



## Technical Advisory Committee

# Minutes

## *BMCMPO Technical Advisory Committee*

Regular Meeting

Wednesday January 29, 2025

10:00 am – 11:30 am

**LOCATION:** Bloomington City Hall - Council Chambers & Virtual Location via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/3521634803>

Meeting ID: 352 163 4803 | Passcode: BMCMPO

**Members Present:** John Baeten, Meghan Blair, Patrick Carpenter, Neil Kopper (P), John Connell, Jane Fleig, Ryan Robling (P), Jackie Jelen, Cheryl Gilliland (P), Lisa Salyers (P), Nate Nickel, Linnea Wellings (P), Paul Satterly, Hunter Jackson (P), VanDeventer (V), Kelli Witmer

**Staff Present:** Patrick Martin, Katie Gandhi

**Guests:** Eric Ost, Bryan Fyalkowski (Manager of Marketing and Development for Bloomington Transit)

### I. Call to Order and Introductions

**Meeting convened at 10:00am with Nate Nickel, Chair presiding.**

### II. Approval of Meeting Agenda\*

**\*\*Jane Fleig moved for approval of today's meeting agenda. Neil Kopper seconded. No public comment. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (15-0).\***

### III. Election of Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Technical Advisory Committee Officers\*

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair

**Paul Satterly nominated John Baeten for Vice-Chair. Neil Kopper nominated Nate Nickel for Chair. \*\* Ryan Robling moved to approve the nomination of Nate Nickel for Chair and John Baeten for Vice-Chair for CY 2025 BMCMPO Technical Advisory Committee. John Connell seconded. No public comment. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (15-0).\***

### IV. Approval of Minutes\*

- a. October 23, 2024

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

**\*\*John Baeten moved for approval of the October 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Neil Kopper seconded. No public comment. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (15-0).**

V. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

**Paul Satterly, Highway Engineer of the Monroe County Highway Department shared updates about their projects. The bridge for the Fullerton Pike project is in, they will start on the soundwall in mid-February (panels now being delivered), pedestrian railings to come. They hope to set beams for the Vernal Pike Connector project in February and construction is anticipated to be complete in August of 2025.**

**Nate Nickel thanked Paul for his service as Vice Chair in the past and that he's looking forward to having John Baeten as Vice Chair this year.**

VI. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

a. **None.**

VII. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. BMCMPPO CY 2025 Meeting Calendar
- b. BMCMPPO Metropolitan Planning Organization 101 – Introductory Overview
- c. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Status Report
- d. BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Status Report

**Pat and Katie (MPO Staff) provided updates. Jackie Jelen asked if the working group for the Complete Streets rubric for TIP amendments will be restarting. Pat indicated that the working group would restart, pending what's happening at the national level. The complete streets focus will likely be changing due to the City of Bloomington's recent adoption of a Safe Streets for All – that plan has a large public involvement portion – and so scoring may be replaced by a different type of metric.**

VIII. Old Business

a. **None.**

IX. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments\*
  - (1) Monroe County, DES #240151, High Friction Surface Treatment (new project)
  - (2) INDOT, DES #2400591, Soil nail repair on MSE failures – South Districts (new project)
  - (3) City of Bloomington, DES #2401660 (old #2200021), Downtown Curb Ramps Phase 4 (amendment of existing project)

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Katie shared information about the most recent INDOT and local TIP amendments as detailed in the attached memo. Paul Satterly provided additional details about Monroe County's High Friction surface treatment project. Discussion ensued.

**\*\*John Baeten moved to recommend approval of all three proposed BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. John Connell seconded. No public comment. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (15-0).\***

b. BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – Final Adoption\*

Pat shared information about the final version of the 2050 MTP, which is included in this packet. John Baeten asked about the environmental justice census tracts map. Jackie Jelen asked if county bikeways can be added to the existing bicycle facilities map. John Baeten asked about air quality alerts in the summer for Bloomington and how that relates to what's being reported in this document. Nate Nickel pointed out some small errors that require fixing in the document. Discussion ensued.

**\*\*John Baeten moved to recommend approval of the BMCMPPO 2050 MTP. Jane Fleig seconded. No public comment. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (15-0).\***

- X. 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*

**None**

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

Jane Fleig asked if we are planning to stick with hybrid meeting, or if we could modify the meeting format so that roll call vote can be shortened. Pat expressed that the general assembly and city's legal consult dictates this meeting format; until otherwise directed we have to maintain the hybrid format.

Jane Baeten commended the City for its street cleaning during the January storms and asked if the city might consider additional processes to address sidewalks that were not cleared of ice, for the sake of pedestrians. Meghan Blair said it's a known issue for the city; there are future department head-level meeting regarding snow removal and the GIS team has already created a draft interactive web application, which is pending approval and will eventually be made available to the public. Nate Nickel reminded that unless it's a path,

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the onus for shoveling is on the property owner; uReports that are submitted will go the HAND department who will issue tickets to property owners. Discussion ensued.

Jackie Jelen and Jane Fleig mentioned that the new map link showing the TIP amendment locations is very helpful.

b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

Neil Kopper mentioned that the Indy MPO participates in a program where they swap federal funding for state funding - they get 90% of the total funding but have less requirements (no NEPA process etc) – so there's a lot less risk of losing your funding when you aren't having to go through the permits and delays caused by the full INDOT process. There are many benefits; would like us to look into this and consider if it might be an option for us.

XII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Policy Committee: February 14, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Technical Advisory Committee: February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Citizens Advisory Committee: February 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XIII. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 10:57am.**

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