

Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
Minutes April 15, 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	Ryan Cannon		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	Carmen Young
	City of Carmel	Mike Hollibaugh	✓	Town of Zionsville	Lance Lantz
	Town of Cicero	Chad Amos	✓	IndyGo	Ryan Wilhite
	Town of Cumberland	Ben Lipps	✓	CIRTA	Jennifer Gebhard
✓	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	Laura Drascic – Indianapolis MPO
Sean Northup - Indianapolis MPO	Patrick Tamm – Ice Miller
Andrea Miller – Indianapolis MPO	Kate Zales - EMCS
Annie Dixon – Indianapolis MPO	Stacie Conner – VS Engineering
Kristyn Sanchez – Indianapolis MPO	Jason Koch – WSP
Jen Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO	Mark St. John – Indianapolis DPW
Jennifer Krull – Indianapolis MPO	Abbi Raven – Ice Miller
Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO	

1. WELCOME

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

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

2. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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

Member	Result	Member	Result	Member	Result
City of Beech Grove	Approve	Town of Danville	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Zionsville	Approve	City of Westfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve	Hendricks County	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve	Town of McCordsville	Approve	CIRTA	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve	Town of Avon	Approve	IndyGo	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve		

James Perron moved to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026.

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

The minutes were approved.

MOTION PASSES

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Kristyn Sanchez presented the proposed 2nd Qtr. Amendments to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments will be offered for public review and comments from April 3rd until April 13th. Comments welcomed in person during April 15, 2026, public hearing at the Transportation Policy Committee meeting, or at two virtual pre-hearings planned for April 13th. There were no comments received. The IMPO received 20 INDOT amendment requests and 23 local amendment requests. One local amendment affects the IMPO's annual allocation. The City of Indianapolis is proposing to reduce the scope of the County Line Rd project from Depot to Woodcreek and delay the project from SFY 2027 to 2028. The project is programmed as a widening project going from 2 to 5 lanes and now, they propose a reduced scope to make it a 3-lane section

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

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City of Beech Grove	Approve	Town of Danville	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Zionsville	Approve	City of Westfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve	Hendricks County	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve	Town of McCordsville	Approve	CIRTA	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve	Town of Avon	Approve	IndyGo	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve		

James Perron moved to approve Resolution 2026-IMPO-04.

Jennifer Gebhard second the motion. A voice vote was conducted.

Resolution 2026-IMPO-04 approved.

MOTION PASSES

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

Kristyn Sanchez presented the SFY 2029 Call for Projects recommendations. The recommended award list includes 18 projects from 9 local public agencies totaling \$76.2M in awarded funds for construction in SFY 2029. No comments or questions were received from the committee or public. Wilhite asked if the MPO tracks cost changes in projects for funds to capture any trends? Anna Gremling stated the projects have come in lower than the contracted amount. Sanchez stated there is a report that is run at the end of the year which captures this information.

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

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City of Beech Grove	Approve	Town of Danville	Approve	City of Noblesville	Approve
Hamilton County	Approve	Town of Zionsville	Approve	City of Westfield	Approve
City of Greenwood	Approve	Hendricks County	Approve	Town of Whitestown	Approve
Town of Plainfield	Approve	Town of McCordsville	Approve	CIRTA	Approve
City of Lawrence	Approve	Town of Avon	Approve	IndyGo	Approve
City of Franklin	Approve	City of Indianapolis	Approve		

James Perron moved to approve Resolution 2026-IMPO-05.

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

Resolution 2026-IMPO-05 approved.

MOTION PASSES

STATUS UPDATES

5. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – SCORING REVISION UPDATE

6. END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

Anna Gremling introduced Abbi Raban and Patrick Tamm with Ice Miller. They discussed the end of session recap for the committee. **HEA 1001 Housing Matters** was a House Republican priority bill aimed at bringing more housing to market in Indiana and help make it more affordable. As introduced, the bill would have created broad new preemptions around local authority to plan and zone housing projects to compel higher-density development strategies and lower costs for housing developers. It would have preempted density, setbacks, and parking ordinances that would have had a wide-ranging impact. HEA 1001 also included in its earlier form new restrictions on impact fees, which are used to defray the infrastructure costs associated with increased residential development in a community without raising taxes on citizens. **HEA 1200 BMV INDOT** will NOT need to report to the state budget committee on all change orders to existing contracts. Variable Speed Limits: prohibits INDOT from implementing variable speed limits or using electronic speed limit signs. The legal driving age changes driver's license from 16 years and 90 days to 16 years of age. CDL requirements- requires that for an individual to operate a commercial motor vehicle the individual to demonstrate sufficient proficiency of the English language. The final version of this bill was significantly scaled back, it removed the sections preempting local zoning authority and scaled back the restrictions on impact fees, replacing it with a requirement that each city, town, and county that exercises zoning control hold a public hearing by the end of 2026 to review their development ordinances. **HEA 1210 Department of Local Government Finance** is a large local government bill making changes to local units and their financial operations. Short-term Rentals - Ordinance Prohibition: prohibits a local unit from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, regulation, policy, or rule that prohibits a property owner from using the property as a rental property. Short Term Rental Definition: amends the definition of "short term rental" to specify that certain private,

owner-occupied businesses are excluded from that definition. Data Centers - Requires certain qualified data center users to enter into an agreement with local officials before the qualified data center user may use a specific transaction award certificate and requires that a qualified data center submit up to 1% of exempted sales tax on electricity bills. **SEA 179** INDOT NEPA Assignment: allows INDOT to assume the responsibilities and duties of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to certain federal environmental laws. INDOT expects this will save time on environmental studies by not having to use the Federal Government for the approval process. Wheel Tax: prohibits the stacking of the wheel tax for counties/municipalities. Single Trip Overweight Truck Permits: provides that a single trip overweight truck permit is valid for only 5 days from the date it is issued. Prior law did not state a specific time limit. **SEA 285 Housing Matters** prohibits “street camping.” The legislation prohibits an individual from camping, sleeping, or using for long term shelter land owned by the state or a political subdivision, unless the land has been authorized for that use by law. It requires law enforcement who discovers a person unlawfully using the land for unlawful camping, sleeping, or long-term shelter, to determine if there are reasonable grounds for an emergency detention of the person, and, if reasonable grounds exist, to proceed under the emergency detention procedure and not the criminal law.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. **BASICS ACT**

8. **IMPO CERTIFICATION UPDATE**

9. **FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION**

10. **BIG CHECKS**

11. **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.