

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 5, 2025**

The March 5, 2025, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Mishawaka City Hall and virtually through YouTube and Google Meet. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ty Adley – City of Plymouth
Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Hill – Transpo
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Alan Tio – South Bend International Airport
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the January 8, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY
ANDREW LUND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2025.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the January and February 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.

A. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County	
Resolution 04-25	Add Project		
Des#: MAC-25-030	Bus Route Signage		
	Transit Operating		
Total: \$125,000	Federal: \$100,000 (5307)	Local: \$25,000	SFY 2025

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 04-25. Hearing no comments or questions, Jeremiah asked for an endorsement of Resolution 04-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED
BY CHRIS DRESSEL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 03-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 05-25

Endorsement of the Marshall-Starke Development Center Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

Five (5) Low Floor Mini Vans with ramps			
Calendar Year 2025	Total: \$375,000	Federal: \$318,750	Local: \$56,250

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 06-25

Endorsement of the Cardinal Services, Inc. Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

Two (2) Low Floor Mini Vans with ramps			
Calendar Year 2025	Total: \$150,000	Federal: \$127,500	Local: \$22,500

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 07-25

Endorsement of the Greencroft Communities Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

One (1) Small 8 Passenger Transit Vehicle with lift			
Calendar Year 2025	Total: \$130,000	Federal: \$110,500	Local: \$19,500

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 08-25

Endorsement of the Council on Aging of Elkhart County Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

One (1) Low Floor Mini Van with ramp			
Calendar Year 2025	Total: \$75,000	Federal: \$63,750	Local: \$11,250

Gauri Mhatre then presented Resolutions 05-25, 06-25, 07-25, and 08-25. James explained that Elkhart, Marshall, and Kosciusko County FTA 5310 applications go to the State for approval. MACOG administers the program in St. Joseph County and is on a different development cycle than the State. With no further comments or questions, James asked for an endorsement of Resolutions 04-25 through 08-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFFREY SCHAFFER AND SECONDED BY
TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 05-25, 06-25, 07-25, AND 08-25.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

2050 Transportation Plan Amendment - Resolution 09-25

Amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and corresponding Transportation Conformity Determination Report. The amendment updates the work type of an existing project at State Road 2 and Larrison Blvd. in St. Joseph County from intersection improvement to new interchange construction, and updates phasing and open to traffic dates for added travel lanes on Union Street/Bremen Highway in the City of Mishawaka and St. Joseph County.

Caitlin presented Resolution 09-25. Hearing no comments or questions, Caitlin requested the Committee's endorsement of Resolution 09-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED
BY DEREK SPIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Plans and Programs

Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon

James announced the annual Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon will be held on April 16, 2025, at the Matterhorn Conference Center. At the luncheon, Partners will learn about projects and programs being conducted in the region or throughout the State that work to improve air quality. James said it is a good opportunity to network and registration is open now.

2025 – 2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Zach Dripps stated the 2025-2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) review and comment period is March 5 through April 5, 2025. The CEDS is a plan to guide regional economic development over the next five years.

SFY 2026 - 2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Public Comment

Kelsey Triebold announced the review and public comment period for the SFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is March 5 through April 4, 2025. There is an open house on March 25 at the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce and on April 2 at the St. Joseph County Public Library Community Learning Center.

2024 Crash Data Review

David Harker reviewed the 2024 Crash Data which can also be found on the MACOG website. He noted that in the past ten years, Indiana has shown a slight increase in fatal and incapacitating crashes. The MACOG region as a whole is experiencing the same trend. The fatal serious injury values show a decrease from both 2022 and 2023. James noted that the decrease is most likely due to the clerical definition of what is considered incapacitating which changed what is considered serious injury. For further information on crash data, please reach out to David.

Crossway Trails Condition Report

Anton Getz provided an update on the condition of the Crossway Trails. In 2024, MACOG surveyed surface conditions of 123 miles within the Crossway Trails network. The information was compiled into a map which is available on the MACOG website. Local governments can use the data to develop maintenance plans for their trail networks.

Crossway Trails Map Update

Dustin New presented the data that was collected from the survey of trail conditions. He encouraged local governments to start including trail maintenance in the municipality budget. Dustin said new Crossway Trails maps will be printed using data Anton collected. He requested committee members to look at the new map and provide feedback before printing.

Purdue Road School

James stated Purdue Road School is March 18-19. He noted some of the MACOG staff will be attending and therefore out of the office on those days.

Quarterly Tracking and Review

Kelsey notified the Committee that Quarterly Tracking and Review is on April 15. The Fort Wayne district will meet in the morning and the LaPorte district will meet in the afternoon.

Calendar Year 2024 MACOG Annual Review

Zach stated the Calendar Year 2024 MACOG Annual Review will be available to the public soon. It will be emailed to Committee members and on the AMCOG website.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bill Holder stated that aerial photography for the MACOG region was started last fall but was not finished due to weather conditions. Bill said there is a good opportunity for aerial photography from the State's 2025 aerial photography. He noted that the State was able to fund ¼ foot pixel and will also capture LiDAR elevation data at the same time.

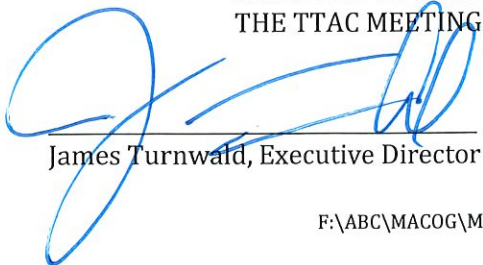
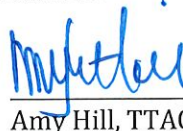
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 TY ADLEY TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Amy Hill, TTAC Chair

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