

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 1, 2022**

The June 1, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Transpo Board Room and virtually online through YouTube and Google Meet. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Armstrong (for Doug Burgess) – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen Engineering
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Ryan Fellows – St. Joseph County APC
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jessica Miller – INDOT, LaPorte District
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Ty Adley – Marshall County Plan Commission
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek (for Kara Boyles) – City of South Bend
Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Amy Hill – Transpo
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Julie Ritzler (for Jessica Miller) – INDOT, LaPorte District
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2022 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the May 4, 2022, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA MILLER AND SECONDED
BY BILL HOLDER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the May Administrative Modifications were included in the meeting packet

as well as available on the MACOG website. The list consists of modifications that have been made since the last meeting.

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)

Transit Resolution 17-22

A. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St Joseph County
Resolution 17-22	Add to FY 20-24 TIP	
	Increase Federal Funding by \$248,373 in FY 22-26 TIP	
Des#: MAC-22-001	Transit Operating – Rehab/Renovate Facilities	
Total: \$510,466	Federal: \$408,373 (FTA 5339)	Local: \$102,093 SFY 2022
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$510,466		

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 17-22. She explained this item is a Transpo sponsored project for renovation work that includes security cameras, heating, and air conditioning units. This project was not previously added to the 2020-2024 TIP.

Hearing no questions, Allyson asked for an endorsement of Resolution 17-22.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ARMSTRONG AND SECONDED
SECONDED BY SKY MEDORS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-22.
THE MOTION CARRIED

James Turnwald added the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was originally scheduled to be completed a year ago but was delayed due to State challenges. The STIP draft includes all projects through March 2022 then the process was paused to in order to review and clean up the STIP. Because of this, the agenda includes only necessary amendments in case amendments will need to be reprocessed. James further explained that a lot of errors in the STIP occurred because projects were listed inconsistently between the TIP and the STIP. He is advocating for the STIP to just refer to the TIP rather than list the projects in both documents. James said the State is also planning to move forward with a new STIP later this year.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

Regional Brownfields Grant Update

Leah Thill said an additional \$500,000 Brownfields grant was received that will be available starting in October. There are priority sites in South Bend and Elkhart, but the funding is not programmed and new site ideas can be submitted to MACOG.

Chris Dressel, on behalf of the City of South Bend, expressed appreciation to MACOG for their grant

work. The City is going through a planning process for property on West Washington Street. James added MACOG will be moving forward with procurement to hire a vendor for this cycle of funds. Leah commented the working group still consider themselves a regional coalition and will have each county commissioner sign a memorandum, it just will not be under the official EPA Regional Coalition program. Leah said they need to have membership of each county to have the ability to spend funding anywhere, incorporated or unincorporated, within the region.

EPA Clean School Bus Program

Leah stated five local school districts have been chosen to receive the maximum available amount of \$375,000 per bus through the EPA Clean School Bus Program. The five rural school districts are Tippecanoe Valley, Union-North, Culver, Argos, and Triton. All other school districts in the region are eligible to receive \$250,000 per bus as well as \$13,000 for charging infrastructure (\$20,000 for prioritized schools). Leah said the funding can also be combined with a grant from Indiana Michigan Power. The Indiana Michigan Power grant application window will close on August 19, 2022, and will be decided on a lottery system beyond that.

Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) 2022

Allyson stated the second round of INDOT's Community Crossings Matching Grant will open July 1 and close July 29. Funding is available for road and bridge preservation work as well as associated sidewalk and curb work. Funding is capped at \$1,000,000 between the two rounds. Allyson noted all projects older than 18 months must be closed out in order to be eligible to apply. The deadline to close out those projects is June 30.

David Armstrong said projects from the 2020-2 call and prior have to be closed out by June 1 and that includes any funds that need to be paid back.

MACOG Call for Projects (FY 2023 – FY 2029)

Allyson said MACOG will have a Call for Projects for FY 2023 – FY 2029. The application window opened last Monday and will close June 29. She said everyone should have received an email with more details and information can also be found on MACOG's website. Allyson displayed a chart outlining the estimated funding availability which can also be found online. Allyson then mentioned IJA's Carbon Reduction Program which funds electric vehicle charging infrastructure. She also reminded everyone the Coronavirus Relief Funding needs to be spent by FY 2025.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting

Allyson notified the members the next quarterly tracking meeting will be held on June 29. Because there have been several lettings in the last couple of months, Allyson informed everyone that the quarterly tracking report form is not required if the project has been successfully let and the construction funds are obligated.

Regional Freight Mobility Plan Update

Caitlin announced the Regional Freight Mobility Plan Steering Committee Meeting will be on June 14 at the St. Joseph County Library Main Branch. The meeting will review information that has been gathered throughout the process for the last half of the year and discuss the needs assessment.

INDOT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan

Leah said INDOT is hosting an in-person meeting in Plymouth tomorrow for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan to discuss how they will implement their formula funds from this

program. The plan is due in August. There is also a survey on INDOT's website that is open until June 8.

CONNECT Transit Plan Update

Zach Dripps provided an update on the CONNECT Transit Plan. The next phase will begin in June and bring the concept scenarios to the public through various events and online surveys. The consultant will be providing an update at the next Policy Board meeting which is open to the public or can be livestreamed via YouTube. A stakeholder advisory committee meeting is also scheduled on Thursday, June 9. Zach encouraged everyone to help spread the message regarding Connect Transit Plan events and participate as much as possible.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

James stated a quorum of members (seven) must attend in person to conduct business at TTAC meetings to ensure the advisory committee is in alignment with the Electronic Participation in Meetings Policy.

Zach Dripps introduced Kate Burnett and Katie Yoder, who both joined the MACOG team as Interns for the summer. Kate Burnett will be a junior at Indiana University this fall studying Environmental Management. Katie Yoder is currently a graduate student at Clark University studying Community Development and Planning.

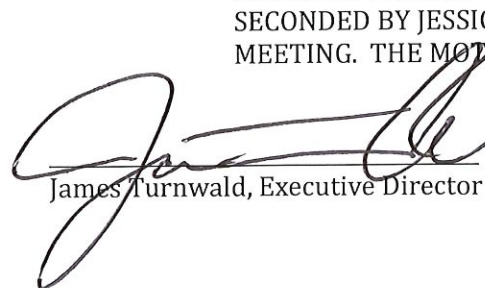
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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 CLUSSMAN AND
SECONDED BY JESSICA MILLER TO ADJOURN THE TTAC
MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair