



Minutes

BMCMPO Policy Committee

Regular Meeting

Friday February 14, 2025

1:30 –3:00 pm

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

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Members Present: Jason Banach, Scott Faris (P), Doug Horn, John Kennedy, Jillian Kinzie, Jody Madeira, Chris Wahlman (P), Lisa Ridge, Hopi Stosberg, Dan Swafford, David Hittle (P), Nate Nickel (P)

Staff Present: Pat Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: 1 online, 1 in-person (IDS news student)

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 1:31pm with Lisa Ridge, Chair presiding.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

(Vote took place after item VI Reports from Officers/Committees).

****Jillian Kinzie moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Motion was seconded. Motion carried by a consensus (12-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED**

III. Election of Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Policy Committee Officers*

a. Chair

b. Vice-Chair

****Jillian Kinzie nominated Lisa Ridge for Chair. Dan Swafford seconded. Motion carried by a consensus (11-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED**

Doug Horn (member) joined the meeting.

****Jillian Kinzie nominated John Kennedy for Vice Chair. John Kennedy accepted the nomination. Dan Swafford seconded. Motion carried by a consensus (12-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED**

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

IV. Approval of Minutes*

- a. November 8, 2024

****Dan Swafford moved for approval of the November 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Jillian Kinzie seconded. Motion carried by a consensus (12-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED**

V. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

- a. **Lisa Ridge, Chair welcomed everyone to Policy Committee for 2025 and thanked everyone for being here.**
- b. **John Kennedy, Vice Chair shared that Sarah Ryterband has stepped down as Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, John (formerly vice chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee) was elected Chair, and Sam Tobin-Hoschstadt will now serve as Vice Chair.**
- c. **Lisa Ridge, Chair thanked Sarah for her service as Vice Chair of Policy Committee and Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee.**

VI. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

- a. **John Kennedy, Chair of CAC shared that at the January CAC meeting, the committee recommended approval of all items on the agenda.**
- b. **Nate Nickel, Chair of TAC shared that at the January TAC meeting, the committee recommended approval of all items on the agenda. Also, Nate Nickel was elected Chair of TAC and John Baeten of Monroe County GIS was elected as Vice Chair of TAC.**

VII. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. **BMCMPPO CY 2025 Meeting Calendar**
 - **Katie, MPO Staff shared that the CY2025 Meeting Calendar is attached to the meeting packet, and posted on the Policy Committee webpage. There is also a meeting invite that you can receive for your calendar, which will show “CANCELED” before the title of the meeting, if the meeting is cancelled. Emails will continue to be sent out a week prior to the meetings to confirm or cancel the meeting.**
- b. **BMCMPPO Metropolitan Planning Organization 101 – Introductory Overview**
 - **Katie, MPO Staff shared that an updated version of the MPO 101 slide deck is attached to the packet. The slide deck was not presented at this meeting but staff are available for questions if you have them.**
- c. **BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Status Report**
 - **Pat Martin, MPO staff shared that the TIP public comment period was open in November and December of 2024. Feedback from INDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration has been received. Staff are in the process of address the comments and will bring the TIP to the Policy Committee for voting on March 14th.**
- d. **BMCMPPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Status Report**
 - **Pat Martin, MPO staff shared that this is our planning contract with INDOT. A public comment period is forthcoming. Feedback from INDOT, Federal Highway**

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

Administration, and Federal Transit Administration has been received. Staff are in the process of address the comments and will bring the TIP to the Policy Committee for voting on March 14th.

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments*

- (1) Monroe County, DES #2401515, 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)
- (4) INDOT, DES #2000804, installation of railroad crossing safety equipment (new project)

Katie Gandhi, MPO Staff shared information about the most recent INDOT and local TIP amendments as detailed in the attached memo. No questions from the committee.

****Jillian Kinzie moved for approval of all four (4) BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Dan Swafford seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (12-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED.**

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

- The full document is attached to this meeting packet and can be found at this link.
- The story map for the website can be viewed at this link.

Pat Martin, MPO Staff summarized each section of the BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which has been in process for almost 1 year.

Questions/comments raised by members: concern that low to no population growth shown in the future and how that could impact local decision-making; request to add 10th St/SR 45 from bypass to Russell Road to the INDOT list on page 67; and, what are the next steps for the Transportation Plan, for whom does it offer guidance, and what can local representatives take away from this? Staff emphasized that the public feedback from this planning process is informative – the public wants safety, mobility, connectivity, preservation and maintenance. Staff clarified that the 2020 Census levels are lower than they should be due to the departure of students during COVID, just before the census – staff will add a note about this in the document. Discussion ensued.

****Jillian Kinzie moved for adoption of resolution 2025-01, a resolution approving the adoption of the 2050 BMCMPPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Motion was seconded. No public comment. Motion carried by consensus (12-0). 0 abstained.* APPROVED.**

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.

a. None

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

a. Communications

- **John Kennedy, Vice Chair/Chair of CAC shared that the CAC would love to increase the number of members of the CAC committee – in particular with younger members and residents of the county. If you know someone who's interested in joining, please share their name with MPO staff.**

XII. Upcoming Meetings

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

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:26pm.

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