

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes: April 7, 2026

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 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 Chris Beebe
- Member Mike Fruchey
- Member Dana Plattner
- Member Patrick Rorick
- Member Paul Spoelhof
- Member Patrick Zaharako

The following attended the meeting virtually via Teams:

- Member Rick Kruchten
- Member Hannah Walker

The following were not present:

- Member Therese Brown
- Member Lindsey Hammond
- Member Scott Hinderman

- Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)
- Member Erica Tait (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director; Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner; Ian Lese; Principal Planner, Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant and Matt Peters; Principal Planner. Nicole Black, Logan Gonya, Landon Grogg, Donya Larue, David Lutz, Chad Salzbrenner, Wendy Reust and Kyle Winling were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of the March 3, 2026, minutes. Mr. Hartman moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Spoelhof seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Rorick gave the progress report for Citilink. Two of the three hybrid buses ordered have been delivered. The grant funding the Underground Storage Tank project has been obligated. Citilink's Board has authorized the 5310 award allocations to submit in this upcoming cycle.

Mr. Zaharako gave the progress report for the City of Fort Wayne. PE is 10% for the Ardmore Avenue project, and 30% plans have been submitted. PE is 80% for the Tillman Road Bridge #550 project. The revised ROW plans have been received, and the land acquisition process has started. PE is 37% for the North Clinton Road project. American Structurepoint is working on storm sewer layout and early acquisition. PE is 90% and ROW is 100% for the Hillegas Road project. Currently, waiting for FHWA comments and NEPA approval. PE is 20% for the Bluffton Road/St. Mary's Riverbank PROTECT project. The environmental document and 30% plans are in progress. PE is 35% for the Broadway & Taylor Corridors SS4A project. The 30% plans have been reviewed and work is continuing on the drainage design. PE is 15% for the Southeast Corridors Planning & Design RAISE project. Lochmueller Group has completed the background study and public engagement will start this spring. PE is 55% for the Airport Expressway Railroad Crossing Elimination project. EGIS is working on the environmental document and 60% plans. The Bluffton Road Bridge #358 project is expected to be completed by June 2026. The Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project is expected to be completed in May 2026.

Mr. Hartman gave the progress report for Allen County Highway. PE is 100% for the Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project and utilities are currently being relocated. The letting date for the Hamilton Road Bridge #242 and Van Zile Road Bridge #32 projects has been moved to January 18, 2029. An internal stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026, for the C.R.O.S.S Scott Road Railroad Crossing project. Lower Huntington Road will need to be closed for the Fogwell Parkway project. The deck has been poured for the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project.

Mr. Plattner gave the progress report for INDOT. The letting date for contract T-44557 for Traffic Signals Modernization at various locations has been moved from March 10, 2027, to January 13, 2027. The letting date for contract R-44528 for Shoulder Rehabilitation, HMA Overlay, and Intersection Improvement project on SR 37 has been moved from September 2, 2026, to February 10, 2027.

Ms. Walker gave the progress report for Huntertown. The Kell Road Bridge project had to go through the winterization process and in February the bridge was inspected. The construction inspection team found some superficial cracks across the surface. They are working with INDOT to schedule an inspection. The Carroll Road Roundabout project is on schedule to be let in 2027.

Mr. Kruchten gave the progress report for the City of New Haven. Stage 3 plans for the Rose Avenue and Linden Road Roundabout project are expected to be delivered in the next few weeks. The South Maplecrest Road project has been broken into three phases. A contract for land acquisition was approved. Twenty-seven parcels need to be acquired.

There was no progress report for the Fort Wayne International Airport.

The first item of new business was the 2045 Transportation Plan Amendment – Air Quality Transportation Conformity Document presented by Mr. Avery. The Mayhew Road/St. Joe Road project from Clinton Street to Maplecrest Road needs to be amended into the 2045 Transportation Plan. The public comment period for this amendment was March 16, 2026, to April 2, 2026, and one public comment was received. The project will include added travel lanes, pedestrian facilities, and a bridge over the St. Joseph River. It will also include improvements at the Mayhew Road/Clinton Street intersection, Mayhew Road/St. Joe Road intersection, and St. Joe Road/Maplecrest Road intersection. The Air Quality Transportation Conformity Document was completed since this is a non-exempt project. Mr. Hartman moved that the 2045 Transportation Plan Amendment and Air Quality Transportation Conformity Document be approved. Mr. Beebe seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of new business was the St. Joe Road Corridor Study presented by Mr. Bradtmiller. The study of St. Joe Road corridor, from Mayhew Road to Schwartz Road, was initiated by NIRCC in FY25. The main purpose of a corridor and impact analysis is to evaluate traffic impacts of future developments on an existing corridor. Scenario 1: Existing traffic volumes, Scenario 2: Existing volumes + traffic generated by the proposed developments (Phase I), Scenario 3: Existing volumes + traffic generated by the proposed developments in Phase I + traffic generated by the areas with a potential for development (Phase II). There are three developments projected in Phase I and eleven in Phase II. The average annual growth rate was estimated to be 1.5% along the corridor for phase I and 1% for phase II. Mr. Bradtmiller went over the LOS (level of service) at each of the intersections for existing, Phase I existing lanes, Phase I modified lanes, Phase II – Phase I modified lanes. The intersections included St. Joe Road/Mayhew Road, St. Joe Road/Maplecrest Road, St. Joe/Eby Road, St. Joe Road/Notestine Road, St. Joe Road/Wheelock Road, St. Joe Road/Halter Road, and St. Joe Road/Schwartz Road. The following recommended improvements are listed below based on the Phase II traffic flow projections: 1) The St. Joe Road/Mayhew Road intersection improvement; install a roundabout. 2) The St. Joe Road/Maplecrest Road intersection improvement; add a southbound exclusive right turn lane. 3) The St. Joe Road/Eby Road intersection improvement; no recommendations at this time. 4) The St. Joe Road/Notestine Road intersection improvement; no recommendations at this time. 5) The St. Joe Road/Wheelock Road intersection improvement; no recommendations at this time. 6) The St. Joe Road/Halter Road intersection improvement; add an exclusive southbound left turn lane. 7) The St. Joe Road/Schwartz Road intersection improvement; install a roundabout

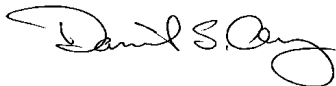
The next item of new business was Trail Plan Update presented by Mr. Peters. Last September/October, representatives from the Allen County Commissioners, Allen County Highway Department, Department of Planning Services, Fort Wayne (Dawn), Fort Wayne Trails, and NIRCC met to discuss how to facilitate trail development in Allen County. The group agreed that the first step was to refine the trail network and

define more precise alignments. Over the last 6 months, Matt Peters, Dawn Ritchie, and Kent Castleman have been meeting with the cities and towns in Allen County, and with Allen County Highway. They reviewed the trail network and identified specific locations, which side of the road should be a trail, and which side should have a sidewalk. Mr. Peters showed a couple of maps depicting the refinements, and what has been modified.

The last item of new business was the TIP Amendments presented by Mr. Avery. There were six amendments. Three of the amendments were new exempt projects. These new projects were the Monroeville Road Bridge #295 project, the Homestead Road project, and the Tile Mill Road & Brobst Road project. Three of the amendments were new non-exempt projects. These projects include the Hillegas Road project, the Mayhew Road/St. Joe Road project, and the Smith Road Realignment project. Mr. Hartman moved to approve the TIP Amendments as submitted. Mr. Zaharako seconded the motion and it carried.

At this point, Mr. Gunawardena asked for public comment. There were no comments.

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".

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