

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes: November 4, 2025

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, November 4 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 Wendy Reust for Therese Brown
- Member Emily Grabill for Mike Fruchey
- Member Rick Kruchten
- Member Dana Plattner
- Member Patrick Rorick
- Member Hannah Walker
- Member Patrick Zaharako

The following attended the meeting virtually via Teams:

The following were not present:

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

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

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director, Stephen Senior, Associate Planner, and Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant. Tim Elherding, Mason Gamble, Logan Gonya, Phil LaBrash, and Tinisha Weigelt were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of October 7, 2025, minutes. Mr. Hartman moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Zaharako seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Kruchten gave the progress report for the City of New Haven. Stage 2 plans for the Rose and Linden Road Roundabout project are due on November 5, 2025. The City of New Haven, DLZ and Mr. Avery will be meeting on November 10, 2025 regarding the increase in the engineer's estimate for the South Maplecrest Road project.

Mr. Rorick gave the progress report for Citilink. Collective bargaining has been completed and membership has been ratified for the Paratransit and Microtransit RFP. Citilink is finalizing the contract with Tidewater Transit, LLC to bring to Citilink's Board for approval at the November 2025 meeting.

Mr. Zaharako gave the progress report for the City of Fort Wayne. There have been very few changes since the last UTAB meeting. The city is still waiting to hear if they will receive a grant for the Tillman Road project. A public meeting will be held November 12, 2025, for the North Clinton Road project. The city is waiting for NEPA comments from INDOT for the Hillegas Road project. The deck was poured for Bluffton Road Bridge project on October 22, 2025. A lane of travel in each direction will be open on November 5, 2025. A pre-con meeting was held for the Goeglein Road Bridge project. It is anticipated the project will start on December 1, 2025 and be completed in April 2026. The Geoglein Road Bridge will be closed during construction.

Mr. Hartman gave the progress report for Allen County Highway. Right-of-way (RW) is complete for the Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project. PE is 25% for the Cuba Road Bridge #24 project. PE is 25% for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51 project. PE is 15% for the Corbin Road Union Chapel Roundabout project. A ribbon cutting was held on October 29, 2025, for the Bass Road Phase 3B & 3C project. A ribbon cutting was held on October 31, 2025, for the Grabill Road Bridge #29 project. Phase 2 of the Fogwell Parkway project will be completed by Thanksgiving 2025. The NTP has been issued for the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project and waiting for a pre-con meeting to be scheduled.

Mr. Plattner gave the progress report for INDOT. As requested by Mr. Gunawardena at the last UTAB meeting, the list will include projects beyond the 18-month letting date. Contract B-45073, a bridge replacement on Hursh Road over I-69, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 14, 2027. Contract R-45364, for auxiliary passing lanes on US 33, was added to the list and has a letting date of August 11, 2027. Contract R-45149, a small structure replacement project on I-469 ramp, was added to the list and has a letting date of September 15, 2027. Contract R-45091, a small structure replacement project on SR 101, was added to the list and has a letting date of December 8, 2027. Contract T-45103, an intersection improvement project at various locations, was added to the list and has a letting date of April 5, 2028. Contract T-45105, traffic signal modernization at various locations, was added to the list and has a letting date of April 5, 2028. Contract R-44331, new bridge construction at US 30/Leesburg/ Felger Road, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 12, 2028. Contract R-44331, an intersection improvement project at US 30/Solon Road was added to the list and has a letting date of July 12, 2028. Contract R-44331, a new interchange project at US 30/Butt Road was added to the list and has a letting date of July 12, 2028. Contract R-44331, an intersection improvement project at US 30/County Line Road, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 12, 2028.

Contract R-46118, a bike/pedestrian facilities project on SR 3, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 12, 2028. Contract R-45084, an intersection improvement project with added turn lanes on SR 930 at Clinton Street, was added to the list and has a letting date of September 13, 2028. Contract R-45084, a bike/pedestrian facilities project on SR 930, was added to the list and has a letting date of September 13, 2028. Contract R-45084, a new bridge project on SR 930 over the Trier Ditch, was added to the list and has a letting date of September 13, 2028. Contract R-45832, an intersection improvement project on US 27 at Hanna and John Street, was added to the list and has a letting date of September 13, 2028. Contract R-45833, an intersection improvement/roundabout project at US 27 and McKinnie Street, was added to the list and has a letting date of December 13, 2028. Contract R-45835, a bike/pedestrian facilities project on SR 930 from Goshen Road to Lima Road, was added to the list and has a letting date of January 18, 2029. Contract B-43816, a superstructure replacement project on I-469, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 11, 2029. Contract R-44542, an auxiliary lanes project on SR 3, was added to the list and has a letting date of July 11, 2029. Contract R-46331, an HMA overlay minor structural project on I-69 was added to the list and has a letting date of July 11, 2029. Contract B-46365, a small structure replacement project on US 27 over the St. Mary's River, was added to the list and has a letting date of October 11, 2029. Contract R-46334, a pavement replacement project on I-469, was added to the list and has a letting date of October 11, 2029. Contract R-45074, an HMA overlay minor structural project on US 33, was added to the list and has a letting date of January 16, 2030. Contract R-46352, an intersection improvement project on US 27, was added to the list and has a letting date of January 16, 2030. Contract R-46425, an access control project on I-69 at Lower Huntington/Airport Expressway, was added to the list and has a letting date of August 14, 2030.

Ms. Walker gave the progress report for Huntertown. A NOT (notice of termination) was issued for the Carroll Road project. The letting date for the Carroll Road Roundabout has been moved to March 2026.

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

The first item of new business was the 2025 Participation Plan presented by Mr. Avery. The Participation Plan Draft was put out for review and public comment from September 8, 2025 to October 24, 2025. The FHWA provided approximately 15 comments. The primary goals of the Participation Plan are for interested parties to understand the planning process, how to comment and influence decisions, provide access to transportation information and analyses, review visual tools and documents, and receive feedback regarding questions and concerns. The outreach methods include policy board and committee meetings, transportation planning newsletter and the Annual Summary Report, information sharing and website, open houses, public meetings/hearings, workshops and planning charrettes and emails. The Participation Plan must address special outreach efforts to populations that

potentially have lacked traditional access to the planning process. The following plans and programs require public participation; Participation Plan, Coordinated Public-Human Services Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Analysis. Mr. Avery went over the Limited English Proficiency Plan. Mr. Zaharako moved to adopt the 2025 Participation Plan. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of new business was the Air Quality Update presented by Mr. Avery. There were seven Air Quality Action days in 2025 primarily due to the wildfires. Ozone standards and Particulate Matter standards were present. Attainment for the ozone standard is determined by averaging the 4th highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone value over a three-year period. Attainment for the particulate matter standards is determined by evaluating the average of the annual weighted arithmetic mean PM_{2.5} concentrations over a three-year period, which must be less than or equal to 9.0 µg/m³. The 4th highest and critical ozone values from 2014 to 2025 were presented. The annual mean and critical PM 2.5 values from 2014 to 2025 were presented. The 2026 critical values that would push Allen County into nonattainment were shown.

The last item of new business was the TIP Amendment presented by Mr. Avery. There were seven INDOT amendments. 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.



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