

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 6, 2022**

The April 6, 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
Leslie Biek (for Kara Boyles) – City of South Bend
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen
Amy Hill – Transpo
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jessica Miller - INDOT, LaPorte District
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Julie Ritzler (for Jessica Miller) – INDOT, LaPorte District
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Asmar – MACOG
Jeremiah Cox - MACOG
Zach Dripps – MACOG
Carla Herwarth – MACOG
Allyson Ragan - MACOG
Ashley Matthews – MACOG
Dustin New – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Katie Dominguez - MACOG
Leah Thill - MACOG
Amber Werner - MACOG
Johnnie Woggon – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2022 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the March 2, 2022 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG
AND SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2022. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Zach Dripps noted Administrative Modifications were made by staff in March. He indicated the agenda incorrectly stated February Administrative Modifications.

Zach also stated that TTAC would resume in-person meetings in May. The members received a meeting schedule with locations.

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 09-22

Locally Initiated

A. South Bend	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 09-22	Split project by trail and bridge	
	Decrease Federal funding by \$1,397,703	
Des#: 1401811	Coal Line Trail (Phase IIA) from Riverside Dr. to Angela Blvd	
	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities	
Phase: CN	Total: \$1,382,871	Federal: \$1,106,297(CMAQ) Local: \$276,574 SFY 2022
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,032,871		

B. South Bend	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 09-22	Split project by trail and bridge	
	Add Phase to TIP	
Des#: 2200199	Coal Line Trail (Phase IIB-Pedestrian Bridge) from Riverside Dr. to Angela Blvd	
	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities	
Phase: CN	Total: \$3,650,000	Federal: \$2,920,000(CMAQ) Local: \$730,000 SFY 2023
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,032,871		

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 09-22 explaining how it was put out for rebid and split into two phases. The second phase will be in FY23. She asked for questions and then asked for an endorsement of Resolution 09-22.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND
SECONDED BY STEVE MORIARTY TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 09-22. THE MOTION CARRIED

Transit Resolution 10-22

A. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 10-22	Increase Federal funding by \$4,257,396	
Des#: MAC-22-002	Transit Vehicle Purchase – Buy Replacement <35 ft Bus	
Total: \$5,411,745	Federal: \$4,333,896 (FTA 5339)	Local: \$1,077,849 SFY 2022
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,411,745		

B. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 10-22	Add Project to TIP	
Des#: MAC-22-017	Transit Operating – Workforce Development	
Total: \$87,385	Federal: \$69,908 (FTA 5339)	Local: \$17,477 SFY 2022
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$87,385		

Allyson presented Resolution 10-22 and asked for any questions. Hearing none, she requested the Committee's endorsement of the Resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SEAN SURRISI AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 10-22. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

- OCRA 2022 Round 1 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Donny Ritsema gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funds are available to communities who meet the low to moderate income population threshold of 51% and meet one of three national objectives. The funds can be used for a variety of projects including infrastructure improvement and public facilities. All proposals are due by April 29.
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program Call for Projects
Allyson Ragan stated that this is a new grant opportunity coming in late Spring to fund highway and rail grade crossing improvement projects with a focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Eligible projects are grade separation or closure, track relocation, improvements of productive devices, planning, environmental review and design of projects.

Plans and Programs

- INDOT 2027 Rural Call for Projects Awards
Allyson stated that MACOG had assisted six communities with INDOT's rural call for projects that were each awarded funding for one project.. The six communities are: The Town of Milford, Town of Middlebury, Elkhart County, Kosciusko County, Marshall County, and St. Joseph County.

- Regional Freight Mobility Plan Update
Caitlin Stevens gave an update on the Regional Freight Plan and stated the next step is Task 6: Needs Assessment.
- Partners for Clean Air Luncheon – April 20
Leah reminded everyone to register for the Partners for Clean Air which will be held in-person this year. She said this year's theme is Active Transportation.
- CONNECT Transit Plan Update
Jeremiah Cox said the team has finished Phase 1. He thanked everyone who participated in responding to the survey and those who participated in the all-day workshops. Jeremiah stated there are four preliminary alternatives: two cost-neutral alternatives and two with additional expansions to the networks. There will be more community outreach opportunities later in the year before making the decision to focus on ridership or coverage. Amy Hill reiterated that there would be more opportunities for public input and she encouraged members to participate.
- Collaborating for Regional Resilience and Economic Growth Plan
Donny Ritsema reminded everyone of the regional recovery and resiliency plan called, "Collaborating for Regional Resilience and Economic Growth". In March, a draft plan was put together with the assistance of the consultant, Fourth Economy. MACOG also sought public input and received comments. The Final Plan will be presented to the Policy Board for endorsement on April 13.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

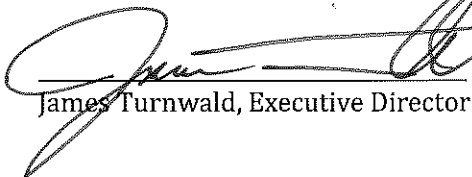
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 TY ADLEY AND
SECONDED BY SEAN SURRISI TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair