



Agenda **DRAFT**

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING #1

2045 inMotion

Long-range Transportation Plan for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area

April 24, 2019 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

MCCOG Offices, 739 Main Street, Anderson, IN 46016

Purpose: Orient Stakeholder Committee members to the process, gain initial insight on transportation opportunities, initiate the communication and outreach messaging and activities, and establish next steps including future meetings.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	11:00 AM
2. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING 101	11:10
3. PROCESS OVERVIEW	11:25
▪ Importance, approach and process schedule	
4. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES	11:40
5. APPROACH TO PUBLICITY & OUTREACH	11:50
--- LUNCH ---	
6. GROUP DISCUSSION	12:05
7. NEXT STEPS	12:55
▪ Discuss future meetings	
8. ADJOURN	1:00 PM

Additional materials:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- About the Stakeholder Committee
- Stakeholder Committee Meeting Sequence

Notes / Ideas?

Frequently Asked Questions

The following FAQs include answers to common questions that may be asked about the transportation planning process.

- 1. What is 2045 inMotion?** Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG), a regional planning organization that works with local communities in and around Madison County, has begun an ambitious process to create a long-range transportation plan for the Anderson Metropolitan Planning Area—encompassing all of Madison County, IN; Fortville, IN and Daleville, IN. The process, 2045 inMotion, will include robust regional public engagement to inform the final Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- 2. What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?** This plan is a requirement under the federal transportation law (Title 23 U.S. Code) and will act as a guide for the future of transportation facilities and how they function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system. Additionally, 2045 inMotion will consider and plan for transportation factors that support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area.
- 3. Why do we need a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?** MCCOG is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Anderson area. It acts as the oversight agency for federal transportation funding and coordinates planning efforts among local governments to meet mutual challenges. As part of this federally mandated work, MCCOG is required to adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan that allocates nearly \$113 Million in transportation funds for qualifying projects through the year 2045. These projects will be updated through the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This process will also look at components of the Region's transportation networks—pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, road and intersection safety, freight routes, transit routes, and congestion mitigation.
- 4. Who will lead the planning process?** The process is being led by a stakeholder committee made up of individuals from across the Region. This group was convened with the intention of representing diverse public interests. They will meet regularly throughout the process to plan outreach activities and set the general direction for the plan. The process will be overseen by MCCOG in collaboration with a consulting team led by Planning NEXT of Columbus, Ohio and including Cabello Associates of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 5. What will happen at public engagement events?** Public engagement events will be informative, interactive and fun. The planning team will share some background

about the process and relevant key findings, but majority of the sessions will be spent in small group discussions. Trained facilitators will help participants share their ideas and concerns directly with the team. Through mapping projects, guided discussions and other activities, the team hopes to gather thousands of comments throughout the process.

6. **What if I need special accommodations to participate?** Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend or participate in 2045 inMotion activities (i.e. stakeholder participation, virtual engagement, community conversations, regional vision summit, etc.) and need assistance or special accommodations should contact Robert Wertman between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday by calling (765) 641-9695 or e-mailing robert@heartlandmpo.org.
7. **Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?** Absolutely not! By living, working or raising a family in the Region, you know so much about how the region moves. Your intuition is vital to the plan's success. Whether you're just moving to the area or a fourth-generation life-long resident, your perspective is important.
8. **How will my input be used?** When you contribute an idea to 2045 inMotion, you are contributing directly to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Depending on when you get involved, your ideas could serve as the foundation for the plan, contribute to one of the plan's goals, inspire a specific action (like a new project, policy, or program), or set the course for implementation. Each comment will be recorded, databased, categorized, and analyzed by the planning team. This process will be documented in summary memos after each round of public engagement.
9. **What is the timeline for completing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?** The process is expected to be completed prior to June 2020.
10. **How can I get involved?** The project's website, 2045inmotion.com, includes more information about the process and how to get involved. Share your email in the "Contact us" section to be updated on upcoming meetings and major announcements.

Are there questions we've not answered?

Please include these on your blank 3x5 index card and return it to the Planning Team.