# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES December 2, 2020

The December 2, 2020, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. virtually online through YouTube and Google Meet. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ty Adley – Marshall County Plan Commission

David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

Jessica Clark – St. Joseph County Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC Danielle Garlington – City of Elkhart

Rick Gaul - City of Plymouth

Amy Hill - Transpo

Chris Jamrose - City of Mishawaka

Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway

Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator

Jessica Miller – Laporte INDOT

Steve Moriarty - Kosciusko County Highway

Jason Peters – Marshall County Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryan Clussman – Engineer, City of Elkhart

Josh Corwin - City of Goshen

Bill Holder - Kosciusko County GIS

Tim O'Donnell - South Bend International Airport

Dustin Sailor - City of Goshen

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan DeLine – MACOG

Katie Dominguez - MACOG Zach Dripps - MACOG Joyce Newland - INDOT Alaina Parrish - MACOG Donald Ritsema - MACOG Caitlin Stevens - MACOG Erica Tait - INDOT

Leah Thill - MACOG

James Turnwald - MACOG Johnnie Woggon - MACOG

## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 TTAC MEETING**

There were no corrections to the November 4, 2020, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEREMY SKINNER AND SECONDED BY RYAN FELLOWS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORTS OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

The Chair had no report.

The Secretary reported on three items. First, James Turnwald asked everyone to look at the 2021 meeting schedule dates and told members to let him know if there were any concerns.

Second, he explained there were Administrative Modifications; small technical changes to the TIP, made by staff during the month of November 2020. A list of modifications were provided to the members and are available on the MACOG website.

Third, he asked for volunteers for the Selection Committee to elect TTAC officers for 2021. Ty Adley and Natasha Kauffman volunteered.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **LaPorte District**

## **Locally Initiated - Resolution 42-20**

A. Mishawaka <u>Amendment</u> Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 42-20 Increase Federal Funding by \$1,042,980 Des#: 1900449 **Mishawaka Riverwalk Cedar St. Bridge** 

**Bike/Pedestrian Facilities** 

Phase: CN Total: \$5,992,622 Federal: \$4,542,980 (STBG) Local: \$1,449,642 SFY 2024

Ryan DeLine presented Resolution 42-20, asked for questions; there being none he asked for an endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND SECONDED BY DAVID ARMSTRONG TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 42-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **Fort Wayne District**

## **Locally Initiated - Resolution 43-20**

A. Goshen <u>Amendment</u> Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 43-20 Add Project to TIP

Des#: TBD Blackport Dr. from Monroe St. to Lincoln Ave, 0.7 miles

**Road Reconstruction** 

Phase: PE Total: \$380,000 Federal: \$304,000 (STBG) Local: \$76,000 SFY

2023

Estimated Cost to Complete \$2,730,000

B. Goshen <u>Amendment</u> Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 43-20 Add Project to TIP

Des#: TBD **College Avenue between 9**th **St and US 33, 1.21 miles** 

Auxiliary Lanes, Two-Way Left Turn

Phase: PE Total: \$682,000 Federal: \$545,600 (STBG) Local: \$136,400 SFY 2023

Estimated Cost to Complete \$9,357,000

Ryan DeLine presented Resolution 43-20 and asked for questions. There being none; he asked for an endorsement of Resolution 43-20

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED BY KYLE SILVEUS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 43-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **Other Actions**

#### Resolution 44-20

A Resolution to Support the Calendar Year 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the State of Indiana

## **Safety Target Performance Measures**

The 2021 safety targets based on five-year rolling averages are:

Number of fatalities - 817.3

Rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled – 1.006

Number of serious injuries - 3,311.4

Rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled – 4.088 Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries – 393.6

James Turnwald presented Resolution 44-20 with an explanation regarding Safety Performance measure. James stated the Moving Aahead for p\Progress in the 21st century; MAP-21 signed into law in 2012 introduced the concept of performance measures and performance outcomes into the transportation process. The FAST Act further supported it. Since then Federal Highway, USDOT has promulgated rules related to performance measures and what they are. This is an annual target, a collaborative process to collect data and create targets. If the State does not achieve those targets, they are penalized and a portion of their funding has to be spent on safety programs. The MPOs can set their own targets or support

the State target. Historically, MACOG has supported the State target and are recommending doing the same again in 2021. James then asked for questions and there being none asked for an endorsement foe Resolution 44-20.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND SECONDED BY JEREMY SKINNER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 44-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### Resolution 45-20

A Resolution to Support the Calendar Year 2021 Revised Four-Year Performance Measure Targets for the State of Indiana.

## **Pavement Condition Target Performance Measures**

The revised 2021 statewide pavement targets based on a certified Transportation Asset Management Plan are:

2021 Percent of Interstate pavements in Good Condition – from 84.24% to 50% 2021 Percent of non-Interstate NHS pavements in Good Condition – from 78.71% to 40%

# **Bridge Condition Target Performance Measures**

The revised 2021 statewide bridge condition targets based on a certified Transportation Asset Management Plan are:

2021 Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified in Good condition – from 48.32% to 47.2%

2021 Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified in Poor condition – from 2.6% to 3.1%

## **Interstate Freight Reliability Target Performance Measures**

The revised 2021 statewide truck travel time reliability target based on the truck travel time reliability index is:

2021 Truck travel time reliability index – from 1.24 to 1.3

James Turnwald presented Resolution 45-20 explaining that it is another performance measure regarding pavement and bridge conditions and interstate freight reliability. These are for a four-year time. He said that after two years the state has the ability to look at how they have been performing and then modify that four-year target. The state has looked at the data and noticing how Federal Highway has classified the ratings of good, fair, poor; they were going to have a miscalculation. They are recommending a revision to the performance target that was previously established.

Ryan Fellows asked why "if we just ignore reality and define mediocre as good; then all of our roads will be good. So why let reality stop us?"

James replied that it is not a question of reality; so much as, it is a question of definition. INDOT is modifying the targets because of the definition of good. They established the adjusted targets based on how the definition and the inability to meet the targets. There is no incentive to not reach targets if you are going to be penalized.

Ryan Fellows stated the reply was understandable.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND SECONDED BY JEREMY SKINNER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 45-20. THE MOTION CARRIED.

# **Staff Update**

#### Grants

- MACOG Call for Projects Update
  - Ryan DeLine explained that MACOG had just closed a call for projects and scored through the projects that LPAs had applied for and are finalizing which projects will be selected.
- NDOT Rural Call for Projects 2026 Closes December 11 at 5:00 pm (ET)

  Ryan continued that INDOT also opened a rural call for projects and that would end December 11. The region has five projects applying for federal funds.
- OCRA's Community Connection for People with Disabilities Due January 10 James Turnwald noted that the Office of Community and Rural Affairs has a new grant called Community Connection for People with Disabilities. The grant is focused on working with non-profits to help the disabled to provide them with better virtual connections.
- Recreational Trails Program Due March 1
   Alaina Parrish reminded the members that they are doing a round that is due by March 1.

## **Plans and Programs**

IN+MI River Valley Trail Signage

Alaina stated that they completed site visits for trail crossings on the River Valley Trail from Stateline Road to Douglas Road to determine the appropriate signage. This is a pilot project based on the wayfinding and signage guide MACOG received in 2019.

Asset Management Plans

Ryan said these are plans due annually to Indiana LTAP. He said that MACOG is here to assist with those plans. What is due are goals and objectives in a five-year plan for road paving and asset management. MACOG has assisted with ten plans this year.

Quarterly Tracking and Review – January 6
 Ryan stated that the next quarterly tracking would be on January 6, right after TTAC.

° Kosciusko County Unified Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan RFP Update James Turnwald stated that MACOG has been assisting Kosciusko County with their Comprehensive Plan with funding from the Lily Foundation. He stated a RFP was sent out and seven responses were received. Three of these will have interviews before a final selection is made.

# Privilege of the Floor

There was no privilege of the floor.

## **Public Comment**

James state that no public comment was received through email.

## Adjournment

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

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Jessica Clark TTAC Chair

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