

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
Minutes February 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.
MIBOR 1912 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Committee Members

✓ = Present (blank) = Absent

	Boone County	Nick Parr	✓	City of Lawrence	James Perron
	Hancock County	Gary Pool		Town of McCordsville	Ryan Crum
	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	James Coffman		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	Mike Hollibaugh	✓	Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	Chad Amos	✓	IndyGo	Ryan Wilhite
	Town of Cumberland	Ben Lipps		CIRTA	Christine Altman
✓	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	Glen Marrow		FHWA	Erica Tait
	City of Greenwood	Mark Myers		FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
	City of Indianapolis	Nathan Sheets		IDEM	Shawn Seals
✓	Hamilton County	Bradley Davis	✓	City of Beech Grove	Tim Cochran
✓	Morgan County	Kyle Swalls	✓	INDOT	Amy Groff

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO
Sean Northup - Indianapolis MPO	Jennifer Krull – Indianapolis MPO
Andrea Miller – Indianapolis MPO	Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO
Joti Martin – Indianapolis MPO	Dan Malsom – Kimley-Horn
Amanda Meyer – CIRTA	Nicole Black - GAI
Kate Zale – EMCS	Julie Surber – VS Engineering
Sandra Flum - INDOT	Stacie Conner – VS Engineering
Abbi Raven – Ice Miller	Patrick Tamm – Ice Miller

1. WELCOME

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order at 9:01am and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. STATE HOUSE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ice Miller discussed updated from the current session.

Abbi Raven and Patrick Tamm represents the IMPO at the State House. They notated this is a non-budget year

and they were in the middle of a short session. The redistricting bill did not pass.

HB1001 - HOUSING MATTERS Provides the following are permitted uses that are approved without a hearing: (1) Single family dwellings and duplexes in residential zones. (2) An accessory dwelling unit within a single family dwelling. (3) Affordable housing on property purchased by a religious institution before January 1, 2025, in a residential or commercial zone. On 01/28/26 it was referred to Senate.

HB1210 – DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE Requires a municipal entity that hires or retains a municipal adviser to complete a competitive process at least once every two years to select the municipal adviser. Makes changes to the amount of supplemental wagering tax that the treasurer of state is required to pay to the riverboat operating in Gary. Changes reporting requirements by governing bodies to the DLGF regarding guaranteed savings contracts and energy efficient programs used by school corporations. Provides that the property tax rate for the levy imposed to be used for the replacement of fire protection territory equipment is considered part of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy and may not exceed \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed value. As of February 2, 2026, this is on it Third Reading for House Bills.

HB1333- LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT - Requires a development that is sited on land: (1) in an area zoned agricultural; and (2) comprised of certain capability classes of soils; to be a permitted use. Extends governmental immunity to a private entity or nonprofit entity that has executed certain agreements under the Indiana brownfields program. Provides that before a qualified data center user may use a specific transaction award certificate issued after June 30, 2026, to purchase qualified data center equipment eligible for the state gross retail tax exemption, the qualified data center user and a local unit that issues after June 30, 2026, a permit authorizing the development, construction, or operation of the qualified data center in the unit shall enter into a written agreement that includes a commitment by the qualified data center user to contribute to the local unit an amount equal to at least 1% of the amount of taxes that are not paid on each purchase of qualified data center equipment.

SB179 – INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Allows the Indiana department of transportation (department)

to assume the responsibilities and duties of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to certain federal environmental laws. Provides that the department waives its civil immunity and consents to the jurisdiction of

the federal courts for responsibilities and duties assumed under certain federal environmental laws. As of January 29, 2026, it was referred to the House Roads and Transportation.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2025, JOINT POLICY AND TECH COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Barnett asked for corrections to the minutes and heard none.

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

James Perron moved to approve the minutes from December 3, 2025

Ryan Wilhite second the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

There minutes were approved.

MOTION PASSES

4. **MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2025, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mayor Barnett asked for corrections to the minutes and heard none.

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

James Perron moved to approve the minutes from October 15, 2025

Ryan Wilhite second the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

There minutes were approved.

MOTION PASSES

5. **IMPO Executive Committee Election**

Anna Gremling opened the discussion for the 2026 IMPO Executive Committee Election for several positions. The positions are elected from the Transportation Policy Committee with seats allocated to the different government types that participate in the IMPO. There were (3) open seats which required voting. The first was for Mayor James Coffman, the mayor of Beech Grove which was formally held by Mayor Buckley. There were no opposing votes for Mayor James Coffman and approval was received for Mayor Coffman to join the Executive Committee. The next approval was for Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, who is a current Executive Committee member, to extend his membership for another 2 years. It was unanimous for Mark Heirbrandt to continue to serve. Finally, there was a vote for Ryan Cannon, Town Manager of Avon, who is currently on the Executive Committee, to extend his membership for another 2 years. There were no opposing votes and approval was received for Ryan Cannon to continue with the Executive Committee for another 2 years. These elected members will join the current members, who are Todd Wilson, Jen Pyrz, Mayor Mark Myers, Eric Wathen, Andrew Klinger, and Mayor Steve Barnett.

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

Luke Mastin moved approve the IMPO Executive Commission elections.

James Perron seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

The results from the elections were approved.

MOTION PASSES.

6. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT #3

Joti Martin provided an update on this matter. The MPO will be making an amendment to the Circle 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This amendment will include changes to the projects below within the overall MTP project list. The document public review period is from February 7-17, 2026. The final draft of the full document will be available for public hearing and Transportation Policy Committee review and consideration for approval at the today’s meeting. Comments received will be shared with the Committees. This amendment meets all requirements for transportation conformity. This includes Hamilton County, Marion County and Hendricks County.

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

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
Town of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve
	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

Matt Light moved to approve resolution 2026-IMPO-001
Jim Perron seconded the motion
 The resolution was approved.
 MOTION PASSES

7. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2026-2029

Anna Gremling provided an update on the Transportation Improvement Program. Before presenting it was noted that Cole Jackson was no longer with the IMPO, and the replacement will be starting on February 23, 2026. It was discussed the MPO received 13 INDOT amendments, stemming from Metropolitan Transportation Plan, (MTP), are considered regionally significant for their potential to affect air quality and require additional review steps before they are approved. The amendments will be offered for public review and comment from February 6 to February 17, 2026. Comments will also be welcomed in person during the February 18th public hearing during today’s meeting.

Mayor Barnett opened a public hearing for Resolution 2025-IMPO-002, heard no comments, and closed the public hearing.

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

Jim Perron moved to approve resolution 2026-IMPO-002
Matt Light seconded the motion
 The resolution was approved.
 MOTION PASSES

Mayor Barnett opened a public hearing for Resolution 2025-IMPO-003, heard no comments, and closed the public hearing.

Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve
Johnson County	Approve
Morgan County	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve

Member	Result
Town of Danville	Approve
City of Zionsville	Approve
Hendricks County	Approve
City of Greenfield	Approve

Member	Result
City of Carmel	Approve
City of Noblesville	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
CIRTA	Approve

Jim Perron moved to approve resolution 2026-IMPO-003
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion
 The resolution was approved.
 MOTION PASSES

STATUS REPORTS

8. **SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

Andrea Miller introduced the vendor, Daniel Malsom, who would be providing the update. Daniel Malsom is with Kimley-Horn and presented key factors of the Safety Action Plan. Dan notated the plan is just past the mid-point. The plan is being funded from the SS4A grant. There are required components including leadership commitment and planning analysis. This project will be wrapping up in August of this year. There will be an internal draft of the findings to the IMPO in June. The goal is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by 35% by 2040.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. **OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Anna Gremling stated the IMPO Certification will take place April 14th and April 15th. The certification is done every 4 years by the FHWA and the FTA. They will report corrective actions that are needed along with recognition for what is being done right.

ADJOURNMENT

James Perron moved to adjourn the February 18, 2026, Transportation Policy Committee meeting.
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A voice call was conducted.
 The February 18, 2026, Transportation Policy Committee meeting was adjourned.
 MOTION PASSES.