

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 3, 2018

The January 3, 2018 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
Jason Peters – 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
Michael Machlan – City of Elkhart
Larry Magliozi – St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission
Roger Nawrot – City of South Bend
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Kent Schumacher – Elkhart County Highway
Scott Tilden – Kosciusko County Highway Department
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport
Vacant – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Lyndsay Quist – INDOT, LaPorte
Emmanuel Nsonwu – INDOT, Central

OTHERS PRESENT: Joyce Newland – FHWA (by phone)
Mark Ober – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Brad McNair – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Ben Beer – USI Consultants
Joe Fragomeni – American Structurepoint
James Turnwald – MACOG
Leah Thill – MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Ryan DeLine – MACOG
Jeremiah Cox – MACOG
Shirley Czerna – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING

There were no corrections to the minutes of December 6, 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER NAWROT AND
SECONDED BY CHRIS GODLEWSKI TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

1. TTAC CHAIRMAN – Nominating Committee Report: Election of Officers for 2018, Ralph Booker and Leslie Biek were on the Nominating Committee. Ralph Booker offered the following slate of officers for 2018: Jessica Clark as Chair, Chris Godlewski as 1st Vice-Chair, Scott Tilden as 2nd Vice-Chair, and James Turnwald as Secretary.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY KENT SCHUMACHER TO CLOSE
THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS
AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica Clark asked for the adoption of the 2018 slate of officers.

A MOTION TO ELECT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AS
SUBMITTED FOR THE 2018 TTAC OFFICERS WAS
MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND SECONDED BY
DAVID ARMSTRONG. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. TTAC SECRETARY – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

Staff Update

Interurban Trolley “CAN DO!” Food Drive Update

The Interurban Trolley sponsored its 12th annual “Can Do!” food drive. Riders received a free, one-way trip on the trolley in exchange for a non-perishable food item. This year 2,200 “Can Do!” contributions were provided to Faith Mission in Elkhart and The Window in Goshen.

2017 Solarize Update

When the Solarize Northern Indiana initiative was planned last summer, the volunteer team set a goal of 60 projects going solar in 2017. Thus far, the initiative has assisted 74 households, a church, and a local business in 2017, with 21 more installations scheduled for 2018. For the average household, 60% of their electricity will be covered when investing in solar panels.

Larry Magliozzi asked if the solar panels are group mounted or yard mounted. Leah Thill said about 90% are group mounted. Larry also asked if Goshen or Elkhart County had to change zoning ordinances. Leah said Goshen has changed their zoning ordinance and Elkhart County already has solar included in their zoning ordinance, which delineates whether or not a special permit is required. It is based on the panel area and property size for ground-mounted systems only.

Jessica Clark asked since the Solarize project only went through December 31, 2017, are there any prospective initiative plans that will become available? James said because of changing laws and uncertainty in the market, it is doubtful there will be another solarize campaign, but there will probably be other energy and sustainability projects in the future.

SURVEY: Public Comment on Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund

IDEM is seeking public input on how to distribute funds between public and private sector entities for the \$41 million in private funds that Indiana will receive from the Volkswagen settlement. Therefore, MACOG has released a survey to TTAC, Policy Board, and other relevant local government personnel, such as fleet managers. Response to the survey will help MACOG convey top priorities for municipalities in the region for diesel-emission reduction projects, such as vehicle replacements. The survey is available at <http://bit.ly/2pYYYue>, through January 26. For additional information, contact Leah Thill at 574-287-1829 or lthill@macog.com. Funding will be made available in the fall of 2018.

MACOG Urban Call for Projects Update

Project submissions for the MACOG Call for Projects were due December 13, 2017. MACOG received 17 new project applications and 6 requests for additional funds for existing projects. Currently, MACOG is working through the project selection process. A decision will be made in February 2018 regarding which projects are awarded funding.

INDOT Rural Call for Project Presentations

LaPorte District, January 9

Fort Wayne District, January 16

LPAs have the opportunity to present their proposed projects to INDOT. This gives the LPAs the opportunity to discuss the purpose and need of their projects, as well as for INDOT staff to ask questions. Presentations for the LaPorte District will take place on January 9, with 5 projects selected for consideration from the MACOG region. Presentations for the Fort Wayne District will take place on January 16, with 7 projects selected for consideration. MACOG offered assistance to those compiling project presentations to INDOT.

February 21 Policy Board Meeting – Toll Road Presentation and Updates

The February 21, 2018 Policy Board meeting will be held in the conference room at the MACOG office, at 10:00 am. The Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) will provide updates on the Indiana Toll Road. All of the TTAC members were invited to attend.

Purdue Road School – March 5-8

Purdue Road School will be held March 5-8, 2018, 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.

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There were no comments.

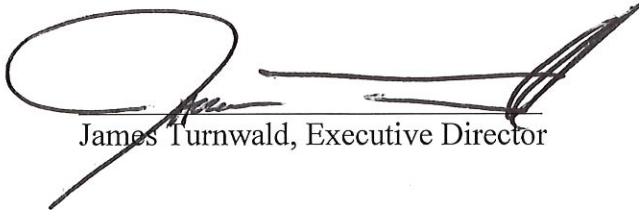
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 DAVID ARMSTRONG AND
SECONDED BY CHRIS GODLEWSKI TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Jessica Clark, Chair