

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 4, 2018**

The April 4, 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: Chris Godlewski – Elkhart County Planning
Scott Tilden – Kosciusko County Highway Department
Ralph Booker – Marshall County Plan Commission
Chris Dressel – South Bend Community Investment
Larry Magliozzi – St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission
Roger Nawrot – City of South Bend
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Amy Hill – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Clark – St. Joseph County Engineering
Leslie Biek – City of Goshen
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Michael Machlan – City of Elkhart
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway Department
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Jeff Taylor – Elkhart County Highway
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Lyndsay Quist – INDOT, LaPorte
Emmanuel Nsonwu – INDOT, Central

OTHERS PRESENT: Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Mark Ober – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Donya LaRue – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Brad McNair – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Qasim Asghar – DLZ
Joe Fragomeni – American Structurepoint
James Turnwald – MACOG
Leah Thill – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Ryan DeLine – MACOG
Matt Meersman – MACOG
Shirley Czerna – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2018 MEETING

There were no corrections to the minutes of February 7, 2018.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER NAWROT AND
SECONDED BY DAVID ARMSTRONG TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

- 1. TTAC CHAIRMAN** – There was no report.
- 2. TTAC SECRETARY** – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

LaPorte District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 11-18

A. South Bend	<u>Amendment</u>	Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 11-18	Add Project	
Des#: 1801240	School Zone Flashing Beacons at 39 Schools	
	Safety Improvement	
Phase: PE	Total: \$100,000	Federal: \$80,000 (Grp I STP) Local: \$20,000 SFY 2019
B. Mishawaka	<u>Amendment</u>	Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 11-18	Add Project	
Des#: 1801241	Twelfth St from Dodge Ave to Campbell, Phase III	
	Road Reconstruction	
Phase: PE	Total: \$880,000	Federal: \$0 Local: \$880,000 SFY 2018

Ryan DeLine presented Resolution 11-18 containing LaPorte District locally initiated TIP amendments. There were no questions on this resolution. Ryan asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY SCOTT TILDEN TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 11-18. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Fort Wayne District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 12-18

A. Winona Lake	<u>Amendment</u>	Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 12-18	Increase Federal Funding by \$279,672	
Des#: 1600788	Intersection of Argonne Rd, Winona Lake Ave, Kings Hwy & Park Ave	
	Intersection Improvement, Roundabout	

Phase: PE Total: \$349,590 Federal: \$279,672 (Grp III STP) Local: \$69,918 SFY 2018

Ryan DeLine presented Resolution 12-18 containing Fort Wayne District locally initiated TIP amendment. There were no questions on this resolution. Ryan asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG
AND SECONDED BY ROGER NAWROT TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 12-18. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

INDOT Railroad Grade Crossing Fund (RRGCF) – April Solicitation for Applications

The Indiana State Legislature established the Railroad Grade Crossing Fund (RRGCF) to provide funding for railroad-highway crossing improvement projects throughout Indiana. The INDOT Rail Office manages the RRGCF program as a cost reimbursement grant. Local Public Agencies, such as cities, towns, and counties, are eligible to apply, as are Class II and Class III Railroads. The annual program is a good opportunity to improve crossings and pavement markings, to make for safer grade crossings. The Solicitation for Applications will be coming later this month.

INDOT Local Trax Rail Overpass Program

Informational Meetings: LaPorte District, Monday, April 16 – 2:00 PM (ET)
Fort Wayne District, Wednesday, April 18 – 1:00 PM (ET)

The Indiana Department of Transportation recently announced the agency will make available at least \$125 million for high-priority railroad safety projects on local roads statewide through the agency's new "Local Trax" matching grant program. The Local TRAX rail overpass program will provide grants to cities, towns and counties for grade separation, crossing closure and other safety enhancement projects at railroad intersections on local roads.

INDOT will hold a series of meetings around the state later this month for local officials to present program details and requirements and answer questions. An informational meeting will be held at the LaPorte District office on April 16, at 2:00 pm (ET) and the Fort Wayne District Office on April 18, at 1:00 pm (ET).

Partners for Clean Air Awards Luncheon

The annual Partners for Clean Air Awards 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 who have made special efforts to improve air quality over the last year.

Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive

MACOG, South Bend Office of Sustainability, and South Shore Clean Cities are partnering to host an electric vehicle (EV) test drive and education event for South Bend May First Fridays, May 4th from 5-8 pm by the Gridiron. The event will raise awareness about the availability of plug-in hybrid and all-electric vehicles and infrastructure, and highlight the benefits of cars with lower direct emissions to promote clean air in the MACOG region.

MACOG Regional Economic Development District Meeting

The next MREDD meeting will be held on May 9th, at 10:00 am, at Riverside Terrace, in Mishawaka. Regina Emberton, Michiana Partnership, will be giving an update on the progress of

the Regional Developments Authority and Regional Cities initiative, and Elaine Bedel, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, will be the keynote speaker.

Quick Impact Placebased (QuIP) Grant

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs, OCRA, has announced the Quick Impact Placebased (QuIP) Grant. It is a match grant opportunity to provide place making and transportation type projects on a small scale. The idea is to create conversation and creativity to help revitalize small communities. QuIP is a state based program that uses state funds, therefore all entities are eligible to apply. Applications are due electronically on June 1, 2018 by 4:00 pm. For further information or assistance with the application process, contact Donny Ritsema, at MACOG.

St. Joseph River Basin Commission (SJRBC) Symposium

The 18th Annual Indian-Michigan St. Joseph River Basin Symposium is scheduled for May 11th at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, in Niles. The Symposium always hosts a variety of speakers discussing watershed management issues. With a limited budget and limited seating space at Fernwood, invitations were first sent to a targeted audience of Michigan and Indiana water managers and executives of the counties and cities. Invitations will be sent to a larger stakeholder list, including many TTAC members on April 16th, if additional seating is available.

Matt Meersman, St. Joseph River Basin Commission (SJRBC) Director, reported, in accordance with recently passed state legislation, the SJRBC has been expanded to address water quantity, as well as water quality issues. Flood mitigation is now officially within the scope of the SJRBC and membership has been expanded to include the Surveyor and a representative of the SWCD from each of the six counties within the St. Joseph River Basin.

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There were no comments.

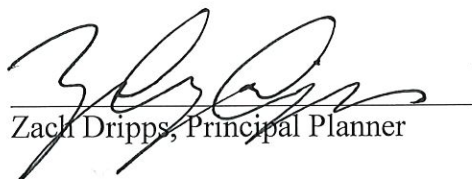
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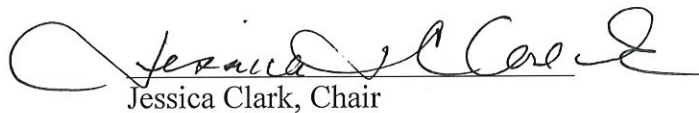
There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY DAVID ARMSTRONG TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.


Zach Dripps, Principal Planner


Jessica Clark, Chair