

Minutes

BMCMPO Policy Committee Regular Meeting Friday March 14, 2025 1:30 –3:00 pm

LOCATION: Bloomington City Hall – Council Chambers & Virtual Location via Zoom Zoom Link: <u>https://bloomington.zoom.us/i/3521634803</u> Meeting ID: 352 163 4803 | Passcode: BMCMPO

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

Staff Present: Pat Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: None.

- I. Call to Order and Introductions Meeting convened at 1:34pm with Lisa Ridge, Chair presiding.
- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*
 **Kinzie moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Faris seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (11-0).* APPROVED
- III. Approval of Minutes* a. February 14, 2025

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- IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. None.
- V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
 - a. John Kennedy, Vice Chair and Citizens Advisory Committee liaison, shared that the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended approval of the FY2026-2030 TIP at their meeting on February 26, 2025.
 - b. Nate Nickel, Vice Chair and Technical Advisory Committee liaison, shared that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the FY2026-2030 TIP at their meeting on February 26, 2025.

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

- VI. Reports from the MPO Staff
 - a. Crash Hub/Crash Dashboard
 - b. Update on <u>BMCMPO Projects</u> (projects using federal funding allocated through the BMCMPO)
 - c. Local Government Stakeholder Session for the INDOT Design Manual Update
 - d. FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Katie Gandhi, MPO Staff gave an overview of the Crash Hub/Crash Dashboard, a new resource created in collaboration with the City of Bloomington's GIS team and Engineering Department. Committee member comments included: could you share more about the initiative and how do you expect or want people to use this resource; could you share more about the accuracy of the data; is there any collection of data on commercial vehicles. Lisa Ridge, Monroe County noted that they also do an annual crash report at the county level because they are valuable for obtaining grant money. Discussion ensued.

Katie Gandhi, MPO Staff shared updates about current BMCMPO projects, as were reported by engineering staff at the most recent Technical Advisory Committee.

Katie Gandhi, MPO Staff shared updates about a recent INDOT local government stakeholder session related to a likely future update of the INDOT Design Manual.

Katie Gandhi, MPO Staff shared that a draft of the UPWP has been submitted to INDOT for their review and that MPO Staff will bring the document to next month's committee meeting for approval.

- VII. Old Business
 - a. None

VIII. New Business

a. <u>BMCMPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</u> – Adoption*

Pat Martin, MPO Staff presented a summary of the FY2026-2030 TIP. Lisa Ridge thanked the city for working with the county to figure out funding. Staff questions/comments included: noting a typo related to SR45 in the document; and, do we know what INDOT traffic signal modernizations are included. Discussion ensued.

**Kinzie moved to adopt approval of all <u>BMCMPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation</u> <u>Improvement Program (TIP)</u> BMCMPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (11-0). * APPROVED

X. Public Comment on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (non-voting items)

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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
 - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
 - (1) Jody Madeira, member articulated the importance of environmental justice and its impact on transportation. Madeira shared the recent news that Governor Braun will strike environmental justice as a criteria for approving permits under IDEM. Monroe County was the first county in the state to adopt a climate resiliency plan, so this is important to us. What effects will that have locally? Discussion ensued.

XII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Technical Advisory Committee: March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Citizens Advisory Committee: March 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Policy Committee: April 11, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

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