



Meeting Minutes for the Policy Committee

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

Attendance

Members Present

1. Andrew Cibor, City of Bloomington Engineering Department [proxy for City of Bloomington Mayor]
2. Doug Horn, Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
3. Hopi Stosberg, City of Bloomington Common Council [VICE CHAIR] - *served as chair for this meeting*
4. Jason Banach, Indiana University - *arrived at 5:00 after vote two*
5. John Kennedy, BMCMPPO Citizens Advisory Committee
6. Julie Thomas, Monroe County Commissioners - *departed 1:16:00 prior to fourth vote*
7. Lisa Ridge, Monroe County Highway Department [CHAIR] [VIRTUAL]
8. Nate Nickel, City of Bloomington Public Works Department
9. Linnea Wellings, Indiana Department of Transportation - Seymour District
10. Scott Faris, Monroe County Plan Commission

BMCMPPO Staff: Katie Gandhi, Patrick Martin

Guests: 1 guest

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
Stosberg, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda for July 24, 2026*
Faris moved for the approval of the July 24, 2026 meeting agenda. Cibor seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.
3. Approval of [Minutes from May 29, 2026 PC Meeting](#)*
Faris moved for the approval of the May 29, 2026 meeting minutes. Thomas seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 7-0, with Horn and Kennedy abstaining.
4. Communications from Chair and Vice Chair
5. Communications from Officers and/or Committees
 - 5.1. **Kennedy reported that the CAC recommended approval of the TIP amendments on today's PC agenda.**
 - 5.2. **Nickel reported that the TAC recommended approval of the new business items on today's PC agenda.**
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](#).

- 6.5. [Early Coordination Letter for INDOT project #2401348 in Monroe County](#)
Early Coordinations 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 (additional comments made at 34:17).
- 6.7. Upcoming FY2028-2032 Call For Projects
BMCMPPO will put out a call for projects mid-August to mid-September for consideration in the FY2028-2032 TIP.
- 6.8. Recent updates on BMCMPPO 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; a design has not yet been confirmed; public updates/additional public input opportunities, transportation commission review, and city council review are forthcoming but unscheduled at this time.**
 - **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.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.1. [BMCMPPO resolution FY2027-01: proposed changes to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPPO 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.

Cibor moved to approve BMCMPPO resolution FY2027-01: proposed changes to the FY2026-2030 BMCMPPO TIP. Nickel seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 10-0.

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

BMCMPPO staff provided background detail to show where the target numbers come from. Nickel and BMCMPPO staff shared the disclaimer constructed by the TAC this week. Discussion ensued.

Cibor moved to approve to the Policy Committee for BMCMPPO resolution BMCMPPO Resolution FY2027-02: adoption of the State of Indiana's DOT calendar year 2027 Safety Performance Targets, with the following disclaimer constructed by the TAC: *Fatalities and serious injuries that result from crashes on public streets can and should be prevented. The BMCMPPO Policy Committee believes that zero fatalities and zero serious injuries is a more appropriate goal, or target, for INDOT and MPOs to pursue. However, the BMCMPPO Policy Committee understands that INDOT's Safety Target Declaration numbers are intended to convey only an incremental change toward safer streets, and not an ultimate goal. Furthermore, the BMCMPPO Policy Committee understands that these safety performance*

targets primarily affect distribution of federal funding and would not be used to justify fatal or serious injury crashes as acceptable. As such, the BMCMPPO Policy Committee approves the State of Indiana Department of Transportation's calendar year 2027 Safety Performance Targets. Horn seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

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: August 26, 2026 at 10:00AM (hybrid)
 - 11.2. Citizens Advisory Committee: August 26, 2026 at 5:30PM (hybrid)
 - 11.3. Policy Committee: August 28, 2026 at 10:30AM (hybrid)
12. Adjournment