



Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

BMCMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday April 23, 2025

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Members Present: John Baeten, Meghan Blair, Neil Kopper (P), Bryan Fyalkowski (P), Ryan Robling (P), Jackie Jelen, Cheryl Gilliland (P), Nate Nickel, Linnea Wellings (P), Paul Satterly, Rebecca Swift (V), Hunter Jackson (P), Beth Cossart (P)

Staff Present: Patrick Martin, Katie Gandhi

Guests: None.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting convened at 10:04am with Nate Nickel, Chair presiding.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

Baeten moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Robling seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (13-0). APPROVED

III. Approval of Minutes*

a. March 26, 2025

Baeten moved for approval of the March 26, 2025 meeting minutes. Robling seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote (13-0). APPROVED

IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

- a. **Nickel (Chair) shared that Lisa Ridge, Highway Department Director for Monroe County mentioned that the Indiana Department of Transportation had recently selected local public agencies (City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville, Monroe County, and the Town of Stinesville) to receive 50/50 Community Crossing Grant awards.**

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

- a. **None.**

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. **BMCMPO FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – update This document was approved by the Policy Committee at the April 11th meeting; it is**

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

now awaiting review and approval by INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

- b. [Recent TIP funding trades](#) in BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) **The BMCMPPO has two new loan agreements with other MPOs: 1. BMCMPPO will loan \$540,565 in FY2025 funds to the MACOG MPO, in exchange for receiving \$540,565 of MACOG's funds in FY2029. 2. Additionally, the BMCMPPO will loan \$1,179,000 (\$150,000 in FY2028 and \$1,029,000 in FY2030) in BMCMPPO funds to CAMPO, in exchange for \$1,179,000 of CAMPO's funds in FY2026.**
- c. 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Public Meetings and Comment Period – see [public primer](#) for more information.
 - (1) [Public Open Houses](#): Wednesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. City of Bloomington, City Hall Council Chambers, 401 N. Morton St. Bloomington, IN 47404 view on city calendar
 - (2) [Virtual open houses](#): Thursday, April 3, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, April 24, at 5p.m
 - (3) Public Comment Period: April 1 through May 16, 2025.
 - (a) [STIP Public comment form](#)
 - (b) [STIP Map Survey](#)
- d. State Road updates
 - (1) Reduction of speed on SR46 through Ellettsville (between Redbud Hill Rd and Arlington (press release included in packet)
 - (2) Stop sign at Smith & SR45 (press release include in packet) **Jelen noted that a resident has expressed concern to her about this project.**
 - (3) INDOT SR446 project between E SR46 and E Moores Pike (meeting with INDOT)
- e. Recent federal grants received by LPAs (*press releases included in packet*)
 - (1) HSIP Safety Special Call (December 2024) – Bloomington, Monroe County
 - (2) Community Crossings (March 2025) – Bloomington, Monroe County, Ellettsville, Stinesville
- f. [BMCMPPO Projects](#) updates (projects using federal funding allocated through the BMCMPPO)
 - (1) City of Bloomington - **Neil Kopper shared updates about City of Bloomington projects receiving federal-aid through the MPO**
 - (a) **North Dunn Multi-Use Path –are waiting for INDOT approval to officially start the design; however, the city went ahead and hosted a public meeting a few weeks ago to get the design conversation started.**
 - (b) **Crosswalks Phase 2 Project – has been awarded to a contractor and will start construction shortly.**
 - (c) **B-Line Connector Project –are working on the environmental testing that's required near the railroad before the last piece of the trail can be built. The portion of the trail along W 17th Street has been constructed for a while but is going through last punch list steps before it can officially be closed out.**
 - (d) **This is not an MPO project; it's being built with a separate federal/state grant that was awarded to the City. However, for everyone's general knowledge, the city will be doing a paving project on Winslow/Rogers near**

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High St (from Allendale on the west end to the stair roundabout on the east end). The roundabout at Winslow/Rogers/High intersection will be closed for 45 days in the summer. A detour will be posted, but it is a long detour since it's a challenging area.

- (2) Monroe County - Paul Satterly shared updates about Monroe County projects receiving federal-aid through the MPO
 - (a) Vernal Pike Connector project – the beams have been set over the railroad, so they're currently working on getting the deck installed
 - (b) Fullerton Pike Project – we are winding up construction phase 1 and 2, from Rockport to Wickens. They are currently building the sound wall to north along the Highlands. This section of Fullerton Pike will remain closed until August when we plan to open the entire roadway.
 - (c) Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacon project – will be starting soon on seven trail crossings mostly on the south side of Bloomington.

VII. Old Business

- a. **None.**

VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 & BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 TIP Amendment*
 - (1) INDOT, CONTRACT #43265 DES #2000231 (change to existing project)
 - (2) INDOT, CONTRACT #45308 DES #1900331 + 2500088 (change to existing project)

MPO staff shared detail about the amendments below that require a recommendation of approval from the CAC. Discussion ensued.

****Baeten moved for approval of the following amendments to the BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP: (1) INDOT, CONTRACT #43265 DES #2000231 (change to existing project); and, (2) INDOT, CONTRACT #43265 DES #2000231 (change to existing project). Robling seconded. MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote (13-13). 0 abstained. 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
 - a. **None**

- X. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda *(non-voting items)*
 - a. Communications
 - (1) **None**
 - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
 - (1) **None**

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XI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Policy Committee: May 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- b. Technical Advisory Committee: May 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
- c. Citizens Advisory Committee: May 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

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