

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 3, 2021**

The February 3, 2021, 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  
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen  
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend  
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC  
Danielle Garlington – City of Elkhart  
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth  
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works  
Amy Hill – Transpo  
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS  
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning  
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway  
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator  
Jessica Miller – INDOT, LaPorte District  
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway  
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport  
Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend  
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka  
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Burgess – INDOT Fort Wayne District  
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart  
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka  
Jason Peters – Marshall County  
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jessica Clark – St Joseph County Engineer  
Ryan DeLine - MACOG  
Zach Dripps – MACOG  
Tierra Harris – MACOG  
Carla Herwarth - MACOG  
Alaina Parrish - MACOG  
Donald Ritsema - MACOG  
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG  
James Turnwald - MACOG  
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

## **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2021 TTAC MEETING**

There were no corrections to the January 6, 2021, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KYLE SILVEUS AND  
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
OF JANUARY 6, 2021. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORTS OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

The Chair had no report.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **Fort Wayne District**

#### **Locally Initiated – Resolution 05-21**

A. Elkhart County	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 05-21	Increase Federal Funding	
Des#: 1702848	<b>CR 40: from SR 19 to CR 7</b>	
	<b>Road Reconstruction</b>	
Phase: RW	Total: \$413,680	Federal: \$330,944 (STBG) Local: \$82,736 SFY 2021
Estimated Cost to Complete \$1,588,000		

Ryan DeLine presented Resolution 05-21 as a locally sponsored amendment in Elkhart County, asked for questions; there being none; he asked for an endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL HOLDER  
AND SECONDED BY TIM O'DONNELL TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 05-21. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **Transit**

### **Resolution 06-21**

Endorsement of the City of Nappanee as the coordinator of transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in the Nappanee area.

### **Resolution 07-21**

Endorsement of Elder Haus Senior Center, Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:

One (1) Low Floor Mini-Van

Calendar Year 2021                      Total: \$47,000                      Federal: \$37,600                      Local: \$9,400

### **Resolution 08-21**

Endorsement of the Riverview Adult Day Health Center (ADHC) Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

One (1) Low Floor Mini-Van

Calendar Year 2021                      Total: \$47,000                      Federal: \$37,600                      Local: \$9,400

James Turnwald began by explaining that Resolution 06-21 is to endorse the City of Nappanee as the coordinator of transportation services for elderly and persons with disabilities in the Nappanee area. He then stated that Tierra Harris would present the next two Resolution before voting on 06-21. Tierra then told the members that Resolution 07-21 was to procure a Low Floor Mini-Van for Elder Haus Senior Center from the State of Indiana to help with transporting clients. She continued by stating that Resolution 08-21 was to also procure a Low Floor Mini-Van for the Riverview Adult Day Care Center to help transport their clients. James then continued saying MACOG is asking for the endorsement of Resolutions 06-21, 07-21, and 08-21 together. He asked for any questions, there being none, asked for the endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE ARMSTRONG  
AND SECONDED BY KYLE SILVEUS TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTIONS 06-21, 07-21, AND 08-21.  
THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Staff Update**

- **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations**  
James Turnwald stated this related to the second release of COVID -19 relief funding. He said there was funding for highways in the billions and then allocated to the states. Indiana received approximately 236 million dollars under the appropriations act. There is a set aside for areas with populations over 200,000, which would be the South Bend urbanized area. The state is still determining how they will handle and release these funds. In the past when new money comes in or goes out, the area shares it and the hope is that it will continue that way. It is one hundred percent funding with no match.

### **Grants**

- **Next Level Trails Round 2 Update**  
Alaina said the DNR has reinstated the funding and will affect the projects submitted in 2019. DNR had reached out to the main contact person (as stated on the 2019 application) with next steps. If you did not hear from DNR, please reach out to them at NextLevelTrails@dnr.IN.gov.

- Recreational Trails Program – Due March 1  
Alaina told the members that applications are due March 1. These funds will require a twenty percent match.
- Tactical Urbanism Grant  
Caitlin stated that this grant is through the Indiana Department of Health and Division of Nutrition & Physical Health. She stated they have done these before and that they are short-term low cost grants that enhance walking and biking. Applications are February 25. The maximum grant is worth ten thousand dollars and requires no match.

## **Plans and Programs**

- Reinstatement of Fares on Interurban Trolley Services  
Tierra Harris explained fare collection ceased because of COVID-19 safety concerns, but the fares will resume this month. She told the members that the resume February 22, 2021. The driver areas have been enclosed with Plexiglas and steel barriers, front door loading can resume, however face coverings will still be required per federal mandate.
- Regional Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Plan Request for Proposals (RFP)  
James stated that MACOG has an RFP out for a Regional Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Plan. He said funding was received from the EDA to focus on a COVID recovery and resiliency plan. James stated that they did have interest from several firms in the area. The deadline for pre-submission questions is February 10, MACOG will hold a pre-submission meeting February 16 and those proposals will then be due March 3.
- Regional Freight Mobility Plan Request for Proposals  
James continued by stating that MACOG will be releasing a Regional Freight and Mobility Plan. It will be an update to MACOG's previous freight work, which needs a fresh look at the study of freight movement in the area and how MACOG could help support freight movements. This will be released sometime in quarter one of this year.
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List FY 2022-2026 Draft  
Caitlin Stevens said the transportation team is continuing to work on the updating of the FY2022-2026 TIP. Caitlin stated they should have a draft of the Listing of Projects to provide the TTAC and Policy Board by next week. She stated the full draft with narrative should be ready by the last week of February. Then a tentative virtual Open House being scheduled for March 9. Caitlin said they would continue working on this and have the final draft by April.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

There was no privilege of the floor.

### **Public Comment**

James stated that there was one question and comment. He stated they are working on official response to it. It was in regards to adding a center turn lane and reducing roads to single lanes. James thought it was in reaction to the announcement of selected projects in the recent call for projects specifically regarding Bendix. MACOG forwarded that to the City of South Bend so that they could provide a better and more direct answer as it is their project. A final response will be provided at the Policy Board.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA CLARK AND  
SECONDED BY TIM O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN  
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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James Turnwald, Executive Director



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Amy Hill, TTAC Chair