



Meeting Minutes for the Citizens Advisory Committee

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

Attendance

Members Present:

- Elizabeth Cox-Ash
- John Kennedy [VICE CHAIR]
- Mary Jane Hall
- Paul Ash
- Sam Tobin-Hochstadt [CHAIR] [VIRTUAL]
- Sarah Ryterband

BMCMPPO Staff: Katie Gandhi, Patrick Martin

Guests: 1

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
2. Approval of Agenda for July 22, 2026 CAC Meeting
Ryterband moved for the approval of the July 22, 2026 CAC meeting agenda. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 6-0.
3. Approval of [Minutes from May 27, 2026 CAC Meeting](#)
Ryterband moved for the approval of the May 27, 2026 CAC meeting minutes. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0, with (1) abstention.
4. Communications from Chair and Vice Chair

Tobin-Hochstadt shared that there is no progress from the Policy Committee meeting regarding the proposed change in governance for the BMCMPPO.

Kennedy shared he saw his first articulated bus around town.

5. Communications from Officers and/or Committees

6. Reports from MPO Staff

6.1. [State of Indiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) - public input opportunity
Indiana is currently updating their Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), which is a multi-agency document that will guide the state's traffic safety efforts for the next 5 years. Their survey, which takes about 10-15 minutes, will help INDOT prioritize the safety concerns that are most important to you.

6.2. [2026 Indiana State Rail Plan](#)
INDOT is updating the Indiana State Rail Plan, which guides the state's rail infrastructure investments and policies. The website linked in the agenda includes an overview, draft plan, executive summary, and a link to submit feedback.

6.3. [Federal Transit Administration Request for Information on Family Friendly Transit](#) - public input opportunity (comments requested by August 3, 2026)
The Federal Transit Administration is seeking input from the transit industry and the public about how to assess public transportation service quality across five areas. Comments are accepted at the link in the agenda until August 3, 2026.

6.4. Updates to [crash dashboard](#) for all of Monroe County
The 2025 crash data has been added to the [crash dashboard](#). 2018 and 2019 data have also been removed to maintain consistency with the five year trend used in transportation and to cap the information shown in the dashboard. Past crash information is available in various locations - [view the list on the MPO website](#). Discussion ensued.

6.5. [Early Coordination Letter for INDOT project #2401348 in Monroe County](#)
Early Coordination letters for INDOT project #2401348 project on the SR 45/46 bypass were sent out recently to stakeholders.

6.6. Recent INDOT Road Safety Audits in BMCMPPO planning area on state roads
INDOT recently conducted Road Safety Audits at Kinser Pike and SR 45/46, W SR45 and Industrial Boulevard/Curry Pike, and SR 446 and E Moores Pike. BMCMPPO staff attended and City of Bloomington and Monroe County staff were invited and attended. They'll make

recommendations for possible improved safety options within budget. Discussion ensued.

6.7. Upcoming FY2028-2032 Call For Projects

BMCMPO will put out a call for projects mid-August to mid-September for consideration in the FY2028-2032 TIP.

6.8. Recent updates on BMCMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. For more information, view the [virtual public map of project locations](#) and view the [TIP project listing](#).

- **Downtown Curb Ramp Improvements 4 - letting date was changed from October to December due to consultant submission delays**
- **High Street - utility relocation is in process; ready for letting; the letting was updated from September to October 2026**
- **2nd Street - in construction**
- **Crosswalk Improvements phase 3, phase 4, & Downtown Curb Ramps Improvements phase 5 - currently in design**
- **Dunn St Multiuse Path - in the right of way acquisition phase**
- **C&W - both phases shifted into and projected to occur in the same year; consultant selection for design is underway**
- **Dillman Bridge #83 - right of way acquisition is starting in next month**
- **Eagleson Bridge #922 - the county has met with IU and City; bridge utility relocation will start soon**
- **High Friction Surface Treatment on Fairfax Road - a request for proposals was posted for construction engineering services; has been awarded and will begin soon**
- **Rockport Bridge #308 - under construction; anticipated completion is October**
- **That Road Bridge #79 - has been executed and is starting the federal aid process**
- **INDOT intersection improvements on SR45 and Pete Ellis Drive - utility relocations in progress; no utilities have indicated that they will close Pete Ellis or SR 45 during their relocations; there will be anticipated lane closures during the relocations.**

6.9. [Administrative amendment made to the TIP on 7-10-2026](#)

This TIP change, which didn't require committee approval, involved updating the funding and phase years for the Downtown Curb Ramps project.

6.10. [Federal, state, local policies for revising the TIP](#)

This memo provides information on the federal, state, local review process required for changes to the TIP document. Staff will propose

updates to the local public review policy in the future so please take notes on any changes you want to recommend. Discussion ensued.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.1. [BMCMPO resolution FY2027-01: proposed changes to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPO TIP*](#)

This TIP update request involves the addition of four new INDOT projects, an update to the SR 446 and Moore's Pike INDOT project, and an update to the Old SR 37 and Dillman Road Intersection Project. Discussion ensued.

Ryterband moved to recommend approval to the Policy Committee for BMCMPO resolution FY2027-01: proposed changes to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPO TIP. Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 6-0.

8.2. [BMCMPO Resolution FY2027-02: adoption of the State of Indiana's DOT calendar year 2027 Safety Performance Targets*](#)

BMCMPO staff provided background detail to show where the target numbers come from. Discussion ensued.

Ryterband moved to recommend approval to the Policy Committee for BMCMPO Resolution FY2027-02: adoption of the State of Indiana's DOT calendar year 2027 Safety Performance Targets, with the understanding that the members of the CAC desire the targets be less than what the state has declared; and, that our local community both formally and informally strives for vision zero for both fatalities and serious injuries.

Hall seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 6-0.

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)

11. Upcoming Meetings

11.1. Policy Committee: July 24, 2026 at 10:30AM (hybrid)

11.2. Technical Advisory Committee: August 26, 2026 at 10:00AM (hybrid)

11.3. Citizens Advisory Committee: August 26, 2026 at 5:30PM (hybrid)

12. Adjournment