

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 2, 2022**

The March 2, 2022, 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 (for Doug Burgess) – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Kara Boyles – City of South Bend
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
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
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Jessica Miller, INDOT- LaPorte District
Julie Ritzler (steps in for Jessica Miller) – INDOT, LaPorte District

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Asmar – MACOG
Bryan Conner - MACOG
Zach Dripps – MACOG
Carla Herwarth – MACOG
Allyson Ragan - MACOG
Ashley Matthews – MACOG
Dustin New – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Leah Thill - MACOG
James Turnwald - MACOG
Amber Werner - MACOG
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2022 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the January 5, 2022 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL HOLDER AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2022. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald noted that staff made a few Administrative Modifications to the TIP in December.

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 06-22

Locally Initiated

A. Elkhart County Resolution 06-22 Des#: 2100291	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2023-2024 Bridge Inspections	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
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Phase: PE Total: \$229,807 Federal: \$183,846(Bridge) Local: \$45,961 SFY 2023 & 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$229,807

B. City of Elkhart Resolution 06-22 Des#: 1801933	<u>Amendment</u> Increase Federal Funding by \$794,427 Hively Avenue, East of Main Street Crossing NS RR New Bridge Construction	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
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Phase: PE Total: \$1,058,937 Federal: \$1,058,937 (Local Trax) Local: \$0 SFY 2022
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$24,138,193

Allyson presented Resolution 06-22, then asked for any questions. There were no questions and she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 06-22.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN FELLOWS AND
SECONDED BY NATASHA KAUFFMANN TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 06-22. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 07-22

A. Transpo Resolution 07-22	<u>Amendment</u> Increase Federal Funding by \$179,467	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
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Des#: MAC-22-009 **Operating Assistance - Paratransit**

Total: \$724,335

Federal: \$579,467 (FTA 5307)

Local: \$144,868

SFY 2022

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$724,335

Allyson presented Resolution 07-22, asked for questions, hearing none, she then asked for an endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JASON PETERS AND
SECONDED BY RYAN FELLOWS TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 07-22. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

New MACOG Staff

- Paul El Asmar, Transportation Analyst
- Bryan Conner, Intern

Both Paul and Bryan introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis of what they will be doing at MACOG.

Grants and Funding

- Indiana Trails Program Grant – Due August 1
Dustin New stated that this is an upcoming grant which is for construction, acquisition of easement or property, trail head support facilities, bridges, boardwalks, and crossings. It is an 80-20 match and the 20 percent must be available at the time of submission.

James added that the Indiana Trails Program is different than the Next Level Trails Program. It is another opportunity for trails.

Plans and Programs

- Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting – April 6
Allyson reminded everyone that the Quarterly Tracking and Review meeting will follow the next TTAC meeting in April.
- Regional Freight Plan Update
Allyson stated that the freight profile is looking at the current freight system then the team will move into the needs assessment. She said they are running a little behind, but anticipates the plan being completed by the end of the year. The consultant, HDR, Inc. will be coming in the summer to give an update and to get feedback.
- AmeriCorps Update
Amber Werner stated that AmeriCorps have Interest Forms available for potential service sites that are interested in having AmeriCorps members serve in their organization. They are also recruiting for AmeriCorps members.
- Partners for Clean Air Luncheon – April 20
Leah Thill stated there will be an in-person Partners for Clean Air Luncheon this year at the Matterhorn Conference Center in Elkhart. She said they are also

looking for nominations for the Partners for Clean Air Awards.

- Tactical Urbanism in 2022
Dustin said the members should have all gotten an email regarding Tactical Urbanism. He informed the members that MACOG is hoping to help them do some projects this year. He said there is a tool kit that is available with materials to help implement the projects.
- CONNECT Transit Plan Update
James Turnwald provided an update that there are some upcoming public engagement opportunities. He stated they are doing what is called the Choices Report. This report is regarding the tradeoffs of having more frequent stops versus covering more areas. There will a public meeting at the Tolson Center on Saturday March 5, 2022, from 10 am-12 pm and from 2-4 pm at Maple City Conference Center in Goshen. There will also be a Zoom meeting Monday, March 7, 2022, from 6:30-8 pm. Amy added that there is a lot of information on the website connecttransitplan.com. They are looking for a broad array of feedback.
- Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Plan Update
James continued stating this plan has been renamed the Collaborating for Regional Resilience and Economic Growth. The plan was worked on with stakeholders throughout the region and is funded by US EDA. The report is finalized and is available throughout March for public comment. There will be an Open House March 17, 2022. In April the Plan will be presented to the TTAC and Policy Board for approval and will be amended into the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

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There was no comments from the Committee.


PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments in advance and no comments on the live stream.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or items of business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

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


Zachery Dripps, Deputy Director


Amy Hill, TTAC Chair

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