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AGENDA
COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CAMPO) POLICY BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AT 1:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL,
123 WASHINGTON STREET, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS

MINUTES

A. Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Meeting

REPORTS

B. Project Updates – County / City Engineers

C. MPO Manager's Report / TIP Changes Reports (Modifications & Emergency Votes)

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

None

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

D. Adoption of 2026 Meeting Schedule

E. Resolution 2026-01: 2026 Safety Targets – *Review and adoption of INDOT's 2026 safety targets for performance measures.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

F. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – *Project update and feedback from public.*

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING – May 11th @ 1:30pm

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. If you should require any additional accommodation, contact the Planning Department prior to the day of the meeting.

CAMPO MEMBERSHIP (Provided in compliance with Indiana Code Section 5-14-9)

Appointed By/ Representing:	*Current Member:*	*Term:*
Columbus Mayor	*Mary Ferdon*	*Consistent with Mayor Term*
Columbus City Council	*Tom Dell*	*Consistent with City Council Term*
Columbus Plan Commission	*Dennis Baute*	*Consistent with Plan Commission Term*
Bartholomew County Council	*Kim Bennett*	*Consistent with County Council Term*
Bartholomew County Commissioners	*Tony London*	*Consistent with County Commissioners Term*
Bartholomew County Plan Commission	*Tom Finke*	*Consistent with Plan Commission Term*
INDOT Seymour District	*Becky Packer*	*Part of INDOT Position*
Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting)	*Paige Story / Erica Tait*	*Part of FHWA Position*
Federal Transit Administration (Non-Voting)	*Cecilia Crenshaw*	*Part of FTA Position*

MINUTES
COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CAMPO)
POLICY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COLUMBUS CITY HALL
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

Members Present:
Tom Finke, Chair (Barth. County Plan Commission)
Dennis Baute, (City of Columbus Plan Commission)
Tom Dell (City of Columbus City Council)
Tony London (Barth. County Commissioners)
Kim Bennett (Barth. County Council)
Becky Packer (INDOT)
Absent-Mary Ferdon (Mayor of Columbus)

Staff Present:
Ashley Beckort (CAMPO Manager)
Danny Hollander (County Engineer)
Andrew Beckort (City Engineer)
Austin Whitted (Attorney)
Jeff Bergman (Planning Director)

Mr. Finke opened the meeting with the roll call.

MINUTES
Mr. Finke called for any additions, corrections, or a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12th 2025 meeting. Mr. London moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dell and carried by a vote of 6-0.

REPORTS
Project Update: County Engineer – Mr. Hollander reported that everything is progressing on Lowell Bridge and the intersection project.

Project Update: City Engineer – Mr. Beckort reported that the emergency preemption project was signed by INDOT and is ready for bid in February. The Talley Road project has 22 appraisals complete of the 27 parcels for right-of-way acquisition. Mr. London inquired what occurs if a neighbor does not want to sell. Mr. Beckort explained there is a condemnation process that runs through the courts.

MPO Manager's Report – Ms. Beckort reported that the MTP is due for the 5-year updated and Kimley Horn and Associates was selected as the consultant. The contract went to Board of Works last week for final signatures. CAMPO staff will be meeting with the consultant later this week to finalize a project schedule. Ms. Beckort also walked through the TIP Changes Reports calling attention to a couple of the projects for the Board.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION
None.

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Resolution 2025-09: Amendments to the FY 2026-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Ms. Beckort explained the provided memo describing the proposed TIP amendment regarding a bridge superstructure replacement on State Road 7. Ms. Beckort explained the Technical Committee had some questions on whether this project would be phased or completely close this route. After the Technical Committee meeting, Linnea from INDOT indicated that under the current plans, this project will be phased.

Mr. Hollandar asked Ms. Packer if they could phase a project that close to the intersection. Ms. Packer indicated it can be difficult, but phasing is possible.

Following the discussion, Mr. Finke called for a motion. Mr. Baute moved to approve Resolution 2025-09. Mr. London seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 2025-10: Approval of Bylaw Changes
Ms. Beckort explained the previous bylaws changes were time sensitive with the TIP adoption at the May meeting. CAMPO staff have since worked with CAMPO's attorney to update the bylaws in reference to "Open Door Law", conflict of interest, meeting recordings and minutes, and electronic participation. Ms. Beckort explained that in the provided document, items in red with a strike-through are to be deleted and those in green are being added and then walked through the provided document.

Mr. Whitted explained the live stream requirements as of July 1st and that the new bylaws acknowledge that having technical difficulties does not preclude the board from meeting.

Mr. Finke inquired of the 4-votes change. Ms. Beckort explained that the 4-votes designates what a quorum is now, but if additional members were to join, like Edinburgh, that number may change. Mr. Whitted added that if more members were added on, the bylaws may not need to be updated.

Following the discussion, Mr. Finke called for a motion. Mr. Dell moved to approve Resolution 2025-10. Mr. Baute seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 2025-11: Approval of Updates to the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for 2026
Ms. Beckort explained the updated UPWP by walking through the changes for 2026. All changes are noted in purple in the document provided. This plan provides an update on all projects and indicates what projects are planned for 2026. Ms. Beckort explained that much of CAMPO's funding will be going toward the MTP update in the 400s and Flood Risk Management Plan in the 600s.

Mr. Finke inquired of the open positions by FTA and FHWA. Ms. Beckort explained that due to changes in staff, these departments have less employees and we no longer have an official representative but do have a point of contact for questions.

Following the discussion, Mr. Finke called for a motion. Mr. Baute moved to approve Resolution 2025-11. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 2025-12: Approval of 2026 Title VI Implementation Plan
Ms. Beckort explained that INDOT has shared with MPOs that the Title VI Plan is required annually. Ms. Beckort walked through the required sections and noted the proposed polices in the provided plan. Further, Ms. Beckort explained that this plan is only for CAMPO while Columbus and Bartholomew County have their own Title VI Plans. Ms. Beckort explained that the recommended draft document complies with the required sections, but the Policy Board can make their decision on CAMPO's policy and procedures.

Mr. Hollander inquired on whether the document was boilerplate. Ms. Beckort explained that there are required sections in the document per federal code and indicated that the Bartholomew County Plan appears to have the same sections but the text and policies in them are different.

After Mr. Finke inquired, Ms. Beckort indicated that the last update to this document was in 2017. Ms. Beckort further explained that we have not had any complaints nor any laws passed requiring an update to the document since that time. This plan has been updated for compliance, but is written for longevity so will hopefully have minimal annual edits.

Mr. Dell inquired if Mr. Whitted had a chance to review the plan. Mr. Whitted indicated this came up during our review and the draft had been reviewed. Further, he added, this update allows us to continue to receive federal funding.

Following the discussion, Mr. Finke called for a motion. Mr. London moved to approve Resolution 2025-12. Mr. Dell seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 6-0.

Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee Members for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update.
Ms. Beckort explained that the Citizens Advisory Committee is no longer a standing committee but is convened as-needed for a project, in this case the MTP update. Ms. Beckort explained that staff had shared this volunteer opportunity by emailing previous members, posting a link on the main City website, issuing a press release, including an article in the City newsletter, sharing with local board members, and making a plug during a radio broadcast. The goal of the committee is to have a diverse group of people representing Bartholomew County. Ms. Beckort indicated that she believed the provided packet of seven members has a good mix of ages, genders, and network users. Staff did not invite people, rather these citizens self-vetting themselves. Ms. Beckort recommended approval of the membership as presented.

Following the discussion, Mr. Finke called for a motion. Mr. Baute moved to approve. Mr. Dell seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:17 p.m.
Mr. London moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dell and approved by a vote of 6-0.

These minutes approved at the Policy Board meeting on _____.

Tom R. Finke, Chair

Attest: Ashley E. Beckort, CAMPO Manager

TIP Changes Report (Administrative Modifications and Emergency Amendments) for FY 2026-2030 TIP

Last Updated: 1/30/2026

General Acronyms
TIP: Transportation Improvement Program
STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
FY: Fiscal Year (Indiana's is July 1st to June 30th)
INDOT: Indiana Department of Transportation
CAMPO: Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Funding Acronyms
HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement Program
NHPP: National Highway Performance Program
STBG: Surface Transportation Block Grant

Phasing Acronyms
PE: Preliminary Engineering
RW: Right-of-way
UT: Utilities
CE: Construction Engineering
CN: Construction
RR: Railroad

	Date Processed	Type of Request	Resolution Number	Project Details					
				New or Existing	Sponsor	Project Name/Location	Work Type	DES #	Summary of Change (unless otherwise noted, fund amounts are federal funds)
1	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 11 4.84 miles S of SR 46 (Southern Crossing) to SR 46	HMA Overlay, Structural	2100243	Moving from 26 to 27. Increasing funding from $2,880,208 to $2,892,989.
2	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 11 over UNT, 3.1 miles S of SR 46	Small Structure Replacement	2100998	Moving from 26 to 27. Decreasing funding from $307,501 to $276,000
3	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 11 over UNT, 4.7 miles S of SR 46	Small Structure Replacement	2100999	Moving from 26 to 27. Decreasing funding from $318,809 to $272,000
4	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 7 over Brush Creek, .09 mile N of US 31	Bridge Deck Overlay	2200492	Moving from 27 to 29. Increasing funding from $8,000 to $991,067. Changing contract number to 43277.
5	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 9 over Clifty Creek Overflow, 0.39 mile N of SR 46	Thin Deck Overlay	2200552	Add $130,463 in 27 for CN.
6	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	I-65 0.44 miles N of US 31 to 0.54 miles N of SR 252	HMA Overlay PM	2200834	Add $8,016,275 in 27 for CN.
7	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	US 31 bridge over Little Sand Creek, 1.87 Miles S of SR 7	Scour Protection	2400478	Add $364,000 in 27 for CN.
8	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 9 over Clifty Creek, .53 Miles N of SR 46	Debris Removal From Channel	2500510	Add $282,701 in 28 for CN.
9	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 46 EB over SR 11, 1.50 miles E of I 65	Bridge Deck Overlay	2500595	Add $120,000 in 26 for PE. Add $312,174 in 30 for CN.
10	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 46 WB over SR 11, 1.50 miles E of I 65	Bridge Deck Overlay	2500596	Add $120,000 in 26 for PE. Add $321,093 in 30 for CN.
11	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing & New Phase	INDOT	SR 7 From US 50 to .19 miles N of US 31	Auxiliary Lanes, Passing	2000230	RW= Moving from 26 to 27. Increasing funding from $2,366,428 to $2,662,232. Changing funding source to HSIP.
	8/28/2025								CN=Increasing funding from $10,744,110 to $12,087,124.
	8/28/2025								PE= New phase. Add $3,931,709 to 26 using HSIP.
12	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	US 31 NB over Conrail, Indianapolis & Ser Rd	Bridge deck Overlay	2000292	The DES for these existing projects are being switched. 291=SB 292=NB. Phase and funding amounts are correct.
13	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	US 31 SB over Conrail, Indianapolis and Ser Rd	Bridge deck Overlay	2000291	
14	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	Columbus	HAWK Signal at 19th and Central	New Signal Installation	2401662	Moving project from FY 26 to FY 27.
15	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Language in Development Section	ColumBUS Transit	The original language is as follows: "All public participation and notice requirements for CAMPO and ColumBUS Transit projects and activities are defined in the CAMPO Public Participation Plan, which was adopted by the Policy Board on August 13, 2018." As part of the Tri-Audit, the following language must be added word-for-word: "The public notice of public involvement activities and the time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the POP review requirements of the Section 5307 Program."			
16	8/28/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Federal Allocation	MPO	When creating the TIP, staff used the estimated appropriation amount for 2026 funding of $2,539,223. The actual appropriation with 2025 adjustment is $2,449,627. After MPO trades, this leaves $430,404 for local projects. This money was slated for Talley Road right-of-way. City Engineer has been notified of the change in reduced funding.			
	Above changes have been reported at the September 8, 2025 Policy Board Meeting								
17	9/17/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	Bartholomew County	IR-1043 Railroad Protection: 400 S, 700 N, 550 S, Mill Street	Safety	2000745	Increasing funds from $1,024,000 to $1,375,000.
18	9/22/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 11, 3.17 Miles South of SR 46 @ Denios Creek	Bridge Deck Overlay	1802997	Increasing funds from $941,500 to $964,086. Moving from FY 26 to 27. Updating Work Type to Bridge Deck Overlay.
19	9/25/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 46 - 0.31 miles E of SR 11 to 1.63 miles E of SR 11 (near Hege Ave)	Pavement Replacement	2100247	Adding RW phase in FY 26 to existing project ($25,984).
20	10/1/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	CR 300 N/Lowell Road bridge over I 65, 3.05 Miles N of SR 46	Bridge Replacement	2401268	Increasing funds to PE from $450,000 to $744,612.
21	10/31/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	AASHTOware Safety Software	Other Type Project	2500051	Adding PE: $870,000 in 26, $450,000 in each year 27, 28, and 29.
22	12/5/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 46 over East Fork White River, 0.12 mile E of SR 11	District Bridge Project	2200617	Increasing CN for FY 27 by $440,768, new total is $2,728,678. Total cost for DES is $3,597,678
23	12/5/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 58 5.40 Miles West of I-65	Bridge	2501029	Adding DES 2501029 to contract 43771, $129,845 CN added for FY 27
24	12/16/2025	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	SR 46 over East Fork White River, 0.12 mile E of SR 11	Bridge Painting	2500039	New DES # 2500039 created & added to CN contract (44407) to capture local funds payment for bridge painting per agreement with Columbus.
25	1/7/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	Various Throughout Seymour District	Raised Pavement Markings, Refurbished	2200935	$600,000 Federal in 2027 for CN.
26	1/7/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	New- Grouped Project	INDOT	Various Throughout Seymour District	Signing Installation/Repair	2200005	$1,255,488 Federal in 2027 for CN.
27	1/7/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 46 - 0.31 miles E of SR 11 to 1.63 miles E of SR 11 (near Hege Ave)	Pavement Replacement	2100247	Increasing CN for FY 28 from $7,886,310 by $2,817,683 for a new Federal total of $10,232,457.
28	1/13/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing-Delete	Columbus	HAWK at Central Ave and 19th Street	New Signal Installation	2401662	Deleting Project from TIP=No longer using federal funds.
29	1/21/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	INDOT	SR 11, 3.17 Miles South of SR 46 @ Denios Creek	Bridge Deck Overlay	1802997	DES 1802997 moved from contract #43775 to #46217. Updating CN funding category from STBG to Bridge Construction. Total Project Cost updated from $1,595,785 to $1,724,018.
30	1/30/2026	Admin. Mod.	NA	Existing	Columbus	Talley Road between 25th Street and Rocky Ford Road	Road Reconstruction	1701323	Previous Modification mis-calculated local match. Amended to $219,596 to maintain $430,404 Federal and have $650,000 total phase cost.
	Above changes have been reported at the February 9, 2026 Policy Board Meeting								

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CAMPO Policy Board

FROM: Ashley Beckort

DATE: January 21, 2026

RE: *2026 Meeting Schedule*

CAMPO Policy Board typically meets quarterly with special meetings added when needed. In 2025, CAMPO staff proposed shifting the regular August meeting to September to better align with updated deadlines from INDOT. This year, with the MTP update, CAMPO staff is proposing adding a special July meeting specifically to discuss the MTP. The following table is the proposed Policy Board meeting schedule for 2026 (these dates were emailed to board members October 2025).

Location/Time: Council Chambers @ 1:30 pm.

Date (Monday):	Type:	Anticipated Topics (subject to change):
February 9, 2026	Regular Meeting	▪ Annual election of officers (CY 2026) ▪ Annual approval of meeting schedule (CY 2026) ▪ Annual adoption of safety targets (CY 2026) ▪ MTP public feedback discussion
May 11, 2026	Regular Meeting	▪ Amendment to Current MTP ▪ Draft New MTP ready for public review
July 13, 2026	Special Meeting for MTP	▪ New MTP final review and approval
September 14, 2026	Regular Meeting	▪ Annual UPWP (CY 2027-2028) ▪ Annual Title VI Plan & Goals Update ▪ TIP call-for-projects for FY 2028-2032
November 9, 2026	Regular Meeting	▪ Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CAMPO Technical Committee and Policy Board

FROM: Ashley Beckort

DATE: January 5, 2026

RE: *Resolution 2026-01: Safety Targets for Performance Measures*

Annually, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) coordinates with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) and the MPO Council to establish Statewide Traffic Safety Performance Targets for the year. INDOT's 2026 safety targets are listed below. They are based on a 2% straight line reduction from the 5-year average for 2021. MPOs are asked to either support the safety targets as established by INDOT or provide an alternate set of safety performance targets. The Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has typically accepted INDOT's safety targets. CAMPO supports the safety targets by incorporating planning activities, programs and projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The chart below compares the 2026 targets to the previous targets from 2023, 2024, and 2025.

	Proposed Targets	*Previous Years*		
	2026	*2025*	*2024*	*2023*
Number of Fatalities	794.7	812.4	876.3	894.2
Fatality Rate (per 100 MVMT)	0.992	1.009	1.072	1.088
Number of Serious Injuries	2965.5	3031.9	3281.10	3348.1
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 MVMT)	3.702	3.402	3.987	4.068
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	462.96	363.4	399.6	399.6

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CAMPO) POLICY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF

SUPPORTING INDOT'S 2026 SAFETY TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for transportation planning in the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has established five safety performance measures under the Transportation Performance Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), as a State Department of Transportation, and CAMPO, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, are required to establish calendar year 2026 targets for each of the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, CAMPO has elected to plan and program projects so that they contribute towards the accomplishment of INDOT's five performance measures for 2026, and to coordinate with INDOT on those projects within the CAMPO MPA. The performance measures are Number of Fatalities, Fatality Rate per 100 MVMT, Number of Serious Injuries, Serious Injuries Rate per 100 MVMT, and Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

WHEREAS, CAMPO agrees to support INDOT's 2026 safety performance measures targets by incorporating planning activities, programs and projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the CAMPO Policy Board that the 2026 safety targets are hereby approved the 9th day of February, 2026.

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Tom R. Finke, Chair

Attest: Ashley E. Beckort, CAMPO Manager