

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 5, 2017

The April 5, 2017 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the MACOG Conference Room on the 11th Floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. It was noted a quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Clark – St. Joseph County Engineering
Laurie Baker – Marshall County Highway Department
Leslie Biek – City of Goshen
Ralph Booker – Marshall County Plan Commission
Chris Dressel – South Bend Community Investment
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Michael Machlan – City of Elkhart
Roger Nawrot – City of South Bend
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Scott Tilden – Kosciusko County Highway Department

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Cangany – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
Chris Godlewski – Elkhart County Planning
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Larry Magliozzi – St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Vacant – St. Joseph County Health Dept.
Jeff Taylor – Elkhart County Highway
David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Lyndsay Quist – INDOT, LaPorte
Mary Enright – INDOT, Central

OTHERS PRESENT: Joyce Newland (by phone)
Jessica Miller – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Tharon Shultz – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Mike Delp – Marshall County Commissioner
Richard Chapman – LFA
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen
Khylei Boyer – City of Goshen
Michael Yacullo – Clorba Group
James Turnwald – MACOG
Zach Dripps – MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Jeremiah Cox – MACOG
Shirley Czerna – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2017 MEETING

There were no corrections to the minutes of March 1, 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL MACHLAN AND
SECONDED BY ROGER NAWROT TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

LaPorte District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 16-17

A. South Bend Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 16-17 Add Project Phase: PE
Des#: 1400634 **Location: Bendix Dr from Lathrop St to the I-80 bridge (Nimtz Pkwy)**
 Road Reconstruction SFY: 2017
Total: \$200,000 Federal: \$160,000 (Grp I STP) Local: \$40,000

B. South Bend Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 16-17 Add Project Phase: PE
Des#: 1400637 **Location: Olive St from south of Delaware St to RR South of Tucker Dr**
 Road Reconstruction SFY: 2017
Total: \$271,000 Federal: \$216,800 (Grp I STP) Local: \$54,200

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 16-17 containing LaPorte District locally initiated TIP amendments. There were no questions on this resolution. Caitlin asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL MACHLAN
AND SECONDED BY RALPH BOOKER TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 16-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Endorsement of the SFY 2018 Self Certification Statement

James Turnwald explained the SFY 2018 Self Certification Statement affirms that MACOG will comply with all Federal Rules that exist for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The statement is renewed annually and is necessary as part of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). James asked for the TTAC's endorsement of the SFY 2018 Self Certification Statement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL MACHLAN
AND SECONDED BY ROGER NAWROT TO ENDORSE
THE SFY 2018 SELF CERTIFICATION STATEMENT.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Endorsement of the Statement Regarding MPO Certification Review by FHWA and INDOT

James explained the Statement Regarding MPO Certification is a four-year certification review conducted by the FTA, FHWA and INDOT that determines MACOG's compliance with the transportation planning processes. The statement is renewed annually and is necessary as part of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). James asked for the TTAC's endorsement of the Statement Regarding MPO Certification Review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL MACHLAN
AND SECONDED BY LESLIE BIEK TO ENDORSE THE
STATEMENT REGARDING MPO CERTIFICATION
REVIEW. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

MACOG SFY 2018-2021 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)

MACOG is updating its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the region and will be providing a draft copy of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP for public comment through April 26. An open house is scheduled at the MACOG office on April 20 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The TIP and any comments received will be provided to the TTAC for consideration in May.

INDOT STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) Public Meetings

INDOT is developing the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 STIP. Public meetings have been and are being held for each District to review projects that have been accepted into the production schedule. STIP open houses for the two Districts in the MACOG region will be held at the LaPorte District Office on April 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM (EST) and the Fort Wayne District Office on April 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. To view the document on-line go to at www.in.gov/indot3132.htm.

State Road Funding Update

House Bill 1002, contains the recommendations from the FIRSST Task Force that was set up to find a long-term funding plan to fix the state's roads and bridges. In February, the State House passed the Bill with some modifications. The Bill is currently in the Senate where some significant changes have been proposed. First, rather than using sales tax for funding roads and bridges, there is more support for tolling. Second, there would be a decrease in the amount of increase on diesel fuel from 10 cents to 6 cents. Lastly, a \$5 new tire fee was proposed. A Senate vote is anticipated in the next 2 weeks. Then the Conference Committee would determine a bill that both the House and Senate would approve.

April 12 Policy Board Meeting Presentation – Indiana Toll Road Updates

Zach Hurst and Alyssa Staley from the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) will be providing a presentation at the April 12th Policy Board meeting. The TTAC was encouraged to attend the informative presentation.

Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon – April 25

The Annual Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon will be held on April 25th at the Matterhorn Conference Center, in Elkhart. The luncheon will include presentations and provide an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations in the MACOG region that made exemplary efforts to clean the air in 2016.

MACOG Regional Economic Development District (MREDD) Meeting – May 10

The next MREDD meeting will be held on May 10th at Christos Banquet Center, in Plymouth. Commissioner Steve Braun of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development will be offering a presentation along with updates from the regions Local Economic Development Organizations.

17th Annual Indiana-Michigan St. Joseph River Basin Symposium – May 12

The 17th Annual Indiana-Michigan St. Joseph River Basin Symposium is scheduled for May 12th at the Fernwood Botanical Gardens, in Niles. There are always interesting topics for discussion and lunch will be served. For additional information, contact Matt Meersman, SJRBC Director.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ralph Booker asked if other jurisdictions have experienced difficulties working with contractors on right-of-way permits, regarding the placement of new cell towers. Mike Machlan said being a small city, Elkhart found the contractors easy to work with, unlike Marshall County who has a larger area to fill. Jessica Clark said St. Joseph County has worked with contractors for over a year, sighting locations and installing infrastructure. The permits went through the Public Works office, being public right-of-way. Dustin Sailor said the City of Goshen is currently working with contractors to find a location to install a pole that does not damage access to the right-of-way. A discussion followed to determine if the placement of poles in the right-of-way would be a zoning issue.

In order to reduce the consumption of paper to leave the MACOG office, James asked if the monthly TTAC meeting packet could be sent out electronically, a week prior to the meeting. A printed copy of the meeting packet would only be supplied at the meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER NAWROT AND SECONDED
BY MICHAEL MACHLAN TO APPROVE RECEIVING ONLY AN
ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE TTAC MEETING PACKET PRIOR
TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS AND A PAPER COPY SUPPLIED
AT THE MEETINGS.


PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the following action was taken.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL MACHLAN
AND SECONDED BY LESLIE BIEK TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Jessica Clark, Chair
David Cangany
1st Vice Chair