

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 1, 2017

The March 1, 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
Chris Godlewski – Elkhart County Planning
Laurie Baker – Marshall County Highway Department
Leslie Biek – City of Goshen
Ralph Booker – Marshall County Plan Commission
Chris Dressel – South Bend Community Investment
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Michael Machlan – City of Elkhart
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Roger Nawrot – City of South Bend
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Jeff Taylor – Elkhart County Highway
Scott Tilden – Kosciusko County Highway Department
David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Cangany – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Larry Magliozzi – St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Vacant – St. Joseph County Health Dept.
Lyndsay Quist – INDOT, LaPorte
Mary Enright – INDOT, Central

OTHERS PRESENT: Joyce Newland (by phone)
Jeff Mitchell – INDOT, LaPorte
Kara Boyles – City of South Bend
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Richard Chapman – LFA
Doug Flanagan – Traffic Control Corp.
Howard Berberick - Lochmueller
James Turnwald – MACOG
Zach Dripps – MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Tierra Harris – MACOG
Shirley Czerna – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2017 MEETING

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER NAWROT AND
SECONDED BY CHRIS GODLEWSKI TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 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)

Fort Wayne District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 11-17

A. Kosciusko County Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 11-17 Add Project Phase: PE
Des#: 1592891 **Location: Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle
Years 2018-2021 Bridge Inspections**
Total: \$77,956 Federal: \$62,365 (Bridge) Local: \$15,591 SFY: 2018
Total: \$9,172 Federal: \$7,338 (Bridge) Local: \$1,834 SFY: 2019

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 11-17 containing Fort Wayne District locally initiated TIP amendment. There were no questions on this resolution. Caitlin asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY CHRIS GODLEWSKI TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 11-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INDOT Initiated – Resolution 12-17

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 12-17 Change in Scope and Increase Federal Funds by \$80,000 Phase: PE
Des#: 1500183 **Location: ST 1001, Main Street at NS RR DOT #533570K in Warsaw, also
533571S; 533569R; 533568J; 533566V Railroad Protection SFY: 2018**
Total: \$100,000 Federal: \$100,000 (HSIP) State: \$0

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 12-17 Change in Scope and Increase Federal Funds by \$1,240,000 Phase: CN
Des#: 1500183 **Location: ST 1001, Main Street at NS RR DOT #533570K in Warsaw, also
533571S; 533569R; 533568J; 533566V Railroad Protection SFY: 2018**
Total: \$1,560,000 Federal: \$1,560,000 (HSIP) State: \$0

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 12-17 containing Fort Wayne District INDOT 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 DAVID ARMSTRONG TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 12-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LaPorte District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 13-17

A. St. Joseph County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-16 Change FY Phase: CN
Des#: 1401807 **Location: LaSalle Trail Extension from Auten Rd to Michigan State Line**
Bike/Pedestrian Facilities SFY: 2018
Total: \$1,117,500 Federal: \$894,000 (TAP) Local: \$223,500

B. South Bend Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-16 Increase Federal Funds by \$160,000 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: \$40,00

C. South Bend Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-16 Increase Federal Funds by \$224,000 Phase: PE
Des#: 1400637 **Location: Olive St from south of Delaware St to RR South of Tucker Dr**
Road Reconstruction SFY: 2017
Total: \$280,000 Federal: \$224,000 (Grp I STP) Local: \$56,000

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 13-17 containing LaPorte District locally initiated TIP administrative modifications. There were no questions on this resolution. Caitlin asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG AND
SECONDED BY MICHAEL MACHLAN TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 13-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Resolution 14-17

Endorsement of Marshall-Starke Development Center, Inc., Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:

Two (2) 12 Passenger Medium Duty Transit Vehicles with lift – Section 5310
Calendar Year – 2017 Total: \$104,000 Federal: \$124,000 Local: \$220,800

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 14-17 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. There were no questions on this resolution. Tierra Asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER NAWROT AND
SECONDED BY CHRIS GODLEWSKI TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 14-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

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 primary modification of the bill is to take a portion of the current gasoline sales tax from general operations and apply it entirely to road funding in FY 2018. However, that would leave a \$380 million deficit in the FY 2018 state budget. A cigarette tax was proposed to alleviate the deficit.

The Bill is currently in the Senate. Contrary to the House proposal, Senator McKinley is a large supporter of tolling, rather than using sales tax for funding roads and bridges. Sales tax has long been used as a general fund operation and in the future the House/Senate might deviate those sales tax funds back to general funds. Tolling would easily replenish the \$380 million deficit. The TTAC was encouraged to talk to their local officials concerning the importance of finding an agreeable solution to road funding in Indiana.

Ralph Booker asked what percentage, of the proposed 10 cent fuel tax increase, would go back to local governments. James said it would be roughly a 60-40% split between INDOT and the locals.

Federal Road Funding Update

It is anticipated that the federal government plans to invest one trillion dollars into infrastructure, but it is too early to predict. The initial focus for the new administration is the affordable care act and the budget.

Argos Comprehensive Plan Update

MACOG is entering the final stages of the Argos Comprehensive Plan. Last month the Steering Committee held a Public Meeting/Open House to present the draft Plan and hear public comments on the action strategies. The 30-day public engagement period will end on March 6th. Then the Steering Committee will present the Plan to the Town's Plan Commission for their endorsement and adoption on March 13th, followed by adoption by the Town Council.

Bourbon Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town of Bourbon held their second Steering Committee meeting in February. At the meeting, MACOG explained how Bourbon fared in the region based on OCRA's Community Vitality Indicators. Committee members also worked together on establishing a vision statement and strategize how to best engage the community through the planning process. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in April to discuss the strengths and challenges, and begin developing the action strategies.

Purdue Road School

Purdue Road School will be held March 6 – 9th, 2017, at Purdue University in West Lafayette,

Indiana. It is a great opportunity to learn more about transportation issues in the State of Indiana. For more information, go to roadschool.purdue.edu.

Upcoming Policy Board Meeting Presentations

At the next Policy Board meeting, on March 15th, Ron Mangus will explain how the Indiana Bond Bank can assist local units of government in the process of issuing debt. Zach Hurst, with the Indiana Toll Road, will provide an update on the 80/90 PUSH Project at the April 12th Policy Board meeting. The TTAC was encouraged to attend both of the informative presentations.

Quarterly Tracking and Review

Forms for the next Quarterly Tracking Review will be due to MACOG by March 17, 2017, with the next Quarterly Tracking Review to be held April 5, 2017, following the TTAC meeting.

INDOT STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) Public Meetings

INDOT is currently updating the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). They will offer a series of district meetings to review projects that have been accepted into the production schedule. The LaPorte District meeting will take place on April 11th. The Fort Wayne District will host an Open House on April 12th.

MACOG TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Public Meeting

MACOG is currently updating its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The FY 2018-2021 TIP will be out for public comment from March 27th – April 26th. A TIP Open House is scheduled for April 20th from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, at MACOG. If any comments are received, the information will be presented to the TTAC and Policy Board for review and consideration for approval in May.

Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon

The Annual Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon will be held on April 25, 2017 at the Matterhorn in Elkhart. Lunch will be provided.

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There were no comments.


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 ROGER NAWROT TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Jessica Clark, Chair