

## **URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Minutes: April 1, 2025**

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 220, Citizens Square, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The following attended the meeting in person:

Members (voting):

- Member Shan Gunawardena-Chair
- Member William Hartman-Vice Chair
- Member Therese Brown
- Member Mike Fruchey
- Member Matt Yarian for Jason Kaiser
- Member Patrick Rorick
- Member Hannah Walker
- Member Patrick Zaharako

The following attended the meeting virtually via Teams:

- Member Rick Kruchten

The following were not present:

- Member Chris Beebe
- Member Lindsey Hammond
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Paul Spoelhof

- Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)
- Member La’Kesha Stewart (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director, Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner and Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant. Tim Ehlerding, Mason Gamble, Donya Larue, Wendy Reust, Eli Samaan, Steve Walls and Tinisha Weigelt were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of March 4, 2025 minutes. Mr. Hartman moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Rorick gave the progress report for Citilink. The Bus Barn Roof project is in progress and nearly complete. The Underground Fuel Storage Replacement project is in the environmental review process. Citilink is working to obligate funds for the 12 hybrid buses with low/no emissions grant funds. Three new access buses will be received this month. Citilink has three hybrid buses on order. They are anticipated to be received in February 2026.

Mr. Yarian gave the progress report for INDOT. Contract B-45634 for the Bridge Deck Overlay on Lower Huntington Road over I-69 was awarded March 12, 2025 to E & B Paving, LLC. The contract letting date for Contract R-41079 for US 30 projects was moved from April 2025 to May 2025. The Bridge Thin Deck Overlay on the I-69 northbound over Cedar Creek was moved from contract B-43816 to contract B-43794. The contract letting date for contract B-43850 that includes several pipe-lining projects along I-69 and I-469 was moved from March 2026 to February 2026. Contract B-44530 for the Bridge Deck Overlay project on SR 1 over Cedar Creek was added to the list and has a contract letting date of October 2026.

Mr. Zaharako gave the progress report for the City of Fort Wayne. A kick-off will be held later this month for the Ardmore Avenue project. The Tillman Road bridge project is working towards 60% design and the geotechnical work has been completed. The 30% plans are under review for the North Clinton Road project. Right of way work continues with the Hillegas Road project and it is anticipated the project will be bid this fall. The design work is nearly complete for the Goeglein Road project. The Bluffton Road Bridge is under construction.

Mr. Hartman gave the progress report for Allen County Highway. The utilities have been relocated for the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project. PE is at 85% and RW is at 40% for the Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project. PE is at 60% for the Cuba Road Bridge #24 project. A notice to proceed for right of way was issued for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51 project and PE is at 60%. The signal at Clay Street is complete and the Grabill Road Bridge is closed. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2025 for the Fogwell Parkway project. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025 for the Antwerp Road Bridge #15 project. Tree clearing is completed for the Amber Road Bridge #226 project. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025 for the Slusher Road Bridge #141 project.

Ms. Walker gave the progress report for Hometown. The Carroll Road reconstruction project is in the final stages. The RFP for construction engineering for the Carroll Road roundabout project have been scored and submitted to INDOT. The Kell Road Bridge project is underway.

Mr. Kruchten gave the progress report for the City of New Haven. There are no updates to the Rose Avenue and Linden Road roundabout and South Maplecrest Road Phase I project. After further investigation the bridge over the Trier Ditch will need a full replacement. The bridge is part of the South Maplecrest Road Phase II project.

There was no progress report for the airport.

The first item of new business was the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment presented by Mr. Avery. There are two projects that need to be amended

into the 2045 Transportation Plan. The first project is the grade separation project on Airport Expressway over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The second project is a grade separation study on Scott Road over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Ms. Brown moved to approve the amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Documentation as submitted. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of new business was the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan presented by Mr. Avery. Mr. Avery asked that this be moved to the May UTAB meeting. After discussions with INDOT Central Office it was discovered that a final listing of projects needs to return to its original form. Mr. Zaharako made a motion to move the approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan to the May 2025 UTAB meeting. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of new business was the Intersection Studies presented by Mr. Bradtmiller. The performance of 13 intersections was evaluated. Eight intersections were signalized and five were un-signalized. The Clinton Street (US 27)/State Boulevard (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS (level of service) of D. The Spy Run Avenue (US 27)/State Boulevard (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS of D. The Clinton Street/Mayhew Road (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS of E. The Clinton Street/Tonkel Road/Dupont Road (SR 1) (AM) intersection is operating at a LOS of E. The Fairfield Avenue/Washington Boulevard intersection is operating at a LOS of B. The Homestead Road/Homestead High School (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS of F. The Minnich Road/SR 930 (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS of C. The Dawkins Road/Minnich Road (AM) intersection is operating at a LOS of A for eastbound and westbound and a LOS of B for northbound. The Gateway Boulevard/Minnich Road (AM) intersection is operating at a LOS of B for westbound and A for northbound and southbound. All way stop warrants were run for the Gateway Boulevard/Minnich Road intersection and it does not meet warrants. The Minnich Road/Moeller Road (AM) intersection is operating at a LOS of B for eastbound and westbound and a LOS of A for northbound and southbound. The Minnich Road/Seiler Road (AM) intersection is operating at a LOS of B for the eastbound and a LOS of A for the northbound and southbound. The Butler Road/Haeman Road/Leesburg Road (PM) intersection is operating at a LOS of A for eastbound and westbound and a LOS of C for northbound and southbound. Signal and all way stop warrants were run on this intersection. The intersection did not meet signal warrants but did meet all way stop warrants. The Maplecrest Road/Trier Road intersection is operating at a LOS of C.

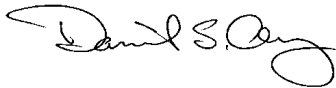
The next item of new business was the Road Funding Update presented by Mr. Avery. House Bill 1085 did not make it out of the committee. Mr. Avery gave an update on House Bill 1390 and House Bill 1461. House Bill 1390 passed out of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation and has been reassigned to the Committee on Appropriations. House Bill 1461 passed out of the Senate Committee

on Homeland Security and Transportation with amendments to the Community Crossing Matching Grant Program. It was reassigned to the Committee on Appropriations.

The last item of new business was the TIP Amendment presented by Mr. Avery. There were three TIP Amendments including the grade separation project and grade separation study discussed earlier in the meeting. The other amendment is a conflict warning system at various locations. Ms. Brown moved to approve the TIP Amendments as submitted. Mr. Fruchey seconded the motion and it carried.

At this point, Mr. Gunawardena asked for public comment. Mr. Samaan expressed concern about the amount of traffic on Mayhew Road.

There being no further business, Mr. Gunawardena adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "A".

Daniel S. Avery, Executive Director - Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council