# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES April 2, 2025

The April 2, 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

Amy Hill – Transpo

Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC

Andrew Lund - City of Goshen

Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning

Brent Warren - City of Nappanee

Matt Yarian - INDOT, Fort Wayne District

**MEMBERS Attending:** 

(Virtually)

Natasha Kauffmann – Elkhart County Planning Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leslie Biek - City of South Bend

Chris Dressel - City of South Bend Community Investment

Bill Holder - Kosciusko County GIS

Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator

Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning Alan Tio – South Bend International Airport

#### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the March 5, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM JACKSON AND SECONDED BY DEREK SPIER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2025. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There was no Chairman's Report.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the March 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)

# **Other Actions**

#### Resolution 11-25

Endorsement of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 11-25. She said there will be an Open House this afternoon at the St. Joseph Public Library Community Learning Center that will be hosted in conjunction with INDOT for the statewide STIP. The public comment period will end on April 4. Caitlin asked for an endorsement of Resolution 11-25 pending significant public comments received over the next few days.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-25. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### Resolution 12-25

Endorsement of an update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment and Administrative Modification Process

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 12-25. She explained that the amendment allows MACOG to more closely align the definition of an amendment and modification with INDOT's process. Caitlin shared a table with the proposed changes. Hearing no comments or questions, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 11-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS JAMROSE AND SECONDED BY TIM JACKSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 03-25. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **Staff Update**

# **Plans and Programs**

#### Go574

Aidan McHugh announced the launch of Go574, a regional mobility platform designed to help residents in the MACOG region understand their trip options and incentivize them to choose sustainable modes of transportation. The platform is available as a website or mobile app and is available to everyone.

## Crossway Trails Bike Month Challenge

Dustin New reminded the Committee that May is National Bike Month. He said the Go574 app is a great tool for tracking bike miles while earning rewards. The Crossway Trails Bike Month Challenge will begin May 12 and run for four weeks.

#### Move Safe Michiana Update

Caitlin Stevens provided an update on the Move Safe Michiana Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. The plan was created using the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity will open next Monday and the deadline for applications is June 26. Caitlin said the next month will be spent reviewing the NOFO to make sure the action plan aligns with some of the requirements needed. The action plan will be out for public comment for most of May and will be presented to TTAC and Policy Board in June for endorsement and adoption. The action plan will allow local governments to be eligible for implementation grants under the SS4A program.

## 2025 Crash Analysis

David Harker said MACOG is continuing to analyze crashes in the region. MACOG will utilize fatal and serious injury crash data from the past five years to collaborate with TTAC in identifying potential intersections that may be good candidates for future road safety audits.

## Transportation Data Dashboard and Story Maps Update

Raj Parikh provided an update on the Transportation Data Dashboard and Story Maps. He said the bike and pedestrian count data were updated to 2024. The historical dashboard was expanded to include the 2024 data (beginning with 2020). Raj said the Trail Counters Story Map was also updated.

# Quarterly Tracking and Review

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

#### Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon

Leah Thill reminded the Committee that the Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon is on April 16 at the Matterhorn Conference Center in Elkhart. Leah said the luncheon is invite-only, and registration is required, but the event is free. If Committee members know of an individual or business that would be interested in attending, they should reach out to her.

# 2025-2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Zach Dripps stated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is being updated and the review and comment period started March 5 and will end April 4. Zach said the CEDS is not usually brought to TTAC for endorsement, but comments from the Committee are welcome. He said the CEDS will be presented to Policy Board next week for approval.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Amy stated her last day with Transpo will be April 30. She has accepted the role of CEO for the YWCA of Michiana. James thanked Amy for everything she has done for Transpo and for serving on TTAC.

James asked for volunteers for a nominating committee to determine TTAC officers. Currently, Brent Warren serves as First Vice Chair, and Steve Moriarity serves as Second Vice Chair. Ty Adley and Shawn Klein volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Matt Yarian stated that Lyndsay Quist is the new INDOT Commissioner.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A member of the public commented on downtown Whiting.

## **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 BRENT WARREN AND SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING, THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Brent Warren, TTAC 1st Vice Chair