

B.01 - INDOT MTP Document Guidance



2050 inMotion MTP

INDOT and FHWA-IN Review & MCCOG Update – 7/23/26

Following the MCCOG 2050 inMotion MTP Update adopted in October 2025, the Indiana Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division provided comments and feedback. The black bullets below illustrate the comments received on April 10, 2026, while the blue bullets are the official actions, notes, or responses to address each by the MCCOG staff as part of the August 2026 update. Comments have been re-organized to more closely reflect the order of the document and, in some cases, have been merged to eliminate redundancy from multiple reviewers.

- Remove some COVID details and only talk about COVID in terms of it being a historic event. May talk about future ramifications of COVID (in terms of transportation habits).
 - Text in Executive Summary and Ch. 1 was eliminated
 - Ch. 2 – Crash & VMT reductions in 2020/21 kept
 - Ch. 3 – Specific public input adjustments kept; general COVID-19 impacts eliminated
 - Ch. 4 – Discussion as a disruption and potential analysis tool kept
 - Ch. 6 – CARES funding description kept (needed for financial analysis)
 - Ch. 7 – Potential COVID-19 funding impacts text eliminated
- Confirm that there is a Transportation Conformity Determination Report for this update on the website.
 - The Transportation Conformity Determination Report, both the most recent and previous versions, is available on the agency website: <https://www.heartlandmpo.org/air-quality-and-transportation-conformity>.
- TIP is 4 years subset of MTP (p. 12)
 - Text updated to state this more clearly.
 - Note: the TIP section is now on pg. 14
- Page 14: STIP - STIP includes any (add Federally Funded and Regionally Significant) projects awarded directly to Local Public Agencies (LPAs), which are usually local government entities not located within MPO urban areas
 - Text added to the STIP section.
- Verify whether transportation security and system preservation planning factor considered. Explain where.
 - Pg. 24: security discussed in regard to the importance of bridges and on pg. 26 in regards to ITS. Bridge security again addressed in pg. 133 when discussing PM2
 - Pg. 79 added context to clarify that the *safety and emergency management* stakeholder focus group discussing the incorporation of Traffic Incident Management is a security matter – TIM program is an action item of the plan
 - Pg. 99: added section discussing the intersection of technology and security, highlighting the MPO's role in maintaining and developing the county's emergency database
 - Pg. 102-103 discussed necessity of system preservation in light of weather changes
- Include and use the new MPA map in the analysis

- All maps have been updated to use the latest MPA and data have been updated to ensure coverage matches.
- Page 44: Scatterfield Road and other studies: Has the status changed? Are the studies still incomplete? Update the status.
 - Note: Scatterfield Road is now on pg. 48
 - The specific study noted already stated that it was “developed in 2019.” Additional review was conducted to identify any other items that may need a status update, though none were located.
 - However, a “Status” column was added to Table 7.01 – Recommendations Overview (starting on pg. 141) to note any actions that have already begun work or that are complete but would still be part of the financial analysis, since it starts in FY26.
- Data updates:
 - Review all data and tables used. Update if necessary (for example: if you have new data) and explain if you do not change the data.
 - All data has been updated except Figures 2.05-2.07. These charts were maintained to align with the agency’s Health Impact Assessment document. However, we intend to update that document in the near future and will amend the MTP Health section at that time.
 - Source data has been added to charts and graphics to illustrate what timeframe information is coming from, i.e., Map 2.07 (pg. 31) is sourced from the ACS 2024 5-year estimates now.
 - Planning assumptions and latest available estimates must be updated. For example, population, land use, travel, employment, congestion and economic activity.
 - Planning assumptions for these topics have all been updated to use the 2020 Decennial Census or newer ACS data from the Census Bureau.
 - Updated planning assumptions should inform each of the scenarios
 - What is the metric that chooses the preferred alternative/scenario?
 - Note: Scenario planning has been removed from the document, and a new land-use forecast with updated population and other household attributes, housing, and employment estimates was developed. This information is discussed in Chapter 5, starting on pg. 104.
 - Page 24: update population characteristics and number the latest available data set (2020 Census)” While the MPA overall lost over 2,100 people from 2000 to 2015,” Update to 2020.
 - This has been updated. It is now on pg. 27
 - Page 49: Community Patterns – Still the same? Have they changed? Talk about how you have come to either conclusion. What is the source of the data used? Has it been updated?
 - Note: this section now begins on pg. 54
 - The data was updated to use the 2017-2021 CTPP in the previous document update (October 2025).
 - Though the data was updated, there are only slight differences from the 2012-2016 estimates and the highlights discussed in the text did not change.

The text was already updated to discuss the most relevant outcomes of reviewing the data.

- Page 53 Employment Table is 2015. Is there more current data to update the table? The table is now 11-years old. The same may apply to other tables and data sets. Update or explain why the MPO is relying on 11-year-old data for its update.
 - Note: this table is now on pg. 57
 - The data was updated to use more recent information from the 2025 Woods & Poole State and Regional Profiles, which is developed using the most recent ACS.
- Update Ch. 3 (public engagement chapter) after reaching out to the public again.
 - Note: Chapter 3 has been entirely restructured and updated.
 - Additional public engagement opportunities have been updated. Some specific sections include Transportation Safety System, Planned Land Use & Development, Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Coordination, Public Workshop, and Online Engagement.
- Did you consult with other planning organizations, tribes and federal land management agencies? For example, you may want to reach out to Mounds State Park and any local tribes if you have not already.
 - Local planning agency partners were integrated throughout the process for input. Efforts included direct coordination with multiple jurisdictions, as well as participation through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Committee. The full TAC invitation list is available, if needed.
 - Tribal Coordination was completed in conjunction with the INDOT Cultural Resources Officer on July 23, 2026.
- Apply the updated planning assumptions to each scenario
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- Planning Performance Measures and Targets to match INDOT
 - Include a full System Performance Report with all performance measures and targets (Safety, P3s etc). The 2050 MTP was originally adopted in December 2021. A Systems Performance Report was not yet required in 2021 because the first 4 years had not been met, other than safety targets. Any amendments or updates now require the Systems Performance Report.
 - A separate System Performance Report has been developed, added as a reference to the Performance-Based Planning section of Chapter 6 (pg. 131), and is included in the Appendix.
- Page 108: Funding: update and provide numbers with trend lines.
 - Note: this information is now on pg. 120
 - Figures 6.01 and 6.02 have been added to illustrate MPO and Transit funding trends. Additional text updates have been made to discuss the trends.
- Page 142 Fiscal Constraint? Show the planning fund outlays since they represent a significant portion of the project funding that is flexed to pay for planning activities.
 - The 1.3 million dollars of flexed funds need to be documented in the report

- Note: Financial Analysis now starts on pg. 153
- Text added to MPO & LPA Program Analysis Assumptions on pg. 155 to describe flexing funds, including approximate annual amount.
- Figure 7.04: Percent of Funds by Category illustrates the proportion of funding allocated to non-infrastructure activities. This separation is explicit in the financial analysis conducted to ensure that fiscal constraint is maintained.
- Financial Report requires consultation with INDOT and Transit
 - Note: Funding an MPO now starts on pg. 118
 - This section discusses available funds, the amounts received annually, and the general growth rates over a 12-year period.
 - Note: Financial Analysis is now on pg. 153
 - This section discusses built-in assumptions, like the projection of available funding annually – a flat-line projection starting with FY27 apportionments.
 - Financial assumptions were initially discussed with INDOT at a March 16, 2026, coordination meeting. Minutes from that meeting can be provided if needed.
 - Follow-up clarification on guidance was provided by Jay Mitchell (INDOT) on May 14, 2026, via email. This feedback was developed in coordination with the INDOT Office of Finance.
 - Explain that INDOT has ensured their projects are fiscally constrained
 - Additional discussion and estimates of INDOT funding has been added to the State Program section beginning on pg. 153.
 - 2020-2030 project costs: How much do projects in this time frame cost and how much revenue will MCCOG bring in during that time?
 - Note: the first period of analysis has been updated to 2026-2030. All projects and project costs from 2020-2025 have been removed.
 - Table 7.10 on pg. 153 provides the available revenues and project costs to illustrate fiscal constraint across programs. Note: this table has been simplified to improve clarity of the revenue vs. cost comparisons.
 - Did MCCOG reflect aggregate cost ranges/cost bands for outer years of the MTP?
 - Beyond 2026-2030, two analysis periods were used: 2031-2040 and 2041-2050. These periods are reflected in Table 7.10 on pg. 153.
- List projects by year of Construction cost, find a reasonable inflation rate and apply to projects
 - Table 7.01 provides a basic list of actions, including infrastructure projects and table 7.02 provides additional detail for regionally significant projects.
 - The full project list including description, cost, and year of each phase is maintained in the appendix, which is noted on pg. 153.
 - Note: Map 7.01 Fiscally-Constrained Infrastructure Projects was added to illustrate the location of projects.
 - Inflation rate listed, but may need to be updated
 - The 3% annual inflation rate used was discussed with INDOT and was determined to be acceptable.
- Review appendix project lists to make sure design concept and approach are up-to-date

- All projects have been reviewed to update descriptions, construction years, and cost estimates.

B.02 - Public Notices & Newspaper Articles



Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice of Public Comment Period & Public Hearing for the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the Central Indiana Airshed and 2050 inMotion, an update to the Anderson MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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The public comment period will begin Wednesday, July 23, 2026, and will end on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 10:00am. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 10:00am in the MCCOG Conference Room (739 Main Street, Anderson, IN 46016). A pre-hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Anderson Public Library (111 E 12th St, Anderson, IN 46016) in the Carnegie Room (3rd floor) with virtual access available via Microsoft Teams. The meeting ID is **255-997-431-548-610** and passcode is **6AC3vi93**, or this direct link can be used: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/255997431548610?p=qyHlLrZagkcN5SmrY6>.

Questions and public input regarding these documents will be duly noted, addressed where possible, and included in the Appendix of the final documents. If any member of the public wishes to attend the pre-hearing on August 5 electronically, the meeting will be available using the information above. If any member of the public wishes to attend the hearing on August 6 electronically, please contact Ryan Phelps via email at ryan@heartlandmpo.org, by phone at (765) 641-9482, or mail to 739 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016 through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, until 6:00pm.

The *2050 inMotion* MTP draft is available for public review on the project website at <https://publicinput.com/2050inmotion> and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report is available for public review online at <https://www.heartlandmpo.org/air-quality-and-transportation-conformity>. Hard copies of these documents may also be requested formally in writing to Ryan Phelps via mail, 739 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016 or email, ryan@heartlandmpo.org prior to Tuesday, July 21, 2026. Oral or written comments and suggestions regarding this document may be submitted through the project website at <https://publicinput.com/2050inmotion> or sent to Ryan Phelps at the contact information provided above through Thursday, August 6, 2026, until 10:00am.

Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who may need assistance should contact Ryan Phelps no later than 4:00pm Monday, August 4, 2026, at ryan@heartlandmpo.org or (765) 641-9482 between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

It is the intent of the Anderson MPO to formally approve the *2050 inMotion MTP* and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report at its regular Policy Committee meeting on August 6, 2026, with the caveat that comments requiring significant changes or amendments be addressed before it is finalized.

By: Ryan Phelps, Principal Transportation Planner, MCCOG

Public Workshop Advertisement - MPO CAC Email

Subject: External: MCCOG CAC Q3 -- Update

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Good evening all!

Please see the attached newsletter with some of the latest highlights from our team. We have a LOT of projects moving right now, but want to focus on inviting you all to attend the **2050 inMotion Public Open House we are hosting on Tuesday, June 30 at the Anderson Public Library**. A calendar invite is attached with the details, but note that it is an open house, so you do not need to attend for the full 3 hours.

Like our Uniting Scatterfield workshop, we would really appreciate it if you help us share the event and project website. You can send this email on with the attachments or share the Facebook event -- <https://www.facebook.com/share/14eaJHotbRy/>. If you are unable to attend and/or someone you know wants to attend but can't make it, please check out the project website (<https://www.publicinput.com/2050inmotion>) where we have a relatively short survey available.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and we really hope to see you on Tuesday, June 30!

The MCCOG Team

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IRAN WAR | B4

Pentagon mum on U.S. strike that killed over 100 children

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: FLAG FOOTBALL | B1

Madison County Mustangs bask in gold medal victory



The Herald Bulletin



TheHeraldBulletin.com

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

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MADISON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Input sought on long-term transportation plan



LILY JONES
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — Planners with the Madison County Council of Governments held an open house at the Anderson Public Library to solicit public input on a long-term regional transportation plan.

Mark Thacker
Visitors bureau leader

The open house sought responses to help inform MCCOG's 2050 inMotion plan, an effort to determine regional transportation investments, forecast funding and propose infrastructure policies over the next 20 years.

"We've done a safety action plan that was our Protect 2030 plan," said Ryan Phelps, one of MCCOG's principal transportation planners. "We've done a new regional bicycle and pedestrian plan and we've done the I-69 corridor study. Part of this project is just rolling findings from those projects into our metropolitan transportation plan."

Phelps said the metropolitan transportation plan includes infrastructure projects to be funded, as well as programs and policies "that we want to be interacting with for the foreseeable future."

He said MCCOG strives to update the plan every four to five years.

During the event, held in a third-floor conference room, several boards were set up with different statements written on them. Community members were asked to place colored stickers next to their top three statements. The process, according to organizers, would help collectively rank the options in order of importance.

Another board was available for the

See **INPUT** on A2

Take an online MCCOG survey

For those unable to attend the open house, MCCOG's website has a similar survey allowing input on the region's metropolitan transportation plan. Visit publicinput.com/2050inmotion.

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Letters confuse Hoosiers amid fraud 'cleanup'

NIKI KELLY
INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Department of Workforce Development recently sent more than 1,000 letters seeking refunds for unemployment benefit overpayments made during the pandemic.

Several Hoosiers reached out to the Capital Chronicle with concerns about the letters because they have never filed for unemployment insurance.

"You must repay the overpaid amount when the Determination of Eligibility or Recomputation of Benefits decision becomes final," the letters say. "It is to your advantage to contact the Department of Workforce Development immediately after that to make arrangements for repayment of your overpayment debt. Failure to repay the full amount owed may result in the following collection methods."



We want to hear from you!

The Madison County Council of Governments needs your help to decide how to spend Federal transportation funds.



Lend your voice!

Scan this code with the camera on your phone, follow the link, and complete a brief survey; or follow the link below directly:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bEjr5mwtyN>

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.heartlandmpo.org

OR EMAIL RYAN @HEARTLANDMPO.ORG



¡Queremos escuchar de ti!

El Consejo de Gobiernos del Condado de Madison (MCCOG por sus siglas en inglés) necesita tu ayuda para decidir cómo utilizar los fondos Federales de transporte



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Escanee este código con la cámara de su teléfono, siga el enlace y complete una breve encuesta; o siga el enlace a continuación directamente:

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AVISO PUBLICO:

Aviso de Audiencia Pública para el Informe de Determinación de la Conformidad del Transporte para Centro de Indiana y 2050 inMotion, una actualización al Plan Metropolitano de Transporte MPO de Anderson. La Organización Metropolitana de Planificación (MPO) de Anderson, también conocida como el Consejo de Gobiernos del Condado de Madison (MCCOG), llevará a cabo un periodo de consulta pública y una audiencia pública virtual para actualizar el Plan Metropolitano de Transporte de 2045 inMotion a 2050 inMotion y el Informe de Determinación de la Conformidad del Transporte para Centro de Indiana. El periodo de consulta pública comenzará el miércoles 19 de enero de 2022 y culminará el miércoles 2 de febrero de 2022 a las 8:00pm. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el miércoles 2 de febrero de 2022 de 7:00pm a 8:00pm via www.GoToMeeting.com. El código de acceso a la reunión es 291-857-389. Los asistentes también podrán tener acceso a la reunión vía telefónica a través del (872) 240-3412. Las preguntas y aportes públicos relacionados con el documento serán debidamente anotados, respondidos en la medida de las posibilidades e incluidos en el Apéndice del documento final. La audiencia será llevada a cabo solo por medios electrónicos y no habrá presencia de personas. Si algún miembro del público desea asistir a la reunión de manera electrónica, la reunión estará disponible utilizando la información mencionada anteriormente. El Proyecto del MTP 2050 inMotion está disponible para su revisión pública en línea en www.heartlandmop.org/mtp-plan y el Informe de Determinación de la Conformidad del Transporte para Centro de Indiana está disponible para su revisión pública en línea en <https://www.heartlandmop.org/air-quality-and-transportation-conformity>. También se pueden solicitar de manera formal por escrito copias impresas de este documento a Ryan Phelps a través del correo a 739 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016, o al correo electrónico, ryan@heartlandmop.org antes del martes 1 de febrero de 2022. Los comentarios y sugerencias, orales o escritos, relacionados con este documento pueden ser enviados a Ryan Phelps a ryan@heartlandmop.org, por teléfono al (765) 641-9427, o por correo a 739 Main Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016 hasta el miércoles 2 de febrero de 2022 hasta las 7:00pm. Las personas con discapacidades o que no hablen inglés y requieran asistencia deben contactar a Ryan Phelps antes de las 8:00pm del lunes 21 de enero de 2022 al correo electrónico ryan@heartlandmop.org o al (765) 641-9427 entre las 8:00am y las 4:00pm, de lunes a viernes. Se realizarán los esfuerzos necesarios para realizar los ajustes razonables para ellos. La intención del MPO de Anderson es la de aprobar formalmente la MTP 2050 inMotion en su reunión del Consejo de Programación del 3 de febrero de 2022, con la salvedad de que no se hubiera recibido ningún comentario para la fecha límite del 2 de febrero de 2022 que requiera cambios o enmiendas significativas al documento. Por: Ryan Phelps, Planificador Principal de Transporte, MCCOG
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By: Ryan Phelps, Principal Transportation Planner,
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Region to plan \$113 million in transportation projects

By Staff Reporter - 3/18/19 5:43 PM

ANDERSON — An organization representing a region that includes Fortville is getting ready to plan \$113 million worth of transportation projects and is looking for stakeholders to be part of the endeavor.

The Madison County Council of Governments is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area. Along with Madison County, that area also includes Fortville. The council is the planning agency for federal transportation dollars and coordinates planning efforts among local governments. An adjacent area, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area, includes the rest of Hancock County.

As part of that federally mandated work, the Madison council is required to adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan allocating about \$113 million in transportation funds for projects through 2045. The council calls the plan 2045 inMotion. The process will also explore parts of the region's transportation networks like pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, road safety, transportation routes and congestion mitigation.

The council is looking for members to join its 2045 inMotion Stakeholder Committee, which will be tasked with bringing insight and perspective to the plan's development.

Robert Wertman, principal transportation planner for the Madison County Council of Governments, said the plan must be adopted by June 30, 2020.

The public will also have opportunities to participate in the process at workshops and on the project's website, 2045inmotion.com.

Wertman said the council is seeking 25 to 30 members for the stakeholder committee.

This approach to soliciting stakeholder feedback is a first for the council, Wertman said, adding the council usually reaches out to known stakeholders.

"That's ultimately what's going to drive these plans and make sure the plan is successful," Wertman said.

Adam Zaklikowski, Fortville planning administrator, agreed.

"The more people that are at the table, the better," he said.

It not only results in better coordination for the plan at hand, Zaklikowski said, but also minimizes the chance of conflicts with plans participating agencies already have in the works.

Zaklikowski said he's confident the Madison County Council of Governments can make 2045 inMotion a success.

"MCCOG has a very analytical approach, a very thoughtful approach based on data, based on traffic demand, and we are encouraged that they are pairing that with smart growth opportunities and good land-use principles," he said.

Want to help?

Fortville-area residents are invited to apply for spots on the 2045 inMotion Stakeholder Committee.

Applicants can apply at 2045inmotion.com/join-the-stakeholder-committee or by contacting Robert Wertman at 765-641-9695 or robert@heartlandmpo.org.

Newspaper Clippings - Greenfield Reporter

Feedback sought on Fortville street plan

By Mitchell Kerk - 9/1/20 9:42 AM

FORTVILLE — A regional transportation plan that includes several projects for Fortville is nearing completion, and organizers want the public's feedback on it.

The Madison County Council of Governments is spearheading the 2045 inMotion plan for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area, which encompasses all of Madison County along with the towns of Fortville in Hancock County and Daleville in Delaware County.

Four projects in Fortville are among those slated in the draft plan. One calls for reducing the number of lanes on Broadway between Garden and Madison streets to allow for the installation of bicycle infrastructure, access control and dedicated left-turn lanes.

Adam Zaklikowski, Fortville planning director, said the project will take Broadway from two lanes in each direction to one in each direction with a center two-way left-turn lane. Both sides of the street will also get new sidewalks, lighting and curbs. The realignment, called a road diet, is similar to changes made on West Main Street and West New Road in Greenfield.

Zaklikowski said the idea for the project dates to about 2016.

"There was a committee of folks that were thinking of ways to increase walk-ability in Fortville, to increase more of a small-town, main-street atmosphere on Broadway," he said.

He added he likes how the project would not need to encroach onto private property.

"We're able to work within the existing right of way that's there and have all the improvements because of the loss of travel lanes, so it won't have a negative impact on property owners," he said.

Another Fortville 2045 inMotion project will reconstruct Main Street between Church Street and Broadway and enhance pedestrian amenities. The plan also addresses a multi-phase trail from the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation to Garden Street along Maple Street, Fortville Pike and County Road 200W. Additionally, a signalized pedestrian crosswalk with high-visibility markings will go in at 200W and Fortville Pike, according to details for another project.

Zaklikowski said the trail, crosswalk and Broadway road diet projects would occur in 2023 while Main Street is slated for next year.

He said Fortville is responsible for funding 20% of the trail, crosswalk and Main Street projects while the Indiana Department of Transportation is picking up the rest. No Fortville funds will be needed for Broadway, he continued, adding that project is part of the town's designation with the state's Stellar Communities Program.

The Madison County Council of Governments is seeking public comment on the draft long-range transportation plan. Input can be provided at 2045inmotion.com, where visitors can also learn more about all of the projects as well as non-infrastructure programs, policies and plans associated with the endeavor. Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into the final plan. The web page and comment period will remain open to the public through Sept. 27.

Efforts for the plan have been underway since March 2019 and will act as a guide for the future of roads, bridges, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, transit and freight facilities throughout the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic started, a community summit on the region's future called Destination 2045 was held to test the initial direction as well as discuss local and regional transportation issues. Participants answered survey questions on land use, growth, development and transportation. The questions stemmed from earlier engagement rounds held in communities throughout the planning area. Plans to continue seeking public input slowed due to the pandemic, but the Madison County Council of Governments is continuing the process online.

"This is an important final step in gathering ideas and perspectives from community members, key stakeholders and elected officials on how we can improve our communities," said Ryan Phelps, principal transportation planner for the Madison County Council of Governments, in a news release. "We want as many people as possible to be heard and to participate in the long-term blueprint and investment strategy for our region."

Transportation initiative hosting public meeting

By Staff Reports - 2/26/20 8:22 PM

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ANDERSON — A regional transportation initiative impacting part of Hancock County has a public input session coming up.

The 2045 inMotion meeting is 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the Reardon Auditorium lobby at Anderson University, 1100 E. Fifth St., Anderson.

Gabe Klein, a national innovation and mobility expert, co-founder of CityFi and author of "Start-up City," will also speak at the meeting.

2045 inMotion started in April 2019 when the Madison County Council of Governments embarked on a process to overhaul the long-range transportation plan for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area. The process guides the expenditure of about \$113 million in federal transportation funding for the area encompassing all of Madison County, Fortville and Daleville. The process has focused on a regional public engagement strategy that includes in-person and online opportunities.

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By Ken de la Sazde | The Herald Bulletin | Mar 11, 2019



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Robert Wertman, principal transportation planner, said InMotion will look at choices for local residents on transportation options through 2045.

He said the plan allocated \$113 million in federal funds for projects over the next 25 years in the region. Based on the standard division of costs at 80 percent federal and 20 percent local, the total funding will be more than \$135 million.

"The funds will cover the cost of planning design and actual projects," Wertman said. "What we're doing is resetting the transportation plan for the region for the next 25 years."

Wertman said currently COG is forming a stakeholder committee that will lead the effort over the next 10 months.

"We want members of the public that are willing to serve on the leadership committee," he said. "People have until March 25 to apply."

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"We want a geographical and age balance on the leadership committee," he said. "We want full representation from all segments of the community."

The process is looking at three steps including community conversation, a regional vision and regional planning and programming.

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Get involved

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When: Deadline to apply is March 25

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Workshops set on future transit options

By Ken de la Sazde | The Herald Bulletin | Jul 6, 2019



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ANDERSON — What the transportation system might look like in Madison County in the year 2045 is the focus of several workshops over the next month.

The Madison County Council of Governments, the designated metropolitan planning agency for all of Madison County and the communities of Daleville and Fortville, started the "2045 InMotion" project earlier this year.

Over the course of the next three weeks, local residents, business owners and employees will be asked to provide input for a planning team to determine preliminary opportunities and challenges for mobility in the region.

The federally mandated plan seeks to improve the overall movement of people and goods throughout the region by guiding the future of transportation facilities.

The 2045 InMotion plan will look at all components of the region's transportation system, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, road and intersection safety, freight and transit routes and mitigation of congestion.

Through the Council of Governments, there is approximately \$113 million allocated to identify projects through 2045.

The Council of Governments is working in conjunction with a consulting team led by Planning NEXT of Ohio and Cabello Associates of Indianapolis.

A 20-member stakeholder committee from throughout the region is guiding the process for the development of the long-range plan.

"Community input is an essential component of the plan and public insights are crucial," the COG said in a press release.

After the area workshops are completed, the planning team will collect the data and set a course for implementation.

Executive Director Jerry Bridges previously said that every four years, COG is required by law to formulate a transportation plan for the region.

Bridges said the intention is to have the plan completed and submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration by June 2020.

The process is composed of three steps, which are community conversation, a regional vision and regional planning and programming.

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Planned 2045 InMotion workshops

- July 10, 6 p.m., Fortville Community Center, 400 W. Church St.
- July 11, 5 p.m., Anderson Public Library, 111 E. 12th St.
- July 22, 6 p.m., Bob Rogers Building, 202 S. Harrison St., Alexandria
- July 23, 6 p.m., Mill Creek Civic Center, 403 W. Main St., Chambersfield
- July 25, 6 p.m., Anderson Impact Center, 630 Nichol Ave.
- July 26, 6 p.m., Pendleton Community Library, 585 E. Water St.

Newspaper Clippings - Herald Bulletin

Reader Viewpoint: Shape the future of transportation (and the quality of life) in our region

By Sherry Peak-Davis and Lisa Floyd
2045 inMotion Mar 3, 2020



Sherry Peak-Davis

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This is an exciting time for our community — a time when we can collectively look toward the future and start building the community we want to live in. We have had the opportunity to be part of a cooperative process, working with a planning team who has been collecting comments, ideas, and priorities from around the region. We are ready to share our findings and get even more input from you.

If you aren't familiar with 2045 inMotion, let us explain. Starting in April 2019, the Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) embarked on an ambitious process to overhaul the long-range transportation plan for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area — the process to guide the expenditure of approximately \$113 million in federal transportation funding for the area encompassing all of Madison County, Fortville and Daleville. The process has focused on a robust regional public engagement strategy that includes in-person and online opportunities. It is essential that this plan is built on the values, needs, and aspirations of the community.

The next step in this process is Destination 2045: a community summit on our region's future. This free public input session will be held March 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Anderson University's charming Reardon Auditorium Lobby. To help us with our creative and strategic process, we are bringing in a national innovation and mobility expert, Gabe Klein, co-founder of CityFi and author of Start-up City. Gabe is a thought-leader on transportation, urban design, economic development, and how technology can improve mobility for all people. His expertise is a tremendous opportunity for us to stop focusing on the past and look to the future.

Why should it matter to you? Transportation — be it roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, or public transit — touches all aspects of our communities, including economic development, quality of life, social equity, public health, ecological sustainability, and more. It is important to have a long-term plan, so that the future of our region is not left to chance. You have unique insights that can shape the goals and objectives for our future investments and determine the direction of our community.

Join us March 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Anderson University, for Destination 2045 — an event that will allow us to continue the discussion and make decisions about the future of our region. As the central event to 2045 inMotion, this is an opportunity to learn and be heard that you won't want to miss; we want you to be a part of the conversation! Your opinion matters, and your participation will play an important role in shaping our regional investments. Trust us when we say this plan needs you!

County's transportation plan nearing completion

Ken de la Bastide
The Herald Bulletin Mar 7, 2020



A view of traffic on Interstate 69 through Madison County.

John P. Cheary, file photo | The Herald Bulletin

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ANDERSON — What the transportation network for the Madison County region will resemble by 2045 should be outlined by June.

The Madison County Council of Governments, often referred to as COG, is currently finalizing the 2045 inMotion Transportation Plan for all of Madison County and the communities of Daleville and Fortville.

The region is expected to receive an estimated \$100 million in federal funding for transportation projects.

Kyle May of Ohio-based Planning Next said residents will have input in the planning for the transportation system.

"It's a plan on how people and goods will move through the area," he said. "This is an important moment for the community and is being done at the right time."

May said the plan will include future investment, land use and quality of life and quality of place issues.

"The goal is to set priorities," he said. "We can't solve all the congestion problems. People should be at the center of the decisions being made."

Ryan Phelps, senior transportation planner for COG, said the planning area covers 471 square miles and the urban planning area is 138 square miles along Indiana 9 and Indiana 26.

Phelps said Madison County is divided into three subareas, all with different issues when it comes to transportation planning.

The northern part of the county is rural, the middle section including Anderson is urban and the southwest area, including the communities of Pendleton, Lapel and Ingalls, is suburban, he said.

"They are three unique subregions," Phelps said. "Population is shifting. Between 2010 and 2015 the north and middle sections of the county lost 2.2% in population while the southwest saw an increase of 17%."

"The infrastructure is outdated," he added. "There is an overdependence on Interstate 69, U.S. 36 and Indiana 13. The work being done on the interstate is a short-term solution."

Phelps said there has been a decrease in vehicle crashes in the area but an increase in crashes involving non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians.

He said there are factors that will be disruptive in the planning area including an aging population, ride sharing and driverless cars in the future.

"The overall decision has to include a link between transportation, land use and economics," Phelps said. "There is an uncertain future. We have to set a vision with established measurable objectives."

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COG: Transportation summit will set goals for next 25 years

Public input sought on federal funds

KEN DE LA BASTIDE
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — With the continued growth of the Indianapolis metropolitan area rapidly approaching Madison County, a study on future transportation needs is being formulated.

The growth is approaching

along Interstate 69 as several new housing developments at the first Madison County exit are planned and along Indiana 37 north of Noblesville.

The Madison County Council of Governments is working on the 2045 inMotion plan to be a community-based design for long-range transportation planning.

The Council of Governments, or COG, is hosting a public workshop on Wednesday featuring Gabe Klein, an

expert on urban design, transportation and how technology impacts the movement of people and goods.

The event will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Reardon Auditorium lobby on the Anderson University campus.

COG is the designated Anderson Metropolitan Planning agency that includes all of Madison County, Daleville and Fortville.

The agency will have more

than \$100 million in federal funding available over the next several years and community guidance is needed to complete the vision for transportation needs.

"Transportation is critical to all aspects of our community," Ryan Phelps, principal transportation planner for COG, said, "economic development, quality of life, social equity, public health and ecological sustainability."

"This summit will not only

be the largest event for the long-range transportation plan, it is an opportunity for the public to help shape our future," he said.

Input collected during the summit will contribute to the plan's goals, inspire specific action and set the course for implementation, Phelps said.

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If You Go

What: Destination 2045: summit on transportation planning
Who: Madison County Council of Governments
When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Reardon Auditorium, 1100 E. 5th St.

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Residents will have voice in transportation

Ken de la Sazide
The Herald Bulletin | Sep 4, 2020



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ANDERSON — Residents are being asked to offer their recommendations for a long-term transportation plan for the Madison County area.

The Madison County Council of Governments is seeking public comment on the transportation plan that includes all of Madison County, Daleville and Fortville.

The intention is to adopt a final transportation plan in October that will develop a long-term strategy through 2045.

Community members are invited to join the online Regional Exhibition to provide input virtually through the process website at 2045inmotion.com.

On the webpage, residents can review the action list, including infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure programs, policies and plans.

The webpage and comment section will remain open to the public through Sept. 27.

The process, 2045 inMotion, has included robust regional public engagement since March 2019 to create the final plan.

COG officials said the plan will act as a guide for the future of roadways, bridges, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, transit and freight facilities across the region and how they function as an integrated transportation system.

Prior to COVID-19, "Destination 2045: a community summit on the region's future" was held to test the initial direction and discuss local and regional transportation issues.

Although planners continue seeking input from the community those efforts were slowed during the pandemic.

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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: April 1, 2021

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:30 Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan
Consultant presentation
Group discussion

7:30 to 7:45 2050 inMotion (2045 inMotion Plan Update) – Ryan Phelps
Project purpose & schedule
Targeted engagement discussion
Youth (under 25)
Limited English Proficiency

7:45 to 7:55 CTI Action Team – Chelsie Jaramillo
Active living / walk & bike mapping
Sidewalks, trails, bike lanes
Bike racks
Rest areas (benches, restrooms)
Primary attractions
Membership interest

7:55 to 8:00 Closing Remarks & Next Steps
Yammer discussion & resources tool

Next meeting: July 1 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:20 2045 inMotion Implementation Update

7:20 to 7:50 2050 inMotion Action List Prioritization

7:20 to 7:40 Facilitated breakout activity

7:40 to 7:50 Group reporting

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: October 7 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 7, 2021

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:30 2050 inMotion Process Update

7:05 to 7:10 Technical updates

7:10 to 7:25 Public input – survey

7:25 to 7:30 Draft document timeline

7:30 to 7:50 General Discussion

Concerns & needs

Improving 2022 meetings

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: January 6 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 6, 2022

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:10 2050 inMotion Process Update

7:10 to 7:20 Elwood Charrette Messaging

7:20 to 7:30 Infrastructure Bill Impacts & Considerations

7:30 to 7:50 Regional Projects List (Transportation+)
Current
Recommendations

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks
2022 Challenge

Next meeting: April 7 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Date: April 7, 2022

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:25 Elwood Public Workshop

7:25 to 7:50 Transportation Safety Plan

Purpose

Timeframe

Action

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

2022 Challenge Updates

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Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:40 Protect 2030 [Transportation Safety Plan]
Public Engagement Phase 1: Concerns & Visioning
Emphasis Areas

7:40 to 7:50 Active Living Story Map

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks
2022 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: October 6 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:40 Protect 2030 Update
Public Engagement Phase 1 Results
High-Crash Location Review

7:40 to 7:50 General Discussion
Concerns & needs
Improving 2023 meetings

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks
2022 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: January 5 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Date: January 5, 2023

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:40 Protect 2030 Update

Network Screening Results & Recommendations

Programmatic Action Matrix

Project Schedule

7:40 to 7:50 2023 Projects

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Transportation Challenge

Homework

Next meeting: April 6 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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Date: April 6, 2023

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:20 Protect 2030 Update
Next Steps
SS4A application(s)

7:20 to 7:35 I-69 Corridor Study

7:35 to 7:45 College & Community Collaboration Initiative
[Overview](#)
Phase 1 direction

7:45 to 7:50 Madison County Thoroughfare Plan
Public Participation Opportunities

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks
2022 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: July 6 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:15 Safety Program

Road Safety Audit training

SS4A applications

7:15 to 7:30 Markleville Comprehensive Plan

7:30 to 7:45 I-69 Corridor Study

7:45 to 7:50 Transportation for Rural Areas of Madison County (TRAM)

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

2022 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: October 5 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:25 Project Updates

SS4A-Protect 2030

Markleville Comprehensive Plan

I-69 Corridor Plan

Sidewalk Gap Tool

Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update

7:25 to 7:50 Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods

Scatterfield Corridor Discussion

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Homework

2023 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: January 4 @ 7 to 8 PM

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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 4, 2024

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:15 SS4A-Protect 2030 Update & Next Steps
Example: Story Map

7:15 to 7:50 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update
Overview
Analyses / Criteria
Discussion

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks
Transportation Challenge
Homework

Next meeting: April 4 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: April 11, 2024

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:10 USDOT Discretionary Grants

SS4A update

RCN update – SR 9 / Scatterfield Study

7:10 to 7:30 Southwest Subregion Growth & Planning

Fortville, Ingalls, Lapel, Pendleton

7:30 to 7:50 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update

Vision statement

Goals, objectives, & projects

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

2024 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: July 11 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:10 USDOT Discretionary Grants

SS4A update

Uniting Scatterfield (NAE) update

7:10 to 7:15 Household Travel Survey 2025

7:15 to 7:45 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Action items

Facilities & Key Routes

7:45 to 7:50 Transportation for Rural Areas of Madison County (TRAM)

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Transportation Challenge Updates

Next meeting: October 10 @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



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Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 10, 2024

Time: 7 to 8 PM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome & Introductions

7:05 to 7:20 Project Updates

Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)

Uniting Scatterfield (NAE)

Household Travel Survey 2025

2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Partner Project: Madison County Thoroughfare Plan

7:20 to 7:40 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Process Update

Tool Development

7:40 to 7:50 Coming in 2025

Meeting Schedule & Format

Funded Projects (TIP)

2025 Planning Efforts

7:50 to 8:00 Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: January ?? @ 7 to 8 PM

Thank you!



AGENDA

Date: October 23, 2025
Time: 12 to 1 PM
Re: Citizen Advisory Committee – 2025 Meeting

12:00 to 12:10	Welcome & Project Updates Hoosier Travel Counts – Household Travel Survey Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) GIS Data Access Improvements 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2050 inMotion (MTP) – Air Quality Conformity Update
12:10 to 12:30	Discussion: Revive 2050 (Environment, Energy, Resilience)
12:30 to 12:50	Discussion: Uniting Scatterfield (Anderson SR 9 Study)
12:50 to 1:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:35	Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan Consultant presentation – Kjirsten Frank Hoppe Group discussion
10:35 to 10:50	2050 inMotion (2045 inMotion Plan Update) – Ryan Phelps Project purpose & schedule Technical updates
10:50 to 11:00	Closing Remarks & Next Steps Yammer discussion & resources tool

Next meeting: July 15 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: July 15, 2021

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:20	Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan Consultant update – Kjirsten Frank Hoppe
10:20 to 10:50	2050 inMotion Population & Employment – Ryan Phelps
10:20 to 10:40	Facilitated breakout activity
10:40 to 10:50	Group reporting
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: October 21 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 21, 2021

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:15	2050 inMotion Process Update Technical updates Public input – survey Draft document timeline
10:15 to 10:25	UPWP 2022 Activity Overview
10:25 to 10:35	GIS Presentation
10:35 to 10:55	Member Updates & General Discussion
10:55 to 11:00	Homework & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: January 20 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 20, 2022

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:10	2050 inMotion & Elevate Elwood Process Updates
10:10 to 10:20	Crash Data Clean-up & Visualization
10:20 to 10:30	Infrastructure Bill Impacts & Considerations
10:30 to 10:50	Regional Projects List (Transportation+) Current Recommendations
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: April 21 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: April 21, 2022

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:10	Elevate Elwood Public Workshop
10:10 to 10:25	Planning & Design Services
10:25 to 10:50	Transportation Safety Plan Purpose Timeframe Action
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: July 21 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: July 21, 2022

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:40	Protect 2030 [Transportation Safety Plan] Public Engagement Phase 1: Concerns & Visioning Emphasis Areas
10:40 to 10:50	Active Living Story Map
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: October 20 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 20, 2022

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:40	Protect 2030 Update Public Engagement Phase 1 Results High-Crash Location Review
10:40 to 10:50	General Discussion Concerns & needs Improving 2023 meetings
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: January 19 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:40	Protect 2030 Update Network Screening Results & Recommendations Programmatic Action Matrix Project Schedule
10:40 to 10:50	2023 Projects
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks Transportation Challenge Homework

Next meeting: April 20 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

10:00 to 10:00	Welcome & Introductions
10:00 to 10:15	Protect 2030 Update Next Steps SS4A application(s)
10:15 to 10:30	I-69 Corridor Study
10:30 to 10:35	TRAM Overview
10:35 to 10:50	Partner Projects College & Community Collaboration Initiative Madison County Projects
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: July 20 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Date: July 20, 2022

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:15	Safety Program Road Safety Audit Training SS4A applications
10:15 to 10:20	Transportation for Rural Areas of Madison County (TRAM)
10:20 to 10:25	Markleville Comprehensive Plan
10:25 to 10:50	I-69 Corridor Study Discussion
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2022 Challenge

Next meeting: October 19 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:15	Project Updates Markleville Comprehensive Plan I-69 Corridor Plan Sidewalk Gap Tool Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update
10:15 to 10:20	Carbon Reduction Strategy
10:20 to 10:50	Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Program / application overview Scatterfield corridor discussion
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks Homework 2023 Challenge

Next meeting: January 18 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:15	SS4A-Protect 2030 Update & Next Steps Example: Story Map
10:15 to 10:50	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update Overview Analyses / Criteria Discussion
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks Transportation Challenge Homework

Next meeting: April 18 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: April 18, 2024

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 2 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:10	USDOT Discretionary Grants SS4A update RCN update – SR 9 / Scatterfield Study
10:10 to 10:20	UA, MPA, & Name Change Updates
10:20 to 10:30	I-69 Corridor Study
10:30 to 10:45	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update Vision statement Goals, objectives, & projects
10:45 to 10:50	TRAM Update
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks 2024 Challenge Updates

Next meeting: July 18 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Date: July 18, 2024

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 3 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:10	USDOT Discretionary Grants MCCOG SS4A update Uniting Scatterfield (NAE) update
10:10 to 10:15	INDOT HSIP Call for Projects
10:15 to 10:20	Household Travel Survey 2025
10:20 to 10:45	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Action items Facilities & Key Routes
10:45 to 10:50	Transportation for Rural Areas of Madison County (TRAM)
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks Transportation Challenge

Next meeting: October 17 @ 10 to 11 AM

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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 4 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:20	Project Updates Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Uniting Scatterfield (NAE) Household Travel Survey 2025 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Partner Project: Madison County Thoroughfare Plan
10:20 to 10:40	Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Process Update Tool Development
10:40 to 10:50	Coming in 2025 Funded Projects (TIP) 2025 Planning Efforts Meeting Schedule & Format
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next meeting: January 18 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



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Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 10 to 11 AM

Re: Quarter 1 Meeting

10:00 to 10:05	Welcome & Introductions
10:05 to 10:15	2025 Project Plans
10:15 to 10:50	Facilitated GIS Discussion
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks Transportation Challenge Homework

Next meeting: April 17 @ 10 to 11 AM

Thank you!



AGENDA

Date: October 23, 2025
Time: 10 to 11 AM
Re: Technical Advisory Committee – Quarter 4 Meeting

10:00 to 10:10	Welcome & Project Updates Hoosier Travel Counts – Household Travel Survey Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) GIS Data Access Improvements 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2050 inMotion (MTP) – Air Quality Conformity Update
10:10 to 10:30	Discussion: Revive 2050 (Environment, Energy, Resilience)
10:30 to 10:50	Discussion: Uniting Scatterfield (Anderson SR 9 Study)
10:50 to 11:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next Meeting: January 22, 2026

Thank you!



AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Time: 1 to 2 PM
Re: Technical Advisory Committee – Quarter 3 Meeting

1:00 to 1:05	Welcome & Overview
1:05 to 1:15	Project Updates
1:15 to 1:50	Discussion: Forecast Updates Population projections & distribution Employment projections & distribution
1:50 to 2:00	Member Updates & Closing Remarks

Next Meeting: Tentatively Thursday, October 22, 2026

Thank you!



Laura Sylvester Retires!



After 42 years, Laura, our wonderful office manager, is off for a well-deserved retirement. As our longest-serving employee, Laura was involved in countless projects and always brought enthusiasm to the office. It's hard to imagine COG without her, but we wish her a fulfilling next chapter and loads of time with her grandkids!

Welcome

We are happy to welcome four new employees:

- Jodi Graham - Administrative Assistant
- Andrew Magee - Senior GIS Analyst
- Marius Ngabo - Planner / Landscape Designer
- Hasinee Widanalage - Planner

Susan Drinkut, previously the Administrative Assistant, has taken over Laura's Office Manager responsibilities.



Overview

In our inaugural committee newsletter, we're pleased to announce that we're slowly rolling out a new chapter with an agency rebrand – Heartland MPO, a Council of Governments - replacing the existing Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) name and logo. As we continue to serve the region within and beyond Madison County, we hope our new identity better captures who we represent.

In the first quarter of 2025, we have been hard at work on several projects including implementation of the SS4A safety grant and the launch of a regional Resilience Plan. Additionally, we're keeping a close eye on changing federal funding and guidance that impacts our plans and priorities moving forward.

Federal Funding

As you may be aware, the current administration is reviewing all federal funding programs. As an MPO, we receive federal transportation funding, so this is a situation that we are paying close attention to. So far, we have not experienced direct impacts on our funding. However, the timelines of some projects have changed due to additional levels of federal review. The MPO continues to receive funds through the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) until at least June 2027 and will be tracking the status of a reauthorization bill.



In April, we launched a GIS User Group to teach stakeholders how to use our GIS resources. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is, contact Rene Lawson at rene@heartlandmpo.org.

Project Updates

Protect 2030

We have been making steady progress on updating and automating our crash data analysis process. The automation will allow us to consistently update Protect 2030 with minimal burden and lead to new visualization tools.

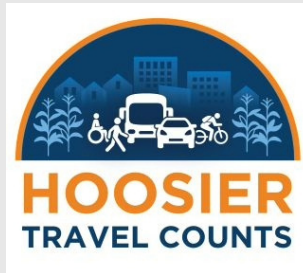
Our SS4A grant includes the installation of a temporary mini roundabout at Pendleton Ave and High St in Pendleton. The installation was delayed to facilitate additional community discussions. NEPA approval for the project has been received and community-suggested design changes were incorporated. We are continuing to work toward a final design before installation in the summer.



For more information or general questions contact Ryan Phelps at ryan@heartlandmpo.org or call our office at 765-641-9482.

Hoosier Travel Counts

Our joint regional transportation survey with Indianapolis is underway! At least 5,700 households in the Central Indiana region are expected to participate through November. The survey asks participants about their travel behavior to help us inform investment decisions. If you've received an invitation to participate, please visit the [survey website](#) to learn more and complete the survey.



Uniting Scatterfield

The Scatterfield / SR 9 corridor plan is a joint project conducted by Heartland MPO, INDOT, and the City of Anderson. This planning project will study 7.5-miles of Scatterfield Rd from Broadway to 67th St and establish a design approach for future reconstruction. Be on the lookout for public engagement efforts this summer.

MPO Data Hub

The upcoming data hub will serve as a central resource for datasets, maps, apps, and dashboards. What data would you like to see on the MPO Data Hub? Let Andrew Magee know at andrew@heartlandmpo.org.



Resilience Plan

The HMPO Resilience Plan has kicked off internally and we are in the process of inviting experts to join us in an advisory role. If anyone is interested, please contact John Lavine at john@heartlandmpo.org. We have developed the focus areas of the plan and are working on the existing conditions. We plan to host a summit in the fall that we will send out invitations for.

TIP Updates

We have worked diligently to develop the 2026-2030 TIP Document. It was adopted by our Policy Committee on March 6 and submitted to INDOT and our federal partners for review. Both the active 2022-2026 TIP, as well as the Draft 2026-2030 TIP document are available on our [website](#). Concurrently, INDOT has developed its [2026-2030 STIP Document](#), which is in its public comment period.



Employee Spotlight



Jodi Graham

Jodi, our Administrative Assistant, grew up in Anderson and graduated from Highland High School. She studied office administration at Ball State University and Ivy Tech. Outside of work, she enjoys church activities, spending time with her two grown sons, and caring for animals—she even works part-time at a vet clinic! She hopes to see Anderson downtown restored and revitalized.



Andrew Magee

Andrew joined the GIS team as a Senior Analyst in November. A native of Ohio, he earned his Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University in 2012. Andrew comes to us from the Indianapolis MPO where he spent three years as a Senior Planner. Outside of work, Andrew enjoys camping on the weekends, walking around Falls Park in Pendleton, and watching the occasional train in Fortville.

Overview

As we launch fiscal year 2026, our team is engaged in several active and soon-to-be active initiatives. Chief among these is the Hoosier Travel Counts survey, along with steady progress on the Safe Streets & Roads for All and Plan for Environment, Energy, and Resilience projects. Development of the regional travel demand model is nearing completion, and we're excited to officially kick off the Uniting Scatterfield Corridor Plan. Additionally, we're pleased to see construction moving forward on the community park trail in Markleville.

Hoosier Travel Counts

As we enter the fall collection period, we're working to boost public awareness of the [Hoosier Travel Counts](#) survey. We've created a social media toolkit that includes ready-to-use graphics and messaging, as well as a newsletter insert. **Please let us know if you or your organization would be willing to partner on this outreach effort by reaching out to ryan@heartlandmpo.org.**

Hoosier Travel Counts is a regional household travel survey conducted by MCCOG in partnership with the Indianapolis MPO. A randomly selected group of households receive postcards (example below) with instructions on how to participate. 1,562 households completed the survey during the spring session. The goal is to reach 5,700 complete surveys by Thanksgiving.

City and regional planners use the results to identify improvements and guide investment decisions for roads, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, and transit systems.



Project Updates

Protect 2030

Crash cleanup is completed for 2024 and 2025 is underway. The MPO [Crash Dashboard](#) will see new data added in the coming months, as we finalize the process for integrating quarterly updates.

Automated crash analysis is nearly complete and visualization tools like the Hazard Reporter, High Crash Location Reviewer, and Protect 2030 Story Maps will begin updates.

The temporary mini roundabout installation at Pendleton Ave and High St in Pendleton continues to be delayed. Due to its redesign, new materials need to be sourced before installation can proceed.

State Freight Plan Seeking Feedback

Help shape Indiana's future in freight! INDOT is currently conducting a [survey](#) to collect stakeholder input and feedback to reach consensus on goals, objectives, and Preferred Freight Corridors (PFCs). The survey is relatively quick and should take no more than 5 minutes. It closes on August 12.

October CAC & TAC meetings will be held in-person and/or virtual. Please check your emails in September for meeting dates.



Uniting Scatterfield

The Scatterfield Rd / SR 9/109 corridor plan is a joint project conducted by the MPO, INDOT, and the City of Anderson. This planning project will study 7.5-miles of Scatterfield Rd from Broadway to 67th St and establish a design approach for future reconstruction.

The project officially kicked off internally and with the consultant team in July. The consultant team is led by Resource Systems Group (RSG) with support from American Structurepoint, Herd Strategies, and Convergence Planning. Our team is currently developing an existing conditions report and branding for the project website.

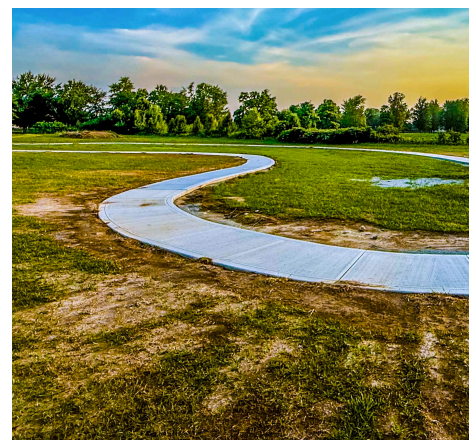
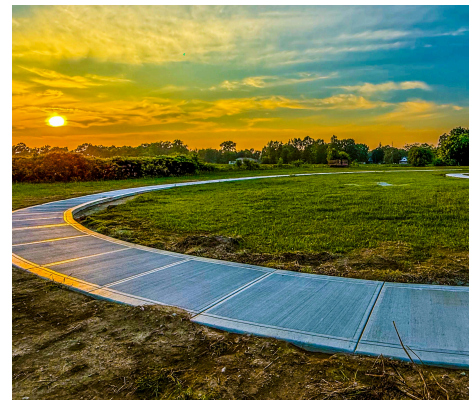
The first major task is to convene a Stakeholder Committee to guide the process and provide valuable feedback throughout. **If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email ryan@heartlandmpo.org.**

For more information or general questions contact Ryan Phelps at ryan@heartlandmpo.org or call our office at 765-641-9482.

Community Park Trail (Markleville)

The Town of Markleville, with assistance from the MPO, have launched long-awaited improvements to Community Park. The project features a 1/8-mile trail and gathering spaces that can serve as an outdoor classroom in a dynamic landscape.

Construction began in July and is anticipated to wrap up by spring 2026. The trail is expected to foster community connection and encourage outdoor activity for residents of Markleville and nearby areas. The project has received grants from the South Madison Community Foundation, Community Hospital, Open Hearts Open Purses, and Charles Fund for Children.



Statewide Data Harvest

The MCCOG team is currently assisting Madison County in the Indiana Data Harvest program, a collaborative effort between the Indiana Geographic Information Office (IGIO), the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC), and all Indiana County governments. The program collects, standardizes, and shares key GIS datasets such as address points, parcel boundaries, road centerlines, and various governmental administrative boundaries. The annual update supports maps, applications, dashboards, and analysis critical to the Census, transportation, broadband, tax distribution, Next Generation 9-1-1, public health, environmental management, and more. The resulting datasets can be accessed through Indiana Map: www.indianamap.org

In 2024, to support various state and federal initiatives including Next-Generation 911 (NG911) call routing, the IGIO deployed an online GIS data submission and validation portal called VEP. VEP detects possible anomalies in various datasets, mainly focused on NG911 data compliance. For the 2025 Data Harvest, the number of counties utilizing VEP will increase from 28 to 45. Madison County is included in the 2025 VEP program and has been a Gold Star contributor since 2020.

Revive 2050

The introduction and the existing conditions sections of the Plan for Environment, Energy, and Resilience are nearing completion. The existing conditions section provides an overview of the current infrastructure and environmental initiatives either in place or being considered within the MPA. Key topics include natural habitats, air quality, evolving development patterns, shifts in regional power generation capacity, and trends in energy consumption.

We will be performing a vulnerability assessment of natural and man-made hazards affecting the MPA, along with geospatial analyses of impervious surfaces and solar suitability. These analyses will play a key role in shaping scenarios for future focus areas and guiding project evaluations later in the process.

The team will next focus on developing a sustainability scoring system for the MPO to use in evaluating projects. An advisory panel will be formed for the plan. **If you are interested in serving, please email john@heartlandmpo.org.**



ADA/Title VI Program

In response to INDOT policy, an increasing number of LPAs have shown interest in ADA compliance. As a result, we have recently intensified our focus on the ADA program. Current efforts include the development of a new sidewalk inventory tool and a more detailed review of curb ramp measurement data. We are actively working on ADA Transition and Title VI Implementation Plans for Alexandria, Elwood, Fortville, Ingalls, Markleville, and Pendleton, which will include conducting new inventories.

VisionEval

The final piece of the MCCOG Travel Demand Model (TDM) update, VisionEval, is nearing completion. This tool supports exploratory scenario analysis by testing hundreds of combinations of policy-level inputs. In our first test, we're looking at changes in:

1. Electric vehicle market share
2. Teleworking percentage
3. Median age
4. Walk, bike, and transit share
5. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle use
6. State transportation funding

The Heartland GIS User Group ("Mappy Mondays") kicked off this April. These informal, virtual meetings are held monthly on the first Monday at 2 pm and are open to all local map users. Recent topics include GIS announcements, review of webmap tools and widgets, and editing tips. If you would like to join and aren't currently receiving the invites, please email rene@heartlandmpo.org.



Employee Spotlight



Marius Igitangaza Ngabo

Marius, our Landscape Designer and Planner, holds a Master of Landscape Architecture from Ball State University and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Rwanda. He is dedicated to designing environments that enrich lives, foster biodiversity, and strengthen the relationship between people and nature. Outside of work, Marius enjoys reading, sketching, and exploring animation.



Hasinee Atigala

Hasinee joined the team as a Senior Planner in June. She is currently completing her Master of Urban and Regional Planning at Ball State University. Originally from Sri Lanka, she holds a B.Sc. in Town and Country Planning from the University of Moratuwa and brings professional experience as a Town Planner in Sri Lanka. Outside of work, Hasinee enjoys traveling, writing, and exploring new places and cultures.



Overview

We're excited to share the progress of several major initiatives in the last three months. We've completed an update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), allowing us to stay in step with Air Quality requirements. Our Uniting Scatterfield corridor plan, which will promote enhanced connectivity and smarter development along a key regional corridor, is underway. Meanwhile, the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Plan has taken a major step forward with the formation of an expert panel. Lastly, the fall phase of our household travel survey, Hoosier Travel Counts, is in progress and scheduled to wrap up by the end of the year.

MTP Update

The 2050 inMotion Metropolitan Transportation Plan has gone through a minor update to align with Air Quality Conformity requirements. Changes include revisions to the emissions analysis, updates to the financial analysis, and new information on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety. The update also adopts a new combined land use scenario with a higher growth rate in the Pendleton, Fortville, Ingalls, and Lapel areas. The draft document is available for review at <https://www.heartlandmpo.org/mtp-plan>.

2026-2030 TIP

A new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document and project list was developed for the 2026-2030 planning horizon. The TIP outlines all transportation projects in our region that have been programmed with funding (to date), which includes projects programmed and funded by the MPO, INDOT, and FTA. The new TIP document was adopted by the Policy Committee in March, approved by FHWA in July, and officially became active at the end of August. The document is available to view at <https://www.heartlandmpo.org/tip>.

Project Updates

Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)

Our SS4A grant includes the installation of a temporary mini roundabout at Pendleton Ave and High St in Pendleton. Due to its redesign and the need to reorganize funding, the project is expected to be delayed until next year.

We have reached phase 3 in automating our crash data analysis process, which will allow us to make safety data more accessible. Our next focus is the update of visualization tools like the Hazard Reporter, High Crash Location Reviewer, and Protect 2030 Story Maps.

Uniting Scatterfield

The Scatterfield Rd / SR 9/109 corridor plan is a joint project conducted by the MPO, INDOT, and the City of Anderson. This planning project will study 7.5 miles of Scatterfield Rd from Broadway to 67th St and establish a design approach for future reconstruction. We anticipate convening the Stakeholder Committee in November and launching the first round of public engagement in early 2026. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email ryan@heartlandmpo.org.

For more information or general questions contact Ryan Phelps at ryan@heartlandmpo.org or call our office at 765-641-9482.

Revive 2050

The Environment, Energy, and Resilience plan was officially launched on Friday, October 3, with the first meeting of our expert advisory panel. The panel includes nationally known experts, including faculty from Purdue, IU, and Ball State, as well as John Waters, the lead engineer on the EV1 and a pioneer in the electric vehicle industry. This group brings a broad range of expertise that will be instrumental in guiding the development of the plan. We are currently focused on establishing a clear and inspiring vision for the project. Alongside that, we're working to define meaningful goals and objectives that will guide our efforts in the months ahead.

Hoosier Travel Counts

The Hoosier Travel Counts survey, conducted by Heartland MPO and the Indianapolis MPO (IMPO), is entering its final phase of collection. Nearly 4,000 surveys have been completed across the 9-county study area, though Madison County is lagging behind the other 8 counties in reaching our target response rate.

We are working with different municipal utilities to advertise the survey in utility mailers. This is a modified approach that we hope will expand our reach.

However, the best way to boost our participation and reach is word of mouth. You can help us by sharing Facebook posts and encouraging friends, neighbors, and coworkers to take the survey if they receive it in the mail.

Community Hospital Farm Staff Visit

In July, our team visited Community Hospital, Anderson, to tour their impressive 3-acre community farm and had the chance to meet some of the farm's full-time staff and dedicated volunteers. The site includes a teaching center with a fully equipped kitchen for cooking classes and even houses its own beehives. All produce from the farm is donated to local food pantries. We're happy to have such an inspiring space in our community that not only directly addresses food insecurity but is also a valuable learning resource.

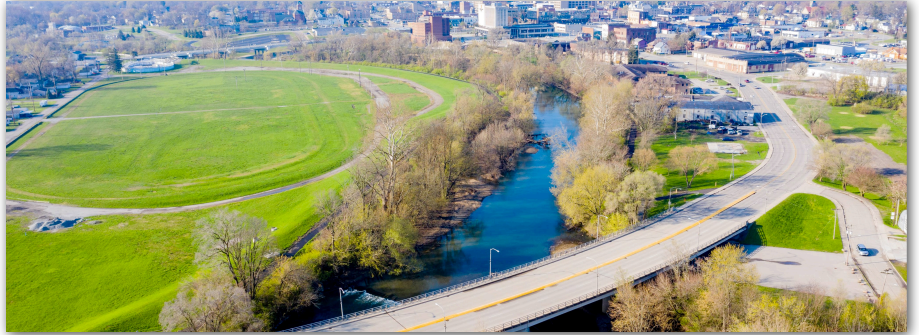




Happy New Year!

As we welcome the New Year, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our stakeholders, partners, and community members. We hope the year ahead brings new opportunities to connect, and to continue working together to build communities that are welcoming, resilient, and great places to live.

We are sincerely grateful for the ongoing support of our LPA and State colleagues, as well as the time and dedication of our committee members. Your efforts play an essential role in everything we do. We look forward to working with you in 2026!



Overview

The first quarter of 2026 is shaping up to be a busy time for us. The Uniting Scatterfield Project kicked off in November, and we will be holding the first public workshop next week. The Hoosier Travel Counts Survey will conclude collection in mid-February. Shortly after that, we will be wrapping up the 2025 crash cleanup process. We are also in the midst of an update and reorganization of our ArcGIS Enterprise system, and will be launching the Project Eligibility Review process.

Uniting Scatterfield

The first public workshop for the Uniting Scatterfield project will be held in Anderson Public Library at 5:00pm on February 10th. The project team will provide an overview of the process and findings and invite community input on priorities. This is an opportunity for any interested members of the community to have their voice heard. Uniting Scatterfield is a planning project examining the Scatterfield Road Corridor in Anderson; it aims to establish a design approach for Scatterfield's future reconstruction. The effort is conducted in partnership with INDOT and City of Anderson.

Enterprise GIS Upgrade

Over the next several months, the GIS team will be performing a major overhaul to our ArcGIS Enterprise architecture, including our Enterprise Portal site. During much of this upgrade process, there will be no impact to our current products, or to your data workflows. However, when the new environment goes live, the URLs that are used to access our public maps, apps, and data connections will change. We will communicate more about this as we near launch. The end result of this upgrade will be a GIS that is more reliable, and organized to better serve you. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this process, you can reach out to Andrew Magee, Senior GIS Analyst, at andrew@heartlandmpo.org.



MPO Staff Holiday Luncheon

Project Updates

PER

In preparation for the next update to our Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), we will be coordinating our Project Eligibility Review (PER) Process. This process solicits project ideas from communities within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Each community can complete a Project Eligibility Request Form to describe the project idea or community need that has been identified.

Though not required, project ideas should have a direct link to publicly vetted local planning documents, such as a Comprehensive Plan, Park & Recreation Master Plan, Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, Strategic Economic Development Improvement Plan (SEDIP), or other similar plans.

Note: project ideas do not have to be transportation only, as we will review each and determine if a transportation component could be added or if we can assist in finding other funding sources.

An email describing the process, outlining deadlines, and providing the form is anticipated in March. For more information, contact Dave Benefiel at dave@heartlandmpo.org.

For more information or general questions contact Ryan Phelps at ryan@heartlandmpo.org or call our office at 765-641-9482.

Hoosier Travel Counts

As we enter the final collection period, we've successfully boosted public awareness of the Hoosier Travel Counts survey, a regional household survey conducted by Heartland MPO in partnership with the Indianapolis MPO. We would like to thank Alexandria, Pendleton, Ingalls, Summitville, and Elwood's utility departments for allowing the MPO to place survey reminders in utility mailers. We would also like to thank Anderson for helping us boost outreach. In addition to the main survey, a stated preference survey will be released to previous respondents who had at least one trip between Madison County and Indianapolis. The stated preference survey will inform us of the viability of express bus and commuter rail options from Anderson to Indianapolis.

Crash Clean Up and Reporting

Crash cleanup for 2025 will be completed in March. We are moving toward a monthly crash cleanup process rather than quarterly to have the most up-to-date crash data available for our planning partners. The MPO [Crash Dashboard](#) will see an overhaul as part of the SS4A visualization process. Additional tools are anticipated to be added to the [Protect 2030 Hub](#) as well. If there is anything you would like to see on the Hub, or if you have any questions about crash data please reach out to brandon@heartlandmpo.org.

Water Street Extension Study

The Town of Pendleton will host a public meeting for the US 36 Relocation/Water Street Extension Planning Study in late March. The study seeks to identify safety, access, and mobility improvements for the area near the intersection of SR 9 and Water Street, immediately north of US 36. It includes a proposal to realign US 36 and connect with Water Street. The upcoming public meeting will introduce the study, share analysis findings, and obtain feedback on the draft vision, goals, and alternatives. Visit the Town's website at www.town.pendleton.in.us in late February / early March for details on date, time, and location.





Employee Spotlight



Denise Miller

Denise is our newest addition to the administrative team. She joins COG as the Administrative Assistant and is dedicated to supporting and strengthening the local community. Previously, she worked at Gentry Cabinets, Gray's Design Studio, and Dee & Nick's Boutique. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, teaching fitness classes, and volunteering at the Paramount Theatre.



AJ Robinson

AJ started at COG as a graduate assistant, and is now a full-time planner on our community planning and design team. She holds a Bachelors in Public Affairs from IUPUI, and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State. She is passionate about cohesive urban design and green practices that improve community well-being. When not hiking or making art, she enjoys rollerblading around town and watching game shows.



Overview

As we settle into 2026, we're trucking along with several important projects. The Uniting Scatterfield study has completed some major public engagement milestones, including a very successful public workshop meeting. Some public engagement activities are planned as well for the ongoing MTP update and the SR 13 Corridor Plan. In April we held the Clean Air Aware art contest, which received some excellent submissions. Lastly, the Hoosier Travel Counts Survey, a shared effort between the Indianapolis and Anderson MPOs, is now complete.

2050 inMotion MTP Update

The 2050 inMotion Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is undergoing a comprehensive review and update to incorporate the latest planning assumptions. This update is focused on bringing Census data to 2020 or more recent, which includes a revision of the 2050 population and employment forecasts. While our team is closing in on the document updates, we are excited to launch a web page and survey to gather public feedback -- <https://publicinput.com/2050inmotion>. We are also preparing for a public open house on June 30 at the Anderson Public Library and would love to see you there!

JUN Public Open House

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Tue, Jun 30 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



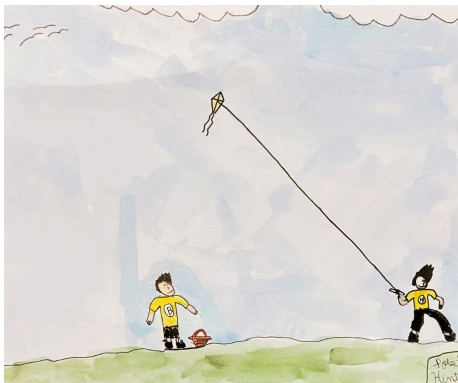
Anderson Public Library, 3rd floor

Join the Heartland MPO team to learn about the 2050 inMotion update and provide feedback on both short- and long-term priorities. This event is an open house format, so attendance for the full 3 hours is neither expected nor necessary. Activities take ~10 minutes and staff will be available for comments, questions, and discussion throughout.

Project Updates

Clean Air Aware

The Clean Air Aware (CAA) Program is an initiative that promotes environmental awareness through community outreach and engagement activities. We hosted the Clean Air Aware Art Spotlight contest from April 1 through May 15, giving residents of all ages an opportunity to share what clean air means to them through art. Congratulations to our winners, Megan, Hunter, and Alaina! They were awarded gift bags of art supplies, and their artworks will be featured on MCCOG's Facebook page and the [Clean Air Aware website](#).



SR 13 Corridor

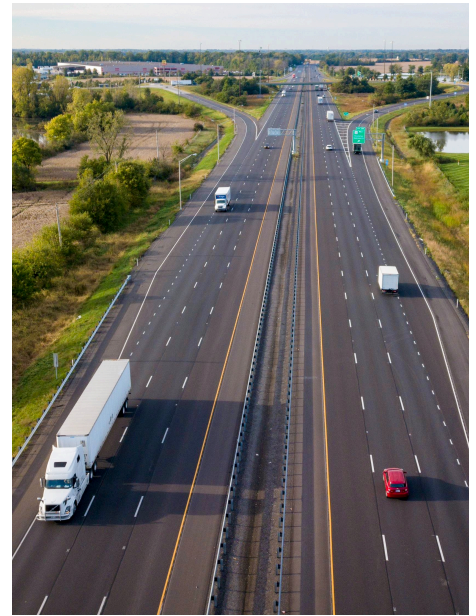
The second Stakeholder Committee meeting for the SR13 Corridor Plan was held on June 8. Members officially approved the project vision statement and discussed plans for the first public workshop, which is anticipated to take place in late July. Two workshops will be held for the plan in total: one in Fortville and another in Lapel. These events will provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about the project and share their input. Stay tuned for workshop dates and additional details!

Hoosier Travel Counts

The joint household travel survey conducted with the Indianapolis MPO officially closed data collection earlier this year and the Anderson region only stated preference survey closed mid-May. The final report and data user's guide drafts are complete and nearing final approval. Once the reports are finalized, the data will be delivered and findings will begin becoming available. We're looking forward to digging into the data! Thank you to all who participated and helped us extend our reach.

TRAM

The Transportation for Rural Areas of Madison County or TRAM demand response bus program has entered its second year with LifeStream as the provider and recently submitted the calendar year 2027 grant application to continue service. The program is working to begin replacing the vehicle fleet, with the first two expected later this year.



Uniting Scatterfield

Since the last newsletter in February, a lot of work has been completed on the Uniting Scatterfield project! Approximately 65-75 community members attended the first public workshop, over 350 people completed the survey, and nearly 1,500 comments have been received. The second stakeholder committee meeting was held at the end of May and the Vision and Values Report, summarizing public engagement to date, is under review. The consultant team is hard at work defining potential solutions and alternatives to analyze. We hope to spend the early part of summer raising project awareness and are working toward the second round of public engagement in August / September. Be on the lookout for updates and let us know if you know of good events we should be attending.

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