

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025
9:00 a.m.
MIBOR 1912 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Committee Members

✓ = Present (blank) = Absent

✓	Boone County	Nick Parr	✓	City of Lawrence	Christopher Wilburn
	Hancock County	Gary Pool	✓	Town of McCordsville	Mark Witsman
	Morgan County	Justin Schneck		Town of Mooresville	Mark Mathis
✓	Hamilton County	Mark Heirbrandt		Town of New Palestine	Stephen Pool
✓	Hendricks County	Eric Wathen		City of Noblesville	Matt Light
✓	Johnson County	Luke Mastin		Town of Pittsboro	Steve Maple
	Shelby County	Desiree Calderella		Town of Plainfield	Andrew Klinger
✓	Town of Avon	Steve Moore		City of Southport	Jim Cooney
	Town of Bargersville	Dax Norton	✓	Town of Speedway	Grant Kleinhenz
✓	City of Beech Grove	Brad Meriwether	✓	City of Westfield	John Nail
	Town of Brooklyn	Karen Howard		Town of Whiteland	Kevin McGinnis
	Town of Brownsburg	Shawn Pabst		Town of Whitestown	Todd Barker
	City of Carmel	Jeremy Kashman	✓	Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	Chad Amos	✓	IndyGo	Ryan Wilhite
	Town of Cumberland	Ben Lipps	✓	CIRTA	Amanda Meyer
✓	Town of Danville	Mark Morgan	✓	INDOT	Valerie Cockrum
	City of Fishers	Hatem Mekky		Indianapolis Airport Authority	Drew Genneken
✓	City of Franklin	Steve Barnett		Ports of Indiana	Jody Peacock
✓	City of Greenfield	Mark Myers		FHWA	Erica Tait
✓	City of Greenwood	Mark Myers		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
✓	City of Indianapolis	Nathan Sheets		IDEM	Shawn Seals

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Cole Jackson – Indianapolis MPO
Andrea Miller – Indianapolis MPO	Olivia Anthony – Indianapolis MPO
Kate Zale - EMCS	Tim Beyer – Boone County
Julia Surber Brnardic – VS Engineering	

1. WELCOME

Mark Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2025 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Mark Meyers asked for corrections to the minutes and heard none.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

Member	Result
City of Franklin	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

Steve Barnett moved to approve the minutes
Mark Morgan seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
The minutes were approved.
MOTION PASSES.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO COMPLY WITH FHWA GUIDANCE**

Anna Gremling stated the USDOT Indiana office stated the MPO must scrub documents of certain words, including climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, racial equity, gender equity, diversity, equity, and inclusion, environmental justice, justice 40 initiative, sustainability, cumulative impacts, sea level rise. **Gremling** stated these words have been removed from the TIP and UPWP, and **Gremling** is asking for permission to change the TIP, UPWP, and other documents as necessary. **Gremling** stated we would notify the board if additional documents are required to be scrubbed. **Gremling** stated the TIP and UPWP amendments are going to be resubmitted.

Chris Wilburn asked if the awarded grants are also affected. **Gremling** stated that awarded projects can move forward, but unawarded projects require changes. **Gremling** stated that it could also affect things like SS4A. **Wilburn** asked if it would affect the ability to be awarded funds, for example, in low socioeconomic status, would that impact how the MPO awards funds. **Gremling** stated that this is not an IMPO selection criterion.

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Boone County	Approve
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Hendricks County	Approve
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City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

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City of Franklin	Approve
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Member	Result
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

Steve Moore moved to approve Resolution 2025-IMPO-007
Brad Meriwether seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
The resolution was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

4. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

Cole Jackson stated there were amendments to the 24-27 TIP. **Jackson** stated MPO received 23 INDOT amendment requests and 3 local amendment requests.

Mayor Meyers opened a public hearing, heard no comments, and closed the public hearing.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
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City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

Member	Result
City of Franklin	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve
City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

Member	Result
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

Steve Moore moved to approve resolution 2025-IMPO-005
Tim Beyer seconded the motion
The resolution was approved
MOTION PASSES.

5. **RECOGNITION OF ANITA BJORK**

Anna Gremling stated Sean Northup would read resolution 2025-IMPO-006 recognizing Anita Bjork.

Member	Result
Boone County	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve

Member	Result
City of Franklin	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve

Member	Result
City of Westfield	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve

Johnson County	Approve
Town of Avon	Approve
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Town of Danville	Approve

City of Indianapolis	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve
Town of McCordsville	Approve
Town of Speedway	Approve

CIRTA	Approve
INDOT	Approve

John Nail moved to approve resolution 2025-IMPO-006
Luke Mastin seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.
MOTION PASSES.

STATUS REPORTS

6. UPCOMING LOCAL PLANNING GRANT CALL FOR PROJECTS

Cole Jackson informed the committee about the local planning grant program. Jackson stated the program has previously funded 22 plans for 19 local public agencies. **Jackson** stated many transportation planning projects and many community development projects are eligible, but we have fewer eligible community development projects than last time. Jackson stated the call would open in June and would be submitted through a Google Form.

7. COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Jen Higginbotham informed the committee about the coordinated public transit human services transportation plan. The plan was last updated in 2021 and is linked to section 5310 funding for transit. Projects selected for 5310 must cite a goal identified in the plan. The goals are developed by the agencies that participate in this plan, mostly public transit providers, human services providers, private transportation agencies, and planning agencies. **Ryan Wilhite** gave an overview of operators that participate, such as BOSMA, and exist all over the region.

8. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Anna Gremling introduced the state legislative update; the session is closing soon. **Patrick Tamm** and **Abbi Raben** gave an overview of state legislation, including transportation funding, property tax legislation, BMV legislation, wheel tax options, and an increase in the speed limit on 465.

9. FEDERAL ACTION UPDATE - ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (AMPO)

Anna Gremling informed that we had joined AMPO, and stated she participates in their policy committee. **Katie Economou** stated AMPO completes training, engagement, research, networking, communication between MPOs, and leadership opportunities. **Economou** stated AMPO is beginning to update guidance concerning changes, including monitoring NEPA review process, NOFOs for grants are being reviewed, and staff cuts are occurring, with a potential larger cut in May. **Economou** stated potential funding changes include new funding priorities, including economic returns and family success metrics. USDOT grant reviews involve multiple steps based on flagged elements, detailed reviews of each project, and potential scope revisions. **Economou** stated priorities include grant backlogs, improving project delivery, and streamlining NEPA and permitting. **Economou** gave an overview of legislative priorities to improve regional transportation planning.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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Anna Gremling informed the committee about IMPO projects, including the maximizing land use project, the functional classification change call opening, and the upcoming SS4A process.

ADJOURNMENT

Eric Wathen moved to adjourn the April 16, 2025 Transportation Policy Committee meeting.
Steve Moore seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.
The April 16, 2025 Transportation Policy Committee meeting was adjourned.
MOTION PASSES.