

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 1, 2023**

The February 1, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th floor of the County-City Building in South Bend and virtually 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
Ryan Clussman – City of Elkhart
Amy Hill – Transpo
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Patrick MacCarthaigh – South Bend International Airport
Mike Meeks (for Sky Medors) – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Tom Rushlow (for Charles McKenzie) – Elkhart County Highway
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Josh Corwin – City of Goshen Engineering
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County
Jason Peters – Marshall County
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Julie Ritzler (for Lisa Shrader) – INDOT, LaPorte District

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2023 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the January 4, 2023, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY SEAN
SURREISI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2023.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James stated the January 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. Allyson Ragan noted that items two and three will be removed from January's modifications and processed as amendments next month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

Transportation Resolution 06-23

Locally Initiated

A. City of Goshen	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 06-23	Add Phase to TIP	
Des#: 2201239	East College Ave (Phase III) from Century Drive to Entrance of Planned Development	
	Auxiliary Lanes, Two-Way Left Turn Lanes	
Phase: RW	Total: \$50,000	Federal: \$40,000 (STBG) Local: \$10,000 SFY 2025
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$7,900,000		

B. City of Goshen	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 06-23	Delete Phase from TIP. Move to FY 27.	
Des#: 2100020	Blackport Drive from Monroe St to Lincoln Ave	
	Road Reconstruction	
Phase: RW	Total: \$250,000	Federal: \$200,000 (STBG) Local: \$50,000 SFY 24 & 25
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$6,200,000		

C. City of Goshen	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 06-23	Delete Phase from TIP. Move to FY 29.	
Des#: 2100020	Blackport Drive from Monroe St to Lincoln Ave	
	Road Reconstruction	
Phase: CN	Total: \$2,100,000	Federal: \$1,680,000 (STBG) Local: \$420,000 SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$6,200,000		

Allyson presented Resolution 06-23. Ty Adley asked what Planned Unit Development (PUD) is planned for Item A. Josh Corwin commented that it is a large industrial development on the north side of the road. He said the trail development to the east of the tracks has not been determined yet.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY
RYAN CLUSSMAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 06-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 07-23

A. MACOG Transit Resolution 07-23 Des#: MAC-23-013	<u>Amendment</u> Delete Project from TIP Operating Assistance	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Transit Operating		
Total: \$2,689,052	Federal: \$1,344,526 (FTA 5307) Local: \$1,344,526 SFY 2023	
B. NICTD Resolution 07-23 Des#: 2700674	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Relocation of the South Bend Station Transit Capital	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Phase: PE	Total: \$4,000,000	Federal: \$3,200,000 (FTA 5337) Local: \$800,000 SFY 2023
C. NICTD Resolution 07-23 Des#: 2700675	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Track Components Transit Capital	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Phase: CN	Total: \$100,000	Federal: \$80,000 (FTA 5337) Local: \$20,000 SFY 2023
D. NICTD Resolution 07-23 Des#: 2700690	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Relocation of the South Bend Station Transit Capital	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Phase: CN	Total: \$2,417,088	Federal: \$1,933,670 (FTA 5337) Local: \$483,418 SFY 2024

Allyson then presented Resolution 07-23. She said Item A is being deleted from the TIP because operating assistance was programmed as a separate line item last month. Allyson mentioned that DLZ has been hired for the preliminary engineering for Items B, C, and D. The end goal of the entire project is to reduce travel time between South Bend and Chicago from two hours to 90 minutes. James added that safety in South Bend will be improved because currently there are several at-grade crossings in the last two miles of track to the airport. He also explained MACOG does not receive many NICTD projects because they are usually included in Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's (NIRPC) TIP. Because of the significance and predominant location of the project, it was added to MACOG's TIP as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SEAN SURRISI AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 07-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist

Caitlin Stevens stated the US DOT recently published a Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist. She said there will be a webinar on February 4, 2023. The link to the preparation checklist will be available in MACOG's Tech Notes and the MACOGazette.

US DOT RAISE Grant

Caitlin reminded the Committee the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program is currently open and applications are due February 28, 2023. Funding is available for surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Please reach out to Caitlin or Allyson if any assistance is needed on an application.

Plans and Programs

Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan

Caitlin provided an update on the Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan. She said the public engagement portion of the first phase recently closed and moving to identifying deficiencies and data analysis. Caitlin plans to schedule a meeting in March to focus on the identified deficiencies, strategies, and projects to include in the plan.

James added that the US DOT does not want to prioritize the region's applications for discretionary grants. He asked the Committee to be strategic with discretionary grant applications as they move forward with regional priorities. James said to be specific about what the major project needs are as they work through the long-range plan.

Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Allyson stated MACOG has started creating the FY 2024-2028 TIP. She presented a tentative schedule of the TIP process and said they are currently working on the draft project listing and narrative. Ally stated the new TIP will be adopted at the end of this fiscal year, at which point the FY 2022-2026 TIP will stop being used and MACOG will transition to the FY 2024-2028 TIP.

Partners for Clean Air Awards Luncheon

Leah Thill announced the Partners for Clean Air Awards Luncheon will be held on April 19, 2023. She stated there is a request for award nominations for organizations, businesses, or individuals that have gone above and beyond to improve local air quality over the past year. Please reach out to Leah for further information.

CONNECT Transit Plan

Zach said the CONNECT Transit Plan is in its final phase and final public engagement phase ends next week. He said the next step will be sharing the summary of public comments at the Policy Board meeting next week. In March, the final plan will be ready for approval and then will move into the implementation phase. More information can be found by visiting the website at www.connecttransitplan.com.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

James asked INDOT for more information on the timeline for the Rural Call for Projects. David Armstrong stated he doesn't have a specific timeline, but expects announcements to be made at the end of March or early April.

James reminded the Committee that the 2023 Purdue Road School Transportation Conference and Expo is March 14-15.

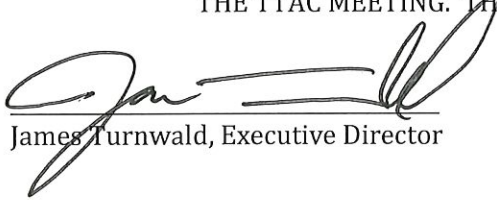
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 TY ADLEY AND
SECONDED BY BRENT WARREN TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair

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