

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 3, 2022**

The August 3, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the West Park & Pavilion in Nappanee and virtually online through YouTube and Google Meet. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Josh Corwin – City of Goshen Engineering
Amy Hill – Transpo
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Mike Meeks (for Sky Medors) – St. Joseph County Public Works
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Jessica Miller - INDOT, LaPorte District
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Jason Peters – Marshall County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ty Adley – Marshall County Plan Commission
David Armstrong (for Doug Burgess) – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Leslie Biek (for Kara Boyles) – City of South Bend
Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Shawn Klein - St. Joseph County APC
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Julie Ritzler (for Jessica Miller) – INDOT, LaPorte District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2022 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the July 6, 2022, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN CLUSSMAN AND SECONDED
BY JESSICA MILLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2022.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the July 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) 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

Transportation Resolution 24-22

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 24-22	Remove from FY 2022-2026 TIP (Moved to FY 28)	
Des#: 1802051	US 31 at SR 10	
	New Intersection Construction	
Phase: CN	Total: \$30,062,670	Federal: \$24,050,136 (NHPP) Local: \$6,012,534 SFY 2023
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$31,312,670		

Allyson Ragan presented Resolution 24-22. The project was originally programmed in FY 23, but due to delays, the project's new letting is December 2027 (FY 28). James added that this project continues to be priority due to safety concerns. With no further questions or comments, Amy Hill asked for an endorsement of Resolution 24-22.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SEAN SURRISI AND SECONDED
BY CHARLES McKENZIE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-22.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation

Allyson presented an overview of preferred projects selected from MACOG's Call for Projects. She plans to ask for an endorsement of the projects at next month's TTAC meeting. Allyson then discussed additional funding recommendations. James added that the availability of funding for additional requests will depend on what contractors bid and what the market looks like. He explained MACOG is still trying to keep an 80/20 split on funding additional fund requests and if costs escalate too high there will be a conversation to discuss options, such as splitting a project into phases. James thanked Caitlin Stevens and Allyson for their work on the Call for Projects and said there will be individual conversations on the timing of all the projects with the LPA sponsors.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

T-Mobile Hometown Grant

Allyson reminded everyone the T-Mobile Grant application process will close on September 30,

2022. The grant is aimed at revitalizing small towns and cities with populations less than 50,000. Towns and cities can request up to \$50,000 and no match is required.

OCRA Planning Grant

Allyson stated Round 2 of the OCRA Community Development Block Grant will open on September 1, 2022. Among other considerations, at least 51% of the residence served must be low to moderate income persons to qualify for the grant. There is also a required minimum local match of 10% of the total project cost.

Community Crossings Matching Grant Program

Allyson said the Community Crossings Matching Grant now closes on August 31, 2022. To be eligible for Community Crossings Funds for the next calendar year, an approved Asset Management Plan is needed by December 1, 2022. Allyson said she is available as a resource and can assist with the application process if needed.

U.S. DOT Grant Opportunities

Caitlin provided a summary of the U.S. DOT grant opportunities and due dates. She said that MACOG will be submitting an application for a Regional Action Plan by September 15, 2022, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant.

Plans and Programs

Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan

Caitlin said the Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan process will begin with kick-off meetings on August 31, 2022, and September 1, 2022. The meetings will discuss growth, expected growth, and trend scenarios to help plan for the future. Caitlin said the invitations for the kick-off meetings will be sent this week.

CONNECT Transit Plan

James stated the CONNECT Transit Plan is now in phase two of engagement. He explained the public feedback given in the first phase was used to develop different concepts. The concepts are strictly illustrative examples and not a policy proposal. The ridership and coverage concepts are currently being taken back to the public for additional feedback. During the September meetings of the Transpo Board of Directors and the MACOG Policy Board, the concepts and how to invest resources will be discussed. James said other concepts have been drawn up showing what it might look like working outside the existing resources, such as additional capital, buses, and drivers. James asked everyone to help promote public engagement. More information can be found on social media or at www.connecttransitplan.com.

AmeriCorps Program

James reminded everyone MACOG is launching the AmeriCorps Program in September and is still looking members. He asked TTAC members to help promote the program, which focuses on sustainability and resiliency. More information can be found at <https://www.macog.com/americorps.html>.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jessica Miller stated this was her last TTAC meeting with MACOG as she has accepted a promotion within INDOT and will relocate to Indianapolis. She will provide the contact information for the person taking her place as soon as the official announcement has been made.

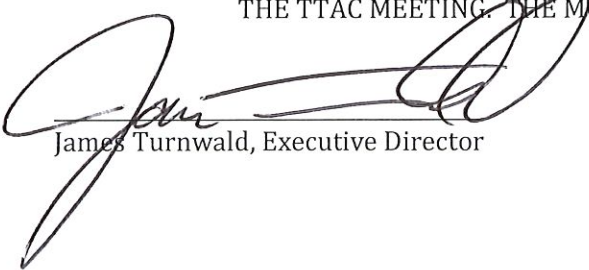
PUBLIC COMMENT

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



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair