MINUTES
COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CAMPO)
POLICY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff Present:
Tom Finke, Chair (Barth. Co. Plan Comm.)	None.	Ashley Beckort (CAMPO Manager)
Dennis Baute, (City of Columbus Plan Comm.)		Danny Hollander (County Engineer)
Mary Ferdon (Mayor of Columbus)		Andrew Beckort (City Engineer)
Tom Dell (City of Columbus City Council)		Austin Whitted (Attorney)
Tony London (Barth. Co. Comm.)		Janie Meek (Planning Dept)
Kim Bennett (Barth. County Council)		Gabrielle Herin (INDOT Planning)
Becky Packer (INDOT)		

Mr. Finke opened the meeting with the roll call. Ms. Beckort introduced Ms. Gabrielle Herin with INDOT Planning Division, who was sitting in the audience.

MINUTES

Mr. Finke called for any additions, corrections, or a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting. Mr. Baute moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ferdon and carried by a vote of 7-0.

REPORTS

Project Updates: City Engineer – Mr. Beckort reported that Talley Road still needs 3 parcels. The Emergency Vehicle Preemption project is under construction. The CR 350 West project is not moving forward, and other projects in the MTP scored better.

Project Updates: County Engineer – Mr. Hollander reported that the right-of-way and environmental have been approved on the Lowell Road project and it is back on schedule with bidding in January. Tannehill Bridge is in the early stages but is on schedule. Ms. Ferdon inquired about the frequency of inspections on the bridge along 400 North, indicating an increase in traffic. Mr. Hollander indicated most bridges are every 2 years, but as this is historic it is inspected every year.

MPO Manager's Report – Ms. Beckort shared the TIP Changes Report and asked the Board to reach out with any questions. Ms. Beckort explained that CAMPO staff have been working on the 2050 MTP, which will be presented later in the meeting.

Mr. Baute inquired about the gas tax. After discussion, Mr. Hollander indicated the money was to come monthly.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

None.

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Resolution 2026-06: Amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Beckort explained the provided memo describing the proposed TIP Amendment from INDOT. Ms. Packer elaborated on the project details, indicating this was a state-wide effort to improve access control around intersections. After discussion, Mr. London moved to approve Resolution 2026-06. Mr. Baute seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution 2026-07: Adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Ms. Beckort walked through the MTP document calling out changes from the previous version. Mr. London indicated the number of bridges seemed high. After an inquiry from Ms. Ferdon, Mr. London said it was closer to 700 bridges that were inspected. Ms. Beckort indicated smaller bridges and/or INDOT bridges may have also been included accounting for the disparity. Ms. Ferdon inquired about the cause of crashes being listed. Mr. Beckort said that data can be pulled to analyze a specific location and cause of accident. After additional discussion, Ms. Ferdon moved to approve Resolution 2026-07. Mr. Baute seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
Ms. Ferdon asked about e-bike usage on sidewalks and people trail. Mr. Whitted shared the different types of ebikes and said that the Parks Department is working on guidelines for safe usage.

Mr. Finke inquired about the status of the SR 11/West Side Connector project submitted for the BUILD grant. Mr. Beckort indicated that it was deemed a project of merit but was not awarded the grant. Further, Ms. Packer clarified that SR 11 was not moving.

Ms. Beckort shared the next meeting as Sept 14th, with topics including safety targets, UPWP, Title VI Plan, and TIP call-for-projects.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:40 p.m.
Mr. London moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dell and approved by a vote of 7-0.

These minutes approved at the Policy Board meeting on ______________________.

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Tom R. Finke, Chair	Attest: Ashley E. Beckort, CAMPO Manager