



Citizens Advisory Committee

Minutes

BMCMPO Citizens Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

Wednesday January 28, 2026

5:30 PM

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Members Present: Elizabeth Cox-Ash (V), Paul Ash (V), Mary Jane Hall, John Kennedy, Sarah Ryterband (V) (joined at 5:40pm)

Staff Present: Pat Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: Eric Ost (member of the public)

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 5:30pm with Kennedy, Chair, presiding.

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

Kennedy moved to amend agenda to delay election item until additional members joined the meeting. Cox-Ash seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (5-0).

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

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair

Item was revisited at 5:50pm. Hall moved to take elections off the table until next meeting for CY 2026 BMCMPO Citizens Advisory Committee Officers. Cox-Ash seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2025* *PACKET PAGES 4-6*

Cox-Ash moved for approval of the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Hall seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (5-0).

V. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

- a. **None**

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

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

- 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
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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.

- b. INDOT press release regarding a new speed limit reduction on SR 45/46 bypass, dated January 13, 2026 *PACKET PAGES 15-17*

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. Hall pointed out that when driving on 17th, she could see north on the bypass due to snow piles.

- c. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Administrative Modifications, submitted January 14, 2026 *PACKET PAGES 18-19*

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. Kennedy asked about meeting recordings – MPO staff reminded the committee that we do post the meeting recordings publicly via link on the City Government calendar entry.

- 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.

VII. Old Business

- a. INDOT CY2026 Safety Targets* *PACKET PAGES 20-22*

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 CAC today because the CAC voted to recommend the targets for approval at their November 2025 meeting.

VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments – Resolution FY2026-04* *PACKET PAGES 23-26*

(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*

Hall moved to recommend approval of all three BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments. Ryterband seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

- 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 27-95**

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.

Due to possible lack of quorum next month, the CAC decided to vote to recommend approval of the UPWP to the Policy Committee, as the document was presented tonight. Ryterband moved to recommend approval of the FY2027-2028 UPWP to the Policy Committee, as the document was presented tonight. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

- 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. **None**
- X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (*non-voting items*)
 - a. Communications
 - (1) Ryterband spoke in favor of continuing to encourage INDOT to work to address road design in addition to altering the speed limit on SR 45-46, if we want any real change in driver behavior. Additionally, flashing speed indicator signs are very effective too, for example on Atwater, when they are functioning.**
 - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- 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 6:20pm.

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