

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

The November 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
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jessica Miller – INDOT, LaPorte District
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen
Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
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
Amy Hill – Transpo
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport
Tom Rushlow – Elkhart County Highway
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

OTHERS PRESENT: Zach Dripps – MACOG
Sofia Gladun - MACOG
Carla Herwarth - MACOG
Alaina Parrish – MACOG
Allyson Ragan - MACOG
Ashley Matthews – MACOG
Donny Ritsema - MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Erica Tait – Federal Highway
Amber Werner - MACOG
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 TTAC MEETING

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

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

REPORTS OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Caitlin Stevens gave an explanation of the October 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 38-21

Locally Initiated

A. City of Goshen	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 38-21	Add Project to TIP	
Des#: 2101631	Pedestrian Bridge over Horn Ditch	
	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities	
Phase: CN	Total: \$329,758	Federal: \$263,806 (STBG)
		Local: \$65,952
		SFY 2025
Estimated Cost to Complete: \$329,758		

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 38-21, asked if there were any questions, and then asked for the endorsement of Resolution 38-21.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 38-21. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 39-21

A Resolution Endorsing an EPA Brownfields Grant Application

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 39-21. She stated that this grant could be used for environmental assessment, just not for the cleanup itself. Allyson asked if there were any questions and she would try to answer them or redirect them to Leah Thill. With no questions, Allyson then asked for the endorsement of Resolution 39-21.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND
SECONDED BY BILL HOLDER TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 39-21. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

- New MACOG Staff Member – Amber Werner, AmeriCorps Program Director
Caitlin introduced Amber Werner. Amber greeted the TTAC members. She then stated that the AmeriCorps grant was submitted yesterday and that it would go into effect in February of 2022.

Grants and Funding

- INDOT Rural Transportation Call for Projects – Opens November 1
Allyson stated this call closed December 3. It is for projects going to construction in 2027 and requires a twenty percent match.
- Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) – Opens January 3
Allyson continued with the Community Crossing matching grant which closes at the end of the month. She stated that to be eligible for this grant you must have an Asset Management Plan. Those can be submitted by December 1. Another requirement is that any projects that were awarded funding in the first round in 2020 must be closed out before this process.
- OCRA Planning Grant Quarter 4 – Due by November 12
Donny Ritsema stated the goal of this grant is for the local communities to plan for their long term community development and stability.
- OCRA CDBG Round 2 – Due by December 17
Donny continued with Round 2 for use of community block grants. They can be used to improve communities' stormwater, drinking water and wastewater programs. No proposals have been received from our region.
- Next Level Trails Grant Round 3 – Due by December 1
Alaina stated these are due by December 1 by 5:00 pm. They are for multiuse trails with a twenty percent match.

Plans and Programs

- Virtual Active Living Workshop
This is a three part virtual workshop hosted by Indiana Health by design and INDOT. The first module is Thursday.
- League Cycling Instructor (LCI) Training Recap
Alaina stated that seven people were trained and passed to be able to teach bicycle safety and maintenance to all ages.
- Regional Freight Plan Update
Caitlin provided a primer for the Regional Freight Mobility Plan. She stated that the consultants will be hosting listening sessions and then meet with stakeholders

to answer questions. It will highlight the challenges and opportunities in our region for freight. Caitlin went into the background of the intent of freight mobility and its effect on communities. She showed a listing of these sessions. Caitlin ended with some of the next steps after this is done and showed a project schedule.

- ° Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Plan Update

Donny explained how MACOG and Fourth Economy have been working together with community leaders on how to recover economically after a disaster.

- ° Regional Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)

Zach stated that this is a collaborative work with Transpo on how to serve our region better. The consultant will be at our Policy Board meeting virtually to explain the goals and outlines of the project. They will then come into town the following week to do a tour and meet with stakeholders.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was no privilege of the floor.

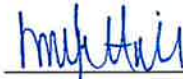
VIII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

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

James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair