

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: October 7, 2025

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, October 7 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 Therese Brown
- Member Mike Fruchey
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Dana Plattner
- 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 Lindsey Hammond
- Member Paul Spoelhof

- Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)

- Member Erica Tait (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director, Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner, Matt Vondran, Senior Planner and Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant. Casey Claypool, Tim Elherding, Mason Gamble, Logan Gonya, Phil LaBrash, Donya Larue, Wendy Reust, and Kyle Winling were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of September 2, 2025, minutes. Ms. Brown moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Zaharako seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Rorick gave the progress report for Citilink. Citilink posted an RFP for paratransit and microtransit services to be privatized. The RFPs were reviewed and Citilink is in contract negotiations. Obligation of funds and execution of three grant projects are underway including the 5310 Program Administration, hybrid buses and training, and operating assistance and preventative maintenance. Two grants are

awaiting obligation of funds from the FTA including removing and replacing the underground storage tanks and section 5310 Operating Assistance. The 2026 budget was approved by Citilink's Board of Directors and will be going to Fort Wayne City Council on October 14, 2025.

Mr. Zaharako gave the progress report for the City of Fort Wayne. Concepts and geometrics were reviewed and an alignment was decided for the Ardmore Avenue project. PE is 5%. The construction estimate is 2.5 million for the Tillman Road Bridge #550 project. EGIS has provided ROW plans and awaiting BIP grant application results. The field review is completed for the North Clinton Road project. PE is 33%. ROW services are complete for the Hillegas Road project and working towards NEPA approval. PE is 90% and RW is 100%. The Bluffton Road Bridge #358 is scheduled to be completed in August 2026. The letting date for the Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project was on August 6, 2025, and was awarded to Duncan Robertson.

Mr. Hartman gave the progress report for Allen County Highway. RW is 100% for the Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project. The letting date for the Coverdale Road-Indianapolis Road-Winters Road Intersection project is scheduled for July 14, 2027, and funding is moved to FY2028. EGIS was selected for CE. PE is 75% and RW is 5% for the Cuba Road Bridge #24 project. PE is 75% and RW is 5% for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51 project. PE is 30% for the Ferguson Road Bridge #404 project. PE is 10% for the Corbin Road-Union Chapel Road Roundabout project. PE is 80% for the Countywide Sign Inventory project. PE is 50% for the Un-Signalized Intersection Signs and Marking Visibility Improvement project. Michael Baker International was selected for the study for the C.R.O.S.S Scott Road Railroad Crossing. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 29, 2025, for the Bass Road Phase 3B and 3C project. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 31, 2025, for the Grabill Road Bridge #29 project. The Grabill Road bridge opened on October 3, 2023. The overall estimated project cost increased by \$8,263.25 for the Antwerp Road Bridge #15 project and a final walk through will be on October 22, 2025. The letting date for the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project is September 10, 2025. The project came in \$634,323 under the construction estimate. The Slusher Road bridge was reopened on October 6, 2025.

Ms. Walker gave the progress report for Huntertown. The Town is working on the notice of termination for the Carroll Road Reconstruction project. All the punch list items are complete. The Carroll Road Roundabout project is awaiting environmental review. The letting date has been moved to March 2026.

Mr. Hinderman gave the progress report for the Fort Wayne International Airport. The terminal project is ongoing. The business park at the intersection of Ardmore Avenue and Airport Expressway will be completed this year. The 6.5 million ramp project on the west side of the airfield should be completed by the end of this year. The reconfiguration of the exit road is going well and once complete the parking lot will be expanded.

Mr. Plattner gave the progress report for INDOT. Contract B-43798, a SR 930 project, was awarded to E & B Paving, LLC on September 18, 2025. The bid came in approximately 2 million dollars below the engineer's estimate. Contract T-43851 was added to the list. It is a Raised Pavement Markings project and will have a letting date of March 2026. Contract T-43855 was added to the list. It is a Safety Revisions project and will have an April 2026 letting date. Contract T-44553 was added to the list. It is a Raised Pavement Markings project and will have a letting date of February 2027. Contract T-44557 was added to the list. It is a Traffic Signal Modernization project and will have a March 2027 letting date. Contract T-44560 was added to the list. It is an Other Intersection Improvement project and will have a March 2027 letting date. Contract T-45407 was added to the list. It is a Safety Revisions project and will have a March 2027 letting date. The newly added projects will be at various locations within the Fort Wayne District. Mr. Gunawardena asked for all federally funds projects to be included on the list. Mr. Plattner said the current list has projects in the 18-month letting list and he will add all the federal aid projects.

Mr. Kruchten gave the progress report for the City of New Haven. There have been no new updates since last month's meeting.

The first item of new business was the Statewide Safety Targets for 2026 presented by Mr. Avery. The State is required to set targets for five safety measures including the 5-year average of fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The State Safety Performance Data for 2019-2024 was presented. Mr. Avery went over the 2024 crash data for Allen County. The 2026 targets set by the State are fatalities 794.7 (5-year average), fatality rate .9918 (5-year average), serious injuries 2965.5 (5-year average), serious injury rate 3.702 (5-year average), and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries 462.96 (5-year average). Mr. Zaharako asked if there was a penalty for not meeting the targets. Mr. Avery responded that money would need to be spent on safety projects instead of other projects. Ms. Brown moved to adopt the 2026 Statewide Safety Targets set by the State. Mr. Hinderman seconded the motion and it carried.

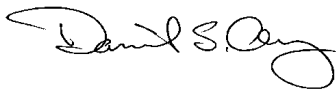
The next item of new business was the Citilink Airlink On-Demand Service presented by Ms. Claypool. A map of Citilink's fixed routes and the zone selected for the on-demand service was shown. The zone is in the southern portion of the county and has no access to public transportation. The zone includes many businesses including General Motors, Amazon, Wayne High School, Fort Wayne International Airport, Fort Wayne Metals and BAE. On-Demand Service will pick up the rider from where they are and take them to their destination. The on-demand zone will have connections with Citilink's existing fixed route system. The on-demand service will benefit riders and the community. It is estimated that the on-demand service will result in 13,792 rides annually. Results from an ETC Institute 2025 survey show community support for the additional funding of public transportation and the top

areas for expansion. Ms. Claypool went over the major impacts of the on-demand service.

The last item of new business was the TIP Amendment presented by Mr. Avery. There were 15 TIP amendments to be approved. One amendment was for the Citilink On-Demand Transit Service and 14 amendments were INDOT projects. Ms. Brown 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 stylized "A".

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