

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 4, 2023**

The October 4, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Schrock Pavilion in Goshen and 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 Angela Nicholson) – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Amy Hill – Transpo
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Patrick Mac Carthaigh – South Bend International Airport
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen Engineering
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Tory Irwin – City of Elkhart Public Works
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the September 6, 2023, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY BRENT WARREN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the September 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) 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Resolution 30-23

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 30-23	Add Phase	
Des#: 1900063	SR 23 from 0.46 mi N of SR 4 (Potato Creek Bridge) to 0.94 mi N of US 20 (Olive St)	
	HMA Overlay, Structural	
Phase: RW	Total: \$357,000	Federal: \$285,600 (NHPP) State: \$71,400 SFY 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$6,663,478		

Dana Weaver presented Resolution 30-23. Hearing no questions, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 30-23.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK MAC CARTHAIGH AND SECONDED
BY CHARLES MCKENZIE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 30-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 31-23

Endorsement of the Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan

Caitlin stated the Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan draft was released on September 8 and there was an open house at MACOG on September 21. Comments received on the draft document were included in the meeting packets. Caitlin said the public comment period will end on October 9. Hearing no questions, Caitlin asked for an endorsement of the Michiana on the Move: 2050 Transportation Plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED BY
DUSTIN SAILOR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 31-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 32-23

Endorsement of the 2020 Urban Area Boundary (Smoothed)

Caitlin presented the 2020 Urban Area Boundary. James discussed the South Bend and Elkhart Urbanized Areas and noted that the South Bend Urban Area Boundary is starting to move into

Elkhart County. He explained that technically all of an urban area is supposed to be within the smooth urban area but federal partners are allowing the proposed 2020 urban as of right now. James asked the TTAC Committee to allow the MACOG staff to propose the urban area boundary as proposed unless federal partners have a challenge, in which case it would be updated to fully incorporate the South Bend portion located in Elkhart County.

Patrick Mac Carthaigh asked how it was originally determined that the northwest portion of Elkhart County was included in the South Bend urban area. James said it was based on the Census Bureau's formula for urban areas. James discussed Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs), Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) and funding eligibility. After discussion, Amy asked for an endorsement of Resolution 32-23.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED BY
DAVID ARMSTRONG TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 32-23 AND GIVE
AUTHORITY TO MACOG STAFF TO MAKE CHANGES IF NEEDED.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

New MACOG Staff

James introduced new MACOG staff members Kelsey Triebold, Gauri Mhatre, and Joe Pallon. Kelsey is an AmeriCorps member serving with MACOG as a Clean Transportation and Energy fellow for the next 11 months. Gauri and Joe are joining MACOG as Transit Planners. Gauri received a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Michigan State University and Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Mumbai. Joe received a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Chicago and a Bachelors of Arts, Community Studies and Politics from the University of California.

Grants and Funding

Brownfields Grant Update

Leah provided an update for the Brownfields Grant. She said the plan is to apply for additional grant funding at the end of the month. Leah asked for ideas for sites such as old gas stations or other smaller properties and said the target areas will be small towns. James noted that a majority of the funds go towards assessment and is excited for the next grant cycle to allow \$1.5 million in funding to be spent over the next four years. He said the EPA took away the coalition program to make the grant more impactful for a region, so MACOG applied under the community program and chose the community as the four counties. James proposed that MACOG continue to be the lead member of the Regional Brownfields Coalition, with the non-lead members recognized by EPA as St. Joseph County, Marshall County, Kosciusko County, and a community-based organization in Elkhart County that represents the target area of the Benham neighborhood, such as the Tolson Center for Community Excellence. Sites in Elkhart County would still be eligible, and MACOG's focus outside the other target areas is small towns.

INDOT Rural Call for Projects

Dana announced that INDOT will be accepting applications for federal funds for local rural projects. The funds are available for LPAs interested in any type of new projects such as bridge, road, safety, sidewalk, or any type of project eligible under the federal transportation highway bill. The Call for Projects opens October 30 and closes December 1, 2023. Applications in the MPAs should be submitted by November 22, 2023.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review

Dana reminded the Committee that the Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting is tomorrow, October 5.

South Bend Electric Vehicle Event

Leah said there will be an electric vehicle display at South Bend's October First Friday. The vehicles will be on display downtown at The Gridiron from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

Caitlin said the State FY 2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) was posted last week to the MACOG website. The listing is currently an Excel file but there will be detailed summary posted later this month.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Armstrong introduced Dan Heflin, Local Program Director for the Fort Wayne District. Dan has been focusing on the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.

Patrick Mac Carthaigh announced an open position at the South Bend International Airport for Construction Projects Manager.

Sky Medors announced that St. Joseph County Highway Engineer Mike Meeks will be moving back to Ohio and his last day is Friday and they will be looking to fill that position.

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 DUSTIN SAILOR TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.


Caitlin Stevens, Director of Transportation


Amy Hill, TTAC Chair

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