

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 4, 2020**

The March 4, 2020, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the MACOG Conference Room on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ty Adley – Marshall County Plan Commission  
David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne  
Jessica Clark – St Joseph County  
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend  
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC  
Natasha Kauffman – Elkhart County Planning  
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator  
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway  
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport  
Julie Ritzler – INDOT – LaPort  
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen  
Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend  
Kent Schumacher – Elkhart County  
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Hill – Transpo  
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth  
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS  
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka  
Michael Machlan – City of Elkhart  
Jessica Miller – INDOT LaPorte  
Jason Peters – Marshall County  
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw  
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeremiah Cox - MACOG  
Ryan DeLine – MACOG  
Zach Dripps – MACOG  
Charlie McKenzie – Elkhart County  
Joyce Newland – INDOT (on the phone)  
Alaina Parrish – MACOG  
Dan Peterson – Conilla Inc  
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG  
Leah Thill – MACOG  
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of February 5, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KENT SCHUMACHER AND  
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORTS OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

There was no report from the TTAC Chair.

The Secretary reported a spreadsheet listing the Administrative Modifications made by staff in February was provided in the meeting packet. Any question can be directed to staff following the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

### **Transit**

#### **Resolution 10-20 – Bus / Rail Apportionment – Urbanized Area Formula Program**

FY 2019 Bus / Rail Apportionment – FTA Section 5307 Funding

Total Apportionment – \$4,324,169

NICTD Rail – \$1,340,492      Transpo – \$2,724,226 Niles DART – \$259,450

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 10-20 and asked for its' endorsement. James Turnwald explained that these funds are only given to urban areas. Then MACOG, the South Shore Line, Transpo and Niles Dial-a-Ride get together and agree upon a funding split that is equitable to everyone.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NATASHA KAUFFMAN  
AND SECONDED BY KENT SCHUMACHER TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 10-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Resolution 11-20 – Rail Apportionment – State of Good Repair**

FY 2019 Rail Apportionment – FTA Section 5337 Funding

Total Apportionment – \$2,846,677

NICTD Rail – \$2,846,677

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 11-20 and asked for its' endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG  
AND SECONDED BY NATAHA KAUFFMAN TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 11-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 12-20 – Bus Apportionment** – Bus and Bus Facilities

FY 2019 Bus Apportionment – FTA Section 5339 Funding

Total Apportionment -- \$ 347,984

Transpo – \$287,564                      Niles DART – \$60,420

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 12-20 and asked for its' endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND  
SECONDED BY NATASHA KAUFFMAN TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 12-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 13-20**

Endorsement of the Council on Aging of Elkhart County, Section 5310 Grant Application for  
the procurement of the following:

One (1) Low Floor Mini-Van with Lift

Calendar Year 2020                      Total: \$42,000                      Federal: \$33,600                      Local: \$8,400

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 13-20 and asked for its' endorsement. James Turnwald  
expanded by explaining to the members that the 5310 grant is administered by the State,  
therefore they are endorsing the resolutions application to be submitted and selected.

James Turnwald asked for an endorsement to add Resolution 13-20 to the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED  
BY DAVID ARMSTRONG TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-20.  
THE MOTION CARRIED

**Presentation**

Calendar Year 2019 MACOG Annual Review

Zach Dripps began by pointing out that each member had been given a copy of the 2019 Annual  
Review. Zach first presented the transportation projects that had been put out for bid and stated  
that both the FY20-24 TIP and the Michiana on the Move 2045 plans had been updated. He stated  
that MACOG has continued its goal to enhance safety with the TIM (Traffic Incident Management)  
trainings, also including training for trainers; through Active Transportation MACOG was named a  
Bike Friendly Business and bike racks have been distributed throughout the region.

Zach told the members that the naming of our trail system has become The Crossway Trails, and  
then continued into Transit stating that the Trolleys, Access Van service ridership has been up, as  
well as, the use of all the trolley passes. Zach mentioned MACOGs sustainability efforts resulted in  
grants for vehicle replacements and EPA Brownfield grants. Finally, Zach summed up with the  
fact that Elkhart, Marshall County and Plymouth were now Solar ready.

## **Staff Update**

- **Beacon Community Impact Grant (League Cycling Instructor seminar)**

Alaina Parrish explained that MACOG and Bike Michiana Coalition have received funding from Beacon Health Systems Community Impact to bring the League Cycling Instructor training to the region as well as offset some of the cost of attending the seminar. This is a train the trainer style seminar that will teach attendees safe cycling skills as well as how to teach the curriculum to kids and adults. Trainers will then be able to offer classes to the region and increase bicycle education.

Caitlin followed mentioning another grant that was awarded through the St. Joseph County Tourism Capital Development Fund. The award will go towards identifying and installing trail signage along the Indiana + Michigan River Valley Trail.

- **Purdue Road School – March 9-12**

James Turnwald reiterated the dates for Road School.

- **Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon – April 28**

Leah Thill directed the members to the handout they were given to save the date for the Partners for Clean Air Luncheon on Tuesday, April 28, at the Matterhorn in Elkhart. Leah asked for submissions for Awards. Leah added an update that the Regional Brownfields Coalition working group would meet in the room following TTAC.

## **Privilege of the Floor**

Chris Dressel made a statement about the importance of the census and pointed out all the ways people fill out the forms. He said that mailed information about the census would go out March 12. Jessica Clark added that it is important to bring funding to your community.

Ryan Fellows noted that in the next Annual Review booklet, he would like to see more specific examples of what MACOG did throughout the year.

## **Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

## **Adjournment**

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KENT SCHMACHER AND  
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO ADJOURN THE  
TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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James Turnwald, Executive Director

  
Jessica Clark, TTAC Chair