



POLICY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2024

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

In-Person Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom

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Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jason Banach, Scott Faris (P), Lisa Ridge, Sarah Ryterband, Julie Thomas, Andrew Cibor (P), Nate Nickel (P)

Staff Present: Patrick Martin, Rachael Sargent

Meeting Recording:

<https://catstv.net/government.php?issearch=banner&webquery=mpo+policy>

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

****Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Julie Thomas seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote (7-0-0). * Approved.**

III. Approval of Minutes*

a. March 8, 2024

****Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of the March 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Julie Thomas seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote (7-0-0). * Approved.**

IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

Sarah Ryterband emphasized that April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month; the federal government information regarding transportation safety to combat distracted driving that Sarah Ryterband will pass along.

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

Sarah Ryterband announced that the Citizens Advisory Committee met on March 27, 2024 and recommended approval for the FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program, pending on the changes to address outstanding comments.

Nate Nickel announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on March 27, 2024 and recommended approval for the FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. City of Bloomington Planning & Transportation Department Director Introduction
Rachael Sargent introduced David Hittle, the new City of Bloomington Planning & Transportation Department Director.
- b. BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Status Report
Rachael Sargent announced the Public Meeting for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was on April 3, 2024 at 5:30pm in the City Hall McCloskey Room. The MPO anticipates information from the meeting to be presented at next Policy Committee meeting on May 10, 2024. The survey is live.
- c. Urban Area Boundary Based on 2020 Census - Status Report
Rachael Sargent indicated that the MPO received an update regarding the urban area boundary. The new boundary encompasses the urbanized “islands” shown from the 2020 Census map. The MPO awaits confirmation from INDOT on next steps. Discussion ensued.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Complete Streets Policy - Working Group
Rachael Sargent announced the intent to resume working on the Complete Streets Policy update. Discussion ensued.
- b. BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program - FINAL*
(<https://bloomington.in.gov/mpo/unified-planning-work-program>)
Pat Martin presented the BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program as well as the comments received during the open comment period. Discussion ensued.

****Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program. Julie Thomas seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote (7-0-0). * Approved.**

****Sarah Ryterband moved for approval of FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program Adoption Resolution 2024-01. Andrew Cibor seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote (7-0-0). * Approved.**

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.

X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (non-voting items)

- a. Communications

Sarah Ryterband emphasized the City of Bloomington's Safety Week initiative and celebrated those that participated in Safety Week activities. She encouraged County Commissioners to set a target for Vision Zero to work together as a community.

b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

XI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Policy Committee - May 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Technical Advisory Committee - April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Citizens Advisory Committee - April 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XII. Adjournment

**Action Requested / Public comment prior to vote on old and new business items (limited to five minutes per speaker).*

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