

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

The December 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: David Armstrong - INDOT
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC
Amy Hill – Transpo
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Julie Ritzler – INDOT, LaPorte District
Kyle Silveus – City of South Bend
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ty Adley – Marshall County Plan Commission
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen
Doug Burgess – INDOT Fort Wayne District
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Danielle Garlington – City of Elkhart
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Tim O'Donnell – South Bend International Airport
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Tom Rushlow – Elkhart County Highway
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen

OTHERS PRESENT: Zach Dripps – MACOG
Sofia Gladun - MACOG
Carla Herwarth – MACOG
Tory Irwin – City of Elkhart
Allyson Ragan - MACOG
Ashley Matthews – MACOG
Donny Ritsema - MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
James Turnwald - MACOG
Amber Werner - MACOG
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2021 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the November 3, 2021 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KYLE SILVEOUS AND
SECONDED BY DAVID ARMSTRONG TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021. THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Reports of: A) Chairman

- Selection of Nominating Committee for 2022 TTAC Officers
James Turnwald asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to put together a proposed slate of TTAC officer for CY 2022. Members were asked to reach out after the meeting if they are interested in serving.

B) Secretary

- 2022 TTAC Meeting Schedule
James Turnwald went over the 2022 meeting schedule that was provided in the days meeting materials.

V. Old Business

There was no old business. James Turnwald mentioned that the November Administration Modifications were in the members packets.

VI. New Business

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

Transportation Resolution 40-21

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT Resolution 40-21 Des#: 2100113	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP PEL Study – US 30 from SR 49 to Ohio State Line, US 31 from Tipton/Hamilton County Line to US 30 (excluding SR 931 junctions in Kokomo) Other Type Project (Miscellaneous)	Exempt Project in Various Counties
Phase: PE	Total: \$3,000,000	State: \$3,000,000
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$12,000,000		Local: \$0
		SFY 2022

Allyson presented Resolution 40-21, asked for questions and then asked for an endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE MORIARTY AND
SECONDED BY RYAN FELLOWS TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 40-21. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Allyson Ragan began an overview of the Infrastructure Bill that just passed. The Bill was signed into law November 15, 2021. The IIJA is a bill that will reauthorize the nation's surface transportation, drinking water and wastewater legislation and provide \$550 billion dollars in new funding. She showed a breakdown in the funding with charts and explained new programs created.

James continued by stating that there is a new Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, which defines a rural area as any area outside of an urban area with a population of 200,000. Communities and counties could apply and are applying directly to USDOT; it is a national competitive program. No more than ten percent of funds can be used on projects less than twenty five million dollars. He told them to look through the new programs and explained they were national programs and there is significantly more funding. Programs are increasing at about thirty percent, as well as, all the new money.

Allyson told the members that she has found some information on the bill and would be glad to share them.

James stated MACOG would keep the members updated on what needs to be done as he finds out more information.

Staff Update

Allyson reminded members that INDOT's rural call for projects ends on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Grants and Funding

- Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) – Opens January 3

Allyson said today is the last day communities can submit an Asset Management Plan. The CCMG opens January 3 and ends January 28, 2022. The plan must be submitted to be eligible for the grant.

- OCRA CDBG Round 2 – Due December 17

Donny reminded the round two construction grants application are due later this month. He shared we are currently assisting the Town of Claypool to apply to improve their wastewater treatment facility. OCRA will offer round one applications in spring 2022. Let us know if you are interested in applying.

Plans and Programs

- Regional Freight Plan Update

Caitlin Stevens updated on the Freight Plan. Moving into the New Year there should be a draft of the regional profile and the consultants should be able to present information to the board.

- Regional Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Update

James stated the regional transit plan will be called Connect. The consultants were in town to talk to the Policy Board and to Transpo's Board of Directors. They also

spoke to many of our local communities and are reviewing the existing conditions. The main focus is on the existing conditions, which lead into future needs with our transit services. He asked everyone to be involved and support the process.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

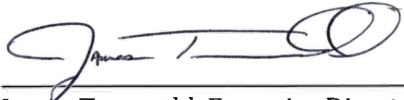
David Armstrong stated that projects from 2021 first call and prior should have been closed by November 30. If members do not have a close letter they are not eligible for this round. James asked for those awarded recently when they would be due? David said they are usually about eighteen months. David also stated that Communities Crossing grants are state funds and should not be recorded on your federal outlays report.

VIII. Public Comment

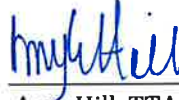
There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

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



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair