**