WHAT IS THE INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)?

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the regional entity that plans and programs federal transportation funds for highways, transit, non-motorized transportation, and other means of moving people and goods. The MPO works within federal transportation requirements to guide the development of a multi-modal transportation system within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) - an area that includes the urbanized area plus areas expected to urbanize over the next 20 years.

ACRONYMS

CI RTA - Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
FTA - Federal Transit Administration
IDEM - Indiana Department of Environmental Management
INDOT - Indianapolis Department of Transportation
IRTC - Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
IRTIP - Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Plan
LPA - Local Planning Agency
LRTP - Long Range Transportation Plan
MPA - Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization
TMA - Transportation Management Area
UAB - Urban Area Boundary
UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE MPO?

MAINTAINING A CONTINUING, COOPERATIVE, AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

- Identifying Future Needs
- Preparing Effective Transportation Programs and Plans
- Community Involvement
- Transportation Policy Coordination
WHAT ARE THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE MPO?

Unified Planning Work Program

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed by the MPO and approved by the IRTC on an annual basis. It outlines the planning activities and work strategies to accomplish regional transportation goals and state/federal planning emphasis areas. Important attention is given to the description of the planning work, the resulting products, time frames for completion, cost, and source of funds for each planning activity.

Long Range Transportation Plan

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is the region’s primary transportation policy document. This official multi-modal transportation plan must maintain no less than a 20-year planning horizon that is developed, adopted and updated by the MPO and approved by the IRTC through the metropolitan planning process. The LRTP is fiscally constrained and improvements are prioritized on realistic projections of financial resources.

Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (IRTP) includes a prioritized listing (program) of transportation projects covering a period of four years. It is developed by the MPO and approved by the IRTC as part of the metropolitan planning process. It must be consistent with the LRTP and projects must be included in the IRTIP to be eligible for federal transportation funding.

HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE?

The MPO’s plans and recommendations are developed in cooperation with the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC), the governing body of the MPO. The IRTC consists of Policy, Technical, and Administrative committees that are represented by officials from jurisdictions within the MPA.

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## Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization

### INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (IRTC)

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Town of Avon
- Town of Bargersville
- City of Beech Grove
- Boone County
- Town of Booklyn
- Town of Brownsburg
- City of Carmel
- Town of Cicero
- Town of Cumberland
- Town of Danville
- City of Fishers
- City of Franklin
- City of Greenfield
- City of Greenwood
- Hamilton County
- Hancock County
- Hendricks County
- City of Indianapolis
- Johnson County
- City of Lawrence
- Town of McCordsville
- Town of Mooresville
- Morgan County
- Town of New Palestine
- City of Noblesville
- Town of Pittsboro
- Town of Plainfield
- Shelby County
- City of Southport
- Town of Speedway
- City of Westfield
- Town of Whiteland
- Town of Whitestown
- Town of Zionsville

#### PARTNER AGENCIES

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
- Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA)
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
- Ports of Indiana
- Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)
- Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
- Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC)
- Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG)
- Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

### Meeting Schedule

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**PLANNING**: Long Range Transportation Planning Section, Multimodal  
**DATA**: Data Section