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*\* The previous version of this newsletter left out information about upcoming public hearings.*

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## Public Review, Comment, and Public Hearings

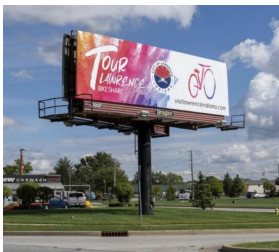
Public hearings will be held at the [October 20 Transportation Policy Committee meeting](#) for the following items:

- The [draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#), which is also available for public review and comment through **Friday, October 15**.
- A [proposed TIP amendment](#), which is also out for review and comment through **Tuesday, October 19**.
- The [Coordinated Transit Human Services Transportation Plan](#).

The [draft Northern Johnson County Transit Plan](#) is available for public review and comment through **Wednesday, October 20**.

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## New Lawrence Bike Share Program



The City of Lawrence is getting a Bike Share Program! The Tour Lawrence Bike Share will launch on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, starting out with 10 bikes and 2 docking stations. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Electric Vehicle Initiatives



Governor Holcomb is joining five other Midwest states in a plan to [build a new network for charging electric vehicles](#).

And Michigan is planning to construct a first-in-the-nation segment of [road that will charge electric vehicles](#) while they're driving.

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## Next Level Trails Grants - Round 3



The Next Level Trails Grant Round 3 will have a total of \$35 million available, including \$25 million for regional projects and \$10 million for local projects. Applications will be accepted starting Nov. 1 and are due to the DNR by Dec. 1. [Click](#) for more.

## Mobility Access Fund Grants Available



The Indianapolis Public Transportation Foundation and IndyGo are once again offering Mobility Access Fund grants. The Bus Pass Grants and Nonprofit Discount Program would make it easier for nonprofits to assist Marion County residents seeking employment, food, healthcare, and other essential services. The deadline for nonprofits to apply is October 29. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Vanpool Program Bouncing Back



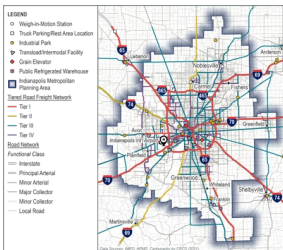
CIRTA's Vanpool program is rebounding since taking a pandemic-fueled dip, and is back to 25 active vanpools. These vanpools operate all over Central Indiana. If you're interested in finding a vanpool (or even a carpool) near you, check out CIRTA's [Commuter Connect](#) program and sign up.

## Carmel installs "Walk Your Bike" Signs



Carmel installed [new sidewalk markings](#) recently to remind cyclists to dismount and walk their bicycles through the busy Arts & Design District on Main Street. The Carmel City Council approved a Bicycle Dismount Zone in July 2020 to improve safety for both pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

## Regional Freight Plan Update



The IMPO's update of the [Regional Freight Plan](#) is moving right along! The plan will identify opportunities to improve and expand the capabilities of our region's freight network. Later this month a survey will go out to the public asking for information and opinions on freight in the region. Keep your eye on this newsletter for future details!

## UPCOMING IMPO MEETING DATES

Check out the [IMPO's Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization and its Committees, including the locations and

online access information. Meetings will also continue to be available for live viewing on [YouTube](#) or calling in.

- **Policy Committee Meeting** - October 20 at 9:00 am
- ~~Executive Committee Meeting – October 22 at 9:00 am~~ **CANCELLED**
- **Executive Committee Meeting** - November 19 at 9:00 am

*IMPO staff continue to work partially remote. To ensure someone will be present when you visit, e-mail or call ahead:  
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