



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 28, 2024

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Bloomington City Hall - Council Chambers and Virtual Location via Zoom

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Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Baeten, Meghan Blair, Neil Kopper (P), John Connell, Troy Powell (P), Ryan Robling (P), John Kennedy (no vote), Nate Nickel, Leanna Wellings (P), Paul Satterly, Hunter Jackson (P), Steve Cotter (P)

Staff Present: Patrick Martin, Katie Gandhi

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda*

****John Connell moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Ryan Robling seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (11-0-0).***

III. Approval of Minutes*

a. July 24, 2024

**** John Connell moved for approval of the July 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Ryan Robling seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (11-0-0).***

IV. Communications from the Chair and Vice Chair

- a. *Paul Satterly provided update on some county projects. The last seven beams for the Fullerton Pike Phase III project are being delivered today. The project is on-schedule to finish the Rockport to Wickens road section this fall. The Vernal Pike connector project is starting with the MSE wall construction. The Karst Farm Greenway connector project is close to finishing – hope to have that walk open by the end of September.*
- b. *Nate Nickel noted that the City of Bloomington is underway with annual budget reviews and that there are many tie-ins with budget discussions at the MPO level.*

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

- a. *Staff Introduction: Katie Gandhi introduced herself as the new MPO staff member. Katie started this position one week ago, filling the vacancy that Rachael Sargent left.*

- b. Indiana Department of Transportation - Call for Local Safety Projects: *Pat Martin presented about the memo included in the packet for INDOT's Call for Local Safety Projects. They are accepting applications between September 3 and October 11 for "low-cost systemic safety projects." There are 21+ different types of projects that fall under this umbrella. 50 million dollars is available across the state. They include construction-ready projects within existing right-of-way (no land acquisition), less than \$200,000. City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County are all encouraged to apply for these projects – contact Andrew Cibor from City of Bloomington Engineering, or Lisa Ridge from Monroe County Highway if you would like to apply.*
- c. BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Call for Projects: *Pat spoke about the new Transportation Improvement Project, FY 2026-20230 (beginning July 1). Staff sent a formal Call for Projects email out at the end of August. The deadline for applications is 5pm, September 27th. The first three years of funding must be fiscally constrained.*
- d. BMCMPPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Staff Update: *Pat mentioned that the public survey, which was public for four months, is now closed. Staff have finished the draft chapter on current needs and are compiling future-short-term needs (1-5 years), which will include the projects that are submitted for the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Staff will interview Bloomington Transit, Monroe County and City of Bloomington about future needs (10-25 years). Staff will release a draft MTP document by the end of October and hold a public meeting for the MTP during the week of November 11th.*
- e. Student interviews for O'Neill Leadership Program (Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs) Fellowship: *Pat announced that he and Katie are conducting interviews with potential students to fill a fellow position with the MPO.*

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments*
 - (1) DES#2300274 – NEVI Installations at various locations throughout Indiana
 - (2) DES#2400606 – NEVI Installation at 370 N. Jacobs Drive in Bloomington
 - (3) DES#2301145 - I-69 slide correction from SR 37 to 3.96 miles S of SR 252 (Indian Creek Bridge)
 - (4) DES#2101712 - Dillman Road, Bridge #83 replacement (moved FY26 due to environmental time extension)
 - (5) DES#2200146 – Eagleson Avenue Bridge over IN RR (updated to add RR funding)

Pat shared information about the most recent INDOT and local TIP amendments listed above. Discussion ensued.

**** John Connell moved for approval of all five BMCMPPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendments. Ryan Robling seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote (11-0-0).***

I. 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

- II. Communications from Committee Members on Matters Not Included on the Agenda (*non-voting items*)
 - a. Communications
 - (1) *Steve Cotter with Parks noted that the public meeting that was scheduled for tonight, for the Power Line Trail that will run west from Rogers has been rescheduled for Wednesday September 4th at 6pm at Switchyard Pavilion.*
 - (2) *John Baeten informed that the Monroe County GIS website (Elevate) is being deprecated by company that owns it. The company that runs it (Snyder Geospatial) is transitioning the GIS website into a new product called Beacon. Trainings for the new software are forthcoming. The county is still working the vendor to refine it.*
 - b. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- III. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Policy Committee – September 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
 - b. Technical Advisory Committee – September 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
 - c. Citizens Advisory Committee – September 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (Hybrid)
- IV. Adjournment

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

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