

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 1, 2021**

The September 1, 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
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC
Amy Hill – Transpo
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Burgess – INDOT Fort Wayne District
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Danielle Garlington – City of Elkhart
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Jessica Miller – INDOT, LaPorte District
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Tom Rushlow – Elkhart County Highway
Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend

OTHERS PRESENT: Zach Dripps – MACOG
Carla Herwarth - MACOG
Alaina Parrish – MACOG
Allyson Ragan - MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Ashley Matthews - MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Erica Tait - INDOT
Leah Thill - MACOG
James Turnwald - MACOG
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2021 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the August 4, 2021, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND
SECONDED BY TIM O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2021. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

James Turnwald gave an explanation of the August Administrative Modifications.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2024 and SFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)

Transportation Resolution 33-21

Locally Initiated

A. Town of LaPaz	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Marshall County		
Resolution 33-21	Add Project to TIP			
Des#: 2101238	Michigan Street from Walnut Street to Vintage Street			
	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities			
Phase: PE	Total: \$55,000	Federal: \$44,000(TA)	Local: \$11,000	SFY 2022
Phase: CN	Total: \$110,000	Federal: \$88,000 (TA)	Local: \$22,000	SFY 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete: \$165,000				

INDOT Initiated

B. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Fort Wayne District		
Resolution 33-21	Add Project to TIP			
Des#: 2100156	High Friction Surface Treatment, Various Locations within the Fort Wayne District			
	Safety Revision			
Phase: PE	Total: \$55,000	Federal: \$44,000(STBG)	Local: \$11,000	SFY 2022
Phase: CN	Total: \$571,867	Federal: \$457,494 (STBG)	Local: \$114,373	SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete: \$626,867				

C. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Fort Wayne District		
Resolution 33-21	Add Project to TIP			
Des#: 2100181	New or Slotted Left Turn, Various Locations within the Fort Wayne District			
	Other Intersection Improvement			
Phase: PE	Total: \$57,000	Federal: \$45,600(STBG)	Local: \$11,400	SFY 2022
Phase: CN	Total: \$560,613	Federal: \$448,490 (STBG)	Local: \$112,123	SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete: \$617,613				

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 33-21, asked if there were any questions, and then asked for the endorsement of Resolution 33-21

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM O'DONNELL
AND SECONDED BY BRENT WARREN TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 33-21. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation

Bridge Conditions Dashboard

Zach Dripps gave a presentation on the draft version of the new Bridge Condition Dashboard. He stated that this is the beginning of an effort to make more bridge information available to the members and the public. Zach said this is a draft form and MACOG is looking for feedback on what everyone would like to see.

Zach started by showing a map with the bridges marked the local marked with circles and the state with diamonds. These are bridge conditions based off the Federal Bridge National Inventory. The local region is shown with the bridge conditions are shown in color as Good, Fair, or Poor conditions. He then went into how search filters could be used. Zach said it is an interactive map so that they can zoom in, select bridges, see a data table and a lot more information. MACOG looking for feedback on what the members would like to see and how they'd like to use it.

James Turnwald added that Federal Highway, USDOT moved to implement Performance Measures in a variety areas. They wanted to focus more on transportation outcomes. They are helped to look at items for the state, which supported the state targets not necessarily to a region. James stated MACOG would like to have more focus on our region. One of the Performance Measures was on bridge conditions on the National Highway System which mostly all state facilities. This map shows Bridge Condition – Good, Fair, Poor - based on the National Bridge Inventory for all four of this regions counties for all the bridges regardless of ownership.

Ryan Fellows remarked that the FHWA has a condition metric of 0-9. He asked about whether if MACOG was familiar with this metric. James explained that the ratings are based on this – greater or equal to 7 it is Good, 4-6 was Fair and below 4 Poor – and Zach stated it was also shown in the dashboard.

Bill Holder stated he liked what he sees, but would like to see road conditions.

Tim O'Donnell stated that their runway conditions get posted on a website through INDOT.

Steve Moriarty expressed he concern about it being put out to the public because of their responses about their areas and why if this was done why not that etc.

James wrapped up telling the members they would be sending a test website for the members to play around with and send back their comments and requests.

Ryan Fellows then added that maybe there should be a FAQ and Links page to explain some of this to the public. James agreed this would be a good idea.

Staff Update

- New MACOG Staff Member
James introduced Ashley Matthews as the new Administrative Assistant and Ashley said she was happy to be at MACOG.

Plans and Programs

- Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting – October 6
Allyson reminded everyone that the Quarterly Tracking would be following the next TTAC meeting.
- National Drive Electric Week, September 25-October 3
Leah Thill shared that MACOG will be hosting two events for National Drive Electric Week, in-person. One on September 25 at Notre Dame as part of their ND Energy Week and one on October 1, in Goshen during First Friday at Goshen City Hall
- Regional Freight Plan Update
Caitlin Stevens gave an update by telling the members that MACOG has had their first steering committee meeting. She provided a website to give feedback. This will lead into private stakeholder and member meetings for their feedback.
- Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Plan Update
Donny Ritsema updated that they are entering the Final phase. MACOG and Fourth Economy staff facilitated six prototyping sessions to brainstorm themes for this plan.
- Regional Comprehensive Operational Analysis Update
James Turnwald stated that MACOG and TRASPO are taking a deep study into how both systems work and where there are opportunities to enhance public transit. Jarrot Walker and Assoc. has been selected as the consultant who will be the prime consultant working on that study, which will be about eighteen month study.

VII. Privilege of the Floor
Ryan Fellows thanked MACOG for their work.

VIII. Public Comment
There were no public comments through email or live via you tube.

IX. Adjournment

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

James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair