

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes: May 12, 2026**

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Wendy Reust for Therese Brown
- Member Emily Grabill for Mike Fruchey
- Member Dana Plattner
- Member Paul Spoelhof
- Member Patrick Zaharako

The following attended the meeting virtually via Teams:

The following were not present:

- Member Lindsey Hammond
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Rick Kruchten
- Member Patrick Rorick
- Member Hannah Walker

Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)

Member Erica Tait (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director; Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner; Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant and Stephen Senior; Associate Planner. Tim Elherding, Angela Erpelding, Logan Gonya, Jarrod Humbarger, Jason Kaiser, Phil LaBrash, Donya Larue, Mario Trevino, and Kyle Winling were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of the April 7, 2026, minutes. Mr. Hartman moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Spoelhof seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Plattner gave the progress report for INDOT. There are no changes since the last meeting.

Mr. Hartman gave the progress report for Allen County Highway. The RFC documents have been submitted for the Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project. The construction funding for the Hamilton Road Bridge #242 and Van Zile Road Bridge #32 projects has been moved to FY29 due to the CE-4 approval. RW is 50% for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51 project. PE is 30% for the Corbin Road-Union Chapel Roundabout. Final plans have been submitted to INDOT for the Un-Signalized Intersection Sign & Marking Visibility Improvement project. An internal stakeholder meeting was held on April 23, 2026, for the C.R.O.S.S Scott Road Railroad Crossing project. PE and RW services were awarded to USI for the Homestead Road Bridge #224 project. PE and RW services were awarded to American Structurepoint for the Monroeville Road Bridge #295 project. The Lower Huntington Road paving is complete, and MOT switching traffic to the southbound lanes will happen soon for the Fogwell Parkway project. The approach pavement has been removed, and the contractor will be starting to prepare the subgrade for the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project.

Mr. Zaharako gave the progress report for the City of Fort Wayne. PE is 35% for the Ardmore Avenue project, and 30% plans have been submitted. PE is 90% for the Tillman Road Bridge #550 project and land acquisition is in process. EGIS is working on the final plans. PE is 40% for the North Clinton Road project. American Structurepoint is working on storm sewer layout and early acquisition. PE is 92% and RW is 100% for the Hillegas Road project. Currently, waiting for FHWA comments. PE is 25% 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 25% for the Southeast Corridors Planning & Design RAISE project. Lochmueller Group has completed the background study and public engagement will start this spring. PE is 57% 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 fully open to traffic. The Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project has been reopened and working on punchlist items.

There are no new updates to the progress report for Citilink.

There were no new updates to the progress report for the City of New Haven.

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

There was no progress report for Hometown.

The first item of new business was the Department of Planning Services – 2025 Annual Report presented by Mr. Beebe. The complete report is available on the Department of Planning Services website. Planning Services serves six separate

jurisdictions including unincorporated Allen County, City of Fort Wayne, Town of Huntertown, City of Woodburn, Town of Monroeville, and the Town of Grabill. Mr. Beebe went over the number of permits, compliances, petitions and public outreach events. The amendments that were made to the Zoning Ordinances in 2025 were discussed. Mr. Beebe went over the number of Allen County and City of Fort Wayne new petitions and public hearing petitions. There were 602 new single-family lots in subdivisions approved, 750 new multi-family units approved, 124 zero lot line recorded, and 14 downtown design review committee projects in 2025. Mr. Beebe went over the Board of Zoning Appeals petitions. The number of sign permits, single-and-two family dwelling permits, fence permits, and improvement location permits were discussed. A heat map of the single-and two-family residential permits, multi-family unit permits, and commercial, industrial unit permits were shown.

The next item of new business was Travel Time Studies presented by Mr. Senior. The Sherman Boulevard/Van Buren Street Corridor and the Ardmore Avenue/Ferguson Road Corridor were the two travel time studies completed by NIRCC in FY 26. The original travel time studies were done in 2009 and compared with 2026. Mr. Senior went over the AM peak, Off peak, and PM peak differences.

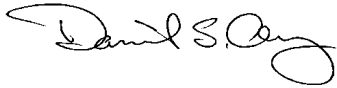
The next item of new business was Intersection Analysis presented by Mr. Bradtmiller. The performance of 14 intersections was evaluated. Seven of the intersections were signalized and seven were un-signalized. The seven signalized intersections include Bass Road/Hillegas Road (PM), Berry Street/Ewing Street (AM), Broadway Street/Lincoln Highway (AM), Coliseum Boulevard/Hillegas Road (PM), Ewing Street/Wayne Street (AM), Hillegas Road/Illinois Road (PM), and Hillegas Road/Independence Drive (PM). The seven un-signalized intersections include Arcola Road/Eme Road (PM), Bass Road/Eme Road (AM), Clinton Street/Jacobs Creek Run (AM), Clinton Street/Meadows Park Way (AM), Clinton Street/Riveroak Drive (PM), Dawkins Road/Ryan Road (PM) and Progress Road/Value Drive (PM). All the signalized intersections were operating at an acceptable LOS. Signal warrants were run for the Clinton Street/Jacobs Creek Run intersection and they were not met. Signal warrants were run for the Clinton Street/Meadow Park Way intersection and they were not met. Signal warrants were run for the Clinton Street/Riveroak Drive intersection and they were not met. Signal warrants were run Progress Road/Value Drive intersection and they were met. Signal and all way warrants were run for the Dawkins Road/Ryan Road intersection and both were met.

The next item of new business was the Gas Tax Discussion presented by Mr. Avery. The gas use tax is 7% and gas excise tax is 36 cents per gallon. The Governor suspended the gas use tax on April 8 until June 7 and the gas excise tax from May 6 to June 7. Mr. Avery went over the gas tax and gas excise tax revenue distribution and the reduction in revenue due to the suspension.

The last item of new business was a TIP Amendment presented by Mr. Avery. The amendment is for a new project for a median U-turn at US 30 and Webster Road. Mr. Hartman moved to approve the TIP Amendment as submitted. Mr. Plattner 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 loop at the end.

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