# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES November 1, 2023

The November 1, 2023, 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:

Ty Adley - Marshall County Plan Commission

Leslie Biek - City of South Bend

Chris Dressel - City of South Bend Community Investment

Amy Hill - Transpo

Jason Kaiser (for Angela Nicholson) - INDOT, Fort Wayne District

Shawn Klein - St. Joseph County APC

Patrick Mac Carthaigh – South Bend International Airport

Sky Medors - St. Joseph County Public Works

Brent Warren - City of Nappanee

MEMBERS Attending:

(Virtually)

Bill Holder - Kosciusko County GIS

Marsha McSherry - Kosciusko County Administrator

Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District

Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

David Armstrong (for Angela Nicholson) – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen Engineering

Sean Surrisi - City of Plymouth

#### MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2023 TTAC MEETING

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK MAC CARTHAIGH AND SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2023. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There was no Chairman's report.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Caitlin Stevens stated the October 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 34-23**

## **Locally Initiated**

A. St. Joseph County

Amendment

Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 34-23

Add Project

Des#: 2201290

Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for FY 2024-2027

**Bridge Inspections** 

Phase: PE

Total: \$542,398

Federal: \$433,919 (Bridge) Local: \$108,478

SFY 25-28

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$542,398

#### INDOT Initiated

B. INDOT

Amendment

Exempt Project in Marshall County

Resolution 34-23

Increase Federal Funding by \$1,187,628

Des#: 1900005

SR 10 at Deer Creek, 02.39mi W of SR 331

**Bridge Replacement** 

Phase: CN

Total: \$2,256,713

Federal: \$1,805,370.40 (NHPP) State: \$451,342.60 SFY 2024

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$2,905,983

C. INDOT

Amendment

Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 34-23

Add Phase

Des#: 1902645

SR 120 from 0.86 miles West of SR 15 - West JCT, to 0.41 miles East of SR

15 - East JCT in Bristol **Pavement Replacement** 

Phase: RW

Total: \$485,000

Federal: \$388,000 (STBG)

State: \$97,000

SFY 2024

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$6,862,772

Dana Weaver presented Resolution 34-23. Hearing no questions, Amy Hill asked for an endorsement of the Resolution.

> A MOTION WAS MADE BY SKY MEDORS AND SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 34-23. THE MOTION CARRIED.

# **Staff Update**

## **Grants and Funding**

## **INDOT Rural Call for Projects**

Caitlin stated the INDOT Rural Call for Projects is officially open and will close December 1 at 12:00 p.m.. This is a funding opportunity for any community outside of the urban area boundaries. Caitlin reminded the Committee that if anyone is interested in applying, MACOG is available for assistance. She also noted the announcement for the July Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) is supposed to be coming out November 3. Asset Management Plans will be due December 1 to be eligible for CCMG for next year.

# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Caitlin announced a new program through the Inflation Reduction Act called the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRD) program. The Indiana Department of Environment (IDEM) received \$3 million in funds to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a Priority Climate Action Plan. IDEM is currently engaging with the community and stakeholders as part of the planning process. The Priority Climate Action Plan is due to the EPA on March 1, 2024. For more information, please contact Dustin New or Leah Thill.

# **Plans and Programs**

## Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment

Dustin New discussed the Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment, a state requirement of the U.S. DOT. The Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment will assess the safety performance of individual states, identify areas of high risk to vulnerable road users, and determine what safety improvements will mitigate the safety risks. INDOT is to complete the assessment by November 15. Dustin said information for vulnerable road users in our region is available through the dashboards on the MACOG website. Leslie asked if the data on the website showed all streets not just INDOT controlled streets. Dustin said yes, the data includes all streets.

#### **READI 2.0 Workshops**

Caitlin stated the South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership is kicking off their public input process for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI 2.0). The intent of the program is to attract talent and retention to the State as well as the MACOG region. The partnership is holding a series of workshops to meet with stakeholders for input on short and long-term vision and identify potential projects. The application for READI 2.0 funding is due in February.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the Committee.

#### **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 LESLIE BIEK TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Brent Warren, TTAC Vice Chair

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