

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 6, 2023**

The December 6, 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 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
Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Patrick Mac Carthaigh – South Bend International Airport
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Sean Surrisi – City of Plymouth
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Amy Hill – Transpo
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen Engineering
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2023 TTAC MEETING

There were no corrections to the November 1, 2023, minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY
LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Selection of Nominating Committee for 2024 TTAC Officers

James Turnwald stated that every year a Nominating Committee is formed to select a proposed Slate of TTAC officers. James asked for two to three members to volunteer to review who the 2024 officers should be. Ty Adley and Leslie Biek volunteered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James stated the November 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.

The meeting schedule for calendar year 2024 was also included in the meeting packet.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Resolution 35-23

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 35-23	Adding Phase to TIP (PE), Increase Federal Funding by \$20,381,000 and Change FY (CN)	
Des#: 2000027	US 33 from 4.9 miles S of SR 15 (CR 40) to 1.0 miles S of SR 15 (Monroe) Added Travel Lanes	
Phase: PE	Total: \$4,200,950	Federal: \$3,360,750 (NHPP) State: \$840,190 SFY 2024
Phase: CN	Total: \$46,717,118	Federal: \$37,373,694 (NHPP) State: \$9,343,424 SFY 25, 27, 28
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$53,962,286		

Locally Initiated

B. Elkhart County	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 35-23	Add Project to TIP	
Des#: 2300001	Sunnyside Ave/ Mall Dr at US 33 (Main Street) over Norfolk Southern Railroad New Bridge Construction	
Phase: CN	Total: \$1,448,155	Federal: \$0 Local: \$1,448,155 SFY 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$37,626,791		

C. Mishawaka	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 35-23	Change Termini (Decreasing project length by 0.51 miles)	
Des#: 1801241	Twelfth Street (Phase IIIa) from Merrifield Ave to Campbell St Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	
Phase: CN	Total: \$11,270,000	Federal: \$8,960,000 (STBG) Local: \$2,310,000 SFY 2025
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$14,991,350		

Dana Weaver presented Resolution 35-23. Hearing no comments or questions, Dana asked for an endorsement of the Resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED
BY LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 35-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 36-23

A Resolution to Support the Calendar Year 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the State of Indiana.

Safety Target Performance Measures

Number of fatalities – 876.3

Rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled – 1.072

Number of serious injuries – 3,281.1

Rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled – 3.987

Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries – 391.6

James presented Resolution 36-23. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires the State to set performance targets that demonstrate constant or improved performance and cover a triennial period. MACOG has the option to either support the State target, which is developed in collaboration with MPOs, or develop their own target. Historically, MACOG has supported the State target. James said MACOG has resources available for anyone who would like to see transportation safety data for our region. David Harker briefly discussed the Vulnerable Road Users Crash Database. James noted that MACOG also has a Request for Proposals (RFP) out for a Regional Safety Action Plan, which will help determine systemic and systematic ways to improve safety.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK MAC CARTHAIGH AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 36-23.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

INDOT FTA Section 5310 Grant Applications

Jeremiah Cox stated the INDOT FTA Section 5310 Rural Call for Projects is now open for the purchase of vehicles. Eligible agencies are those exclusively in Elkhart, Marshall and Kosciusko County. The Call for Projects for St. Joseph County will be out next summer. James noted the agency will need a resolution or letter of support for their project and to reach out to MACOG for assistance. The applications are due March 31, 2024.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) for Local Governments

Leah Thill said the EECBG grant is available again to states, local governments, and tribes for the purpose of improving energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption. The application deadline is February 2, 2024.

Community Forestry (USDA and Indiana University)

Leah stated the Indiana Department of Natural Resources 2023 Urban and Community Forestry Grant is made possible by funds awarded by the USDA Forest Service from the Inflation Reduction Act. Funding requests can be made for six specific project types from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum

of \$250,000. Projects types are: tree inventory or urban tree canopy assessment, management/response plan, education/training, new tree planting, community education/awareness events, and other projects specific to urban forestry. The application deadline is December 22, 2023.

Leah also discussed Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute Community Forestry Program. It is similar to the DNR program, but Indiana University will manage the money. Indiana University also will hire professional tree planting services and provide maintenance and watering services for the first two years. Leah said eligible governments are those that are designated as a disadvantaged community. Applications for the Indiana University Forestry Program are due December 15, 2023. Please contact Leah Thill for more information.

2024-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)

Caitlin stated the Community Crossings Matching Grant will be opening with the first Call for Projects beginning on January 2, 2024 and closing on January 31, 2024. Communities will need to have awards that were made prior to 2022-1 closed out and an approved asset management plan. David Harker can be contacted if crash data is needed for the application. David Armstrong said crash data from the area of the project should be included.

2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

Caitlin said the RAISE Discretionary Grant Program opened last week. The program provides funding for capital investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact with an emphasis on sustainability and equity. The application deadline is February 28, 2024.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting

Dana reminded the Committee the Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting is scheduled for January 11. An email will be sent to let everyone know when the Quarterly Tracking Report forms are due. Please contact Dana Weaver with any questions.

ProPEL U.S. 30 and U.S. 31 Draft Universe of Alternatives

Caitlin provided an update on the ProPEL U.S. 30 and U.S. 31 Draft Universe of Alternatives. The Universe of Alternatives Report includes possible improvements to the U.S. 30 and U.S. 31 corridors to improve regional mobility and safety along the corridors and preserve both as vital transportation corridors for moving people and goods. The Draft Universe of Alternatives will be open for public comment until December 22, 2023.

Regional Safety Action Plan Request for Proposals

Caitlin said MACOG will be working on the Regional Safety Action Plan and there is a request for proposals (RFP) for services for the plan. MACOG will be seeking proposals until January 5, 2024 and should a selection by the end of January. If a Committee member would like the RFP sent to a particular consultant, please notify James or Caitlin.

Interurban Trolley Services Request for Proposals

James stated the Interurban Trolley Services RFP is out for the operation and maintenance of the Interurban Trolley. It also includes both the fixed route and ADA services. Proposals are due January 8, 2024.

Other Items

AmeriCorps Program Serve Indiana Awards

James said the statewide Serve Indiana Awards for Excellence took place last month. Amber Werner received the Program Director of the Year award and Dr. Kate Barrett received the Outstanding AmeriCorps Alum award.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

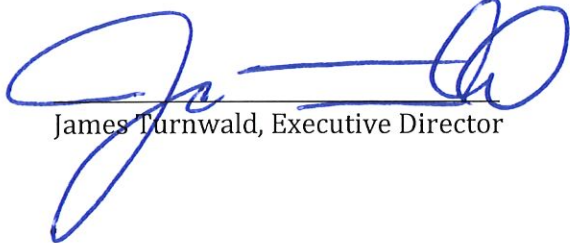
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 LESLIE BIEK AND
SECONDED BY SEAN SURRISI TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Amy Hill, TTAC Chair

