

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 3, 2024**

The January 3, 2024, 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
Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Amy Hill – Transpo
Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Patrick Mac Carthaigh – South Bend International Airport
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Angela Nicholson – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Tom Rushlow (for Charles McKenzie) – Elkhart County Highway
Dustin Sailor – City of Goshen Engineering
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Tory Irwin – City of Elkhart Public Works
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Armstrong – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Charles McKenzie – Elkhart County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2023 TTAC MEETING

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY
LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

Ty Adley stated the proposed Slate of Officers from the Nominating Committee are: Chair, Amy Hill, Transpo; 1st Vice-Chair Brent Warren, City of Nappanee; and 2nd Vice-Chair Steve Moriarty, Kosciusko County. With no questions, comments, or additional nominations offered, Amy Hill asked for a motion to approve the Slate of Officers as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED
BY SHAWN KLEIN TO APPROVE THE 2024 TTAC OFFICERS.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James stated the December 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 01-24

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 01-24	Decrease Federal Funding by \$3,105,214 and Change FY	
Des#: 2001854	SR 13 from 1.00 Miles South of US 6 West Jct, to US 6 West Jct	
	HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance	
Phase: CN	Total: \$623,482	Federal: \$498,786 (STBG) State: \$124,696 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$673,482		

Locally Initiated

B. City of Elkhart	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 01-24	Delete Project (Eliminating DES #)	
Des#: 2001662	Hively Avenue, East of Main St, crossing the NS Railroad	
	New Bridge, Other	
Phase: CN	Total: \$3,526,200	Federal: \$2,742,600 (Local Trax) Local: \$783,600 SFY 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$24,138,193		

Dana Weaver presented Resolution 01-24. Hearing no comments or questions, Dana asked for an endorsement of the Resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED
BY LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-24.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 02-24

Transpo Initiated

A. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 02-24	Adding Project	
Des#: TBD (MAC-XX)	Buy Replacement <35 Ft	

Transit Vehicle Purchase

Phase: Total: \$312,500 Federal: \$250,000 (5307) Local: \$62,500 SFY 2024
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$312,500

Dana then presented Resolution 02-24. Hearing no comments or questions, Amy Hill asked for an endorsement of the Resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NATASHA KAUFFMAN AND SECONDED
BY DUSTIN SAILOR TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 02-24.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

2024-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant

Dana stated the Community Crossings Matching Grant opened yesterday and will be open until January 31. During the 2024 calendar year, INDOT will be increasing the maximum amount awarded from \$1 million to \$1.5 million. To be approved, there must be an approved Asset Management Plan and awards prior to 2021 must be closed out. James asked if the \$1.5 million maximum award is applicable for all communities. Angela Nicholson will find out that information and follow up with James. James noted the percentage match is 50/50 for a larger community and 75/25 for a smaller community.

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

Dustin New stated the RAISE Grant is intended to fund projects with significant local or regional impact. For capital grants, the minimum RAISE grant award is \$5 million in urban areas and \$1 million in rural areas with a maximum of grant award of \$25 million. The application deadline is February 28, 2024. Please contact MACOG for more information.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting

Dana reminded the Committee the Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting is scheduled for January 11 and the quarterly tracking forms were due last week. Anyone who has not submitted the quarterly tracking form yet should do so as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please reach out to Dana.

Dashboard and Story Map Updates

Raj Parikh provided an update and demonstrated the Regional Traffic Count Dashboard and the Bike and Pedestrian Count Dashboard. Raj explained there is not much change to the information provided but the interface is new. James asked TTAC Committee members to look at the new dashboard and let MACOG know if there are any thoughts or questions. Leslie asked if the dashboard could be added to the City of South Bend's GIS website. James advised if a community would like the dashboard added to their website to contact Raj. He also noted that there are permanent counters and mobile counters. The permanent counters on the trails with the heaviest usage gather day-to-day and year-to-year data which help elected officials understand the investment in trails as well as indicate potential improvements to the trails.

Electric Vehicle Test Drive

Leah Thill announced an electric vehicle test drive event on January 9. It will take place at the Tire Rack Corporate Headquarters. The event is geared toward anyone who might deploy light duty pickup trucks, sedans and SUVs. There will be no heavy-duty electric fire trucks, ambulances or other larger vehicles.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the Committee.

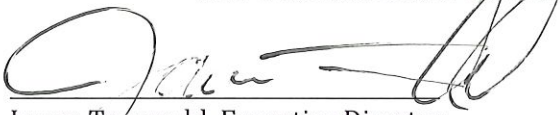
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 BRENT WARREN TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Amy Hill, TTAC Chair