

**GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY
TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2020**

Due to the public health emergency, the meeting was held virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at:

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Fricker	JTRP
Mike Spencer (proxy for Stewart Kline)	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Sallie Fahey	Area Plan Commission
Bill Smith (arrived late)	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Scott Chandler (proxy for Bill Smith)	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Ed Garrison	West Lafayette City Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)	CityBus
Jason Philhower (proxy for Troy Harris)	West Lafayette Police Department
Jim Knapp (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University Airport
John Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Aria Staiger	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Chyna Lynch	APC

Sallie Fahey called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm because of Jon Fricker experiencing technical difficulties.

Jon Fricker called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeromy Grenard moved to approve the minutes. Stewart Kline seconded.

Jon Fricker conducted a vote by roll call. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler said there were no access permits to discuss.

Jeromy Grenard said the Anvil 38 permit access was supposed to be discussed at this meeting.

Scott Chandler said he did not have any information on this at this time.

Jeromy Grenard said this project is set to break ground in June.

Scott Chandler said he will find out information on this access permit. He asked who he should send this information to.

Sallie Fahey asked that Scott send her the information for her to disperse it to the Committee.

Jeromy Grenard said Tim and George at INDOT requested some changes. He asked that these changes be documented in the plan.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFCATIONS

- A. **March 24, 2020**
- B. **April 7, 2020**
- C. **April 13, 2020**
- D. **April 16, 2020**
- E. **April 21, 2020**
- F. **April 27, 2020**

Sallie Fahey said these modifications were done to ensure that we obligated all our federal funds in FY 2020. The first modification was done on March 24, 2020. This sent \$573,000 in HSIP money to Terre Haute which they will return next year to use on the North River Road and CR 500N project. On April 7, 2020, \$151,838 of HSIP money from the right-of-way phase of the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project was moved to the construction phase of the Klondike Road for change orders. On April 13, 2020, we did some housekeeping to match INDOT's numbers by moving \$640 in HSIP funds from the right-of-way phase of the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project for the construction phase of the Klondike Road. On April 16, 2020 we took \$101,264 from the Concord Road project, \$39,899 from the Yeager Road project, and \$58,354 from the Twyckenham Boulevard project for the South 9th Street project. On April 21, 2020 we moved \$33,790 in HSIP funds from the right-of-way phase of the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety project and \$108,388 from the right-of-way of the Yeager Road project for the railroad portion of the Klondike Road project. On April 27, 2020 we took \$29,556 from the Yeager Road project and added it to money already set aside in the TIP to create \$100,000 for the INDOT US 231 study for the extension of US 231 to I65. This left \$169,011 in HSIP funds that Terre Haute could not take this year. Sallie said she spoke with the director for Rural Programs for Indiana and she was willing to take the money this year and reimburse next year to give us our full amount for the North River Road and CR 500N safety project.

IV. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TIP

- A. **Replace Old US 231 bridge over Wea Creek.**

Doug Poad said there are several requests to amend the TIP. These are split into two staff reports that are included in the packet. The first report outlines requests from Tippecanoe County and CityBus. The second report covers all the requests from INDOT. The first request from Tippecanoe County is for Group IV STP funding to replace a bridge on Old US 231 South just south of Veteran's Memorial Parkway. Construction is targeted for FY 2024 and the County will be using local funds for PE and any right-of-way needed. The total amount of federal funds awarded was \$240,000 for construction engineering and \$1,920,000 for construction.

- B. **For CityBus: add \$1,000,000 from MACOG in CY 19 Section 5307 funds; carry over \$349,105 in CY 19 Section 5310 funds; carry over \$48,000 in CY 19 Section 5307 funds; update to CY 20 list of projects.**

Doug Poad said this request has several parts. CityBus did a review earlier in the year and decided to make changes to CY 2020 funding. The first change increased the federal funding for operating assistance. The second request made several changes to projects programmed in the TIP and added several new projects. They also added two new planning projects that included engineering to increase the CNG station and phase 2 of their strategic plan. The last part of this request is part of obligating all our HSIP federal funds. The residual amount will go toward route planning software which will obligate \$36,000. Part of the funds that we need to obligate will be transferred to CityBus to use for the planning software.

C. Construct ADA ramps on SR 38; 10 bridge work locations; asphalt overlay on US 231; traffic signal modernization at Sagamore W and Cumberland Ave; shrub windbreak along N 100 W; widening I-65 from Wabash River bridge to 1 mile north of SR 43.

Doug Poad said this report updates one project and adds 14 additional projects. Ten of these are bridge projects which are located on SR 25, 38, 43, 52 and US 231 and include bridge paint, thin deck overlay and scour protection. Construction dates are targeted for various projects from FY 2022-2024. There are also individual projects that are being added like the ADA ramp on SR 38. This project was originally listed in the TIP for construction, but this amendment adds in preliminary engineering. The next project on SR 28 adds in an asphalt overlay with construction targeted for FY 2024. There is a district-wide signal modification project. One of the signals is in Tippecanoe County at Sagamore Parkway and Cumberland Avenue with a construction target date in FY 2024. On I-65 north of SR 43, a landscape windbreak project has been added to reduce the number of crashes from blowing snow and reduce extra plow trips. The last project involves additional widening on I-65. This will begin where the Wabash River widening project ends to SR 43 with a construction start date of FY 2022. He asked for questions. There were none.

Jeromy Grenard moved to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. Bryce Gibson seconded.

Jon Fricker conducted a vote by roll and the motion was approved unanimously.

V. QUARTERLY REPORTS

**Tippecanoe County
Klondike Road**

Tim Stroshine said there were several change orders. Staff spoke with Stewart Kline which led to the TIP amendments for change orders and rail road funding.

Lindberg Road

Tim Stroshine asked if the construction cost was reduced because of an updated estimate.

Stewart Kline said this was the latest estimate from the design consultant. We are still over budget with only a 60% federal share.

Tim Stroshine said there were conversations about funding for the rail road project and APC is still on board.

Stewart Kline said the agreement is in place and needs to be reviewed then signed. This will be coming out of the local 2020 budget.

North River Road at River Bend Hospital

Tim Stroshine said this road has reopened. He asked what the status is of the purchase orders that need to be closed out to finalize the project.

Stewart Kline said there was only one purchase order left.

Tim Stroshine said we may see this project drop off next quarter.

Stewart Kline said that is correct.

Concord at CR 430S Intersection

Tim Stroshine said construction funding information had been fixed from last quarter. He asked about the status of the purchase orders that need to be closed out to finalize the project.

Stewart Kline said they are waiting on the final field check to close this out.

River Road at CR 500N

Tim Stroshine said there was a change in the construction estimate. He asked what the reason was for this change.

Stewart Kline said this is an updated estimate because of a major water line from Indiana American Water.

Tim Stroshine asked about the change in right-of-way completion date.

Stewart Kline said this is because of condemnations.

Morehouse Road

Tim Stroshine said the construction costs were updated.

Stewart Kline said we are tracking this project because of the size and the review of the cemetery.

Yeager Road

Tim Stroshine said Stage 3 design information has been corrected and NEPA has been approved. The federal funds for right-of-way services and acquisitions have been requested.

McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety

Tim Stroshine said this report was filled out before the TIP amendment was completed. This will be updated for the next report.

Bridge #64

Tim Stroshine said there were no comments for this project.

Bridge #65

Tim Stroshine said the total project cost was updated to include preliminary engineering.

Bridge #527 over Wea Creek

Tim Stroshine said this is the first time this has appeared in the quarterly reports. He asked if there is a timeline for selecting a consultant.

Stewart Kline said they just sent out the RFP and have six proposals for consulting.

Tim Stroshine asked if the TIP construction amount is correct. When this report was put together, staff did not have a figure for this. He asked that this get added eventually.

Lafayette Twyckenham Boulevard

Tim Stroshine said the advice of change for the first change order was processed on April 30th.

Jeromy Grenard said he already has the purchase order back from INDOT.

Park East Boulevard

Tim Stroshine said all federal funds were removed for right-of-way because the city will use all local funds. He asked if this was also done for preliminary engineering.

Jeromy Grenard said this was not done for preliminary engineering; only for right-of-way. The construction cost estimate was updated. The consultant, that is working on the environmental report, said this is not being approved because this piece of Park East Boulevard does not have independent utility. It is only of utility once the extension between Hagerty Lane and McCarty Lane is done. We are trying to figure out how to move this project along. The project will not be done all together but there is an issue with the environmental report.

Sallie Fahey said it would be a good course of action to have a conference call with you, the consultant and APC staff to collaborate on a solution.

Jeromy Grenard agreed and asked that this happen sooner rather than later because of the timing of these issues.

Concord Road Trail Lighting

Tim Stroshine said there were no comments on this project.

South 9th Street

Tim Stroshine said the FMIS request was processed on April 22nd. The construction estimate and the total estimate are the same value. The total estimate should include preliminary engineering and right-of-way. He asked that this be checked before the next report.

West Lafayette Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail

Tim Stroshine asked if all purchase orders had been closed out.

Mitch Lankford said most had been closed out. They are still waiting on the construction engineering purchase order.

Cherry Lane Extension

Tim Stroshine said there were no comments from staff on this.

Mitch Lankford said we are getting close on this project.

Soldiers Home Road Phase 1

Tim Stroshine said Right-of-Way Design and Stage 3 Design showed 0% complete however, these both show completion dates for this year. He asked if these dates need to be adjusted.

Mitch Lankford said those will likely need to be adjusted. He said he is getting caught up on this project.

Sagamore Parkway Trail

Tim Stroshine said this project is progressing. He asked what information is missing for NEPA approval and how APC can assist with this.

Mitch Lankford said the consultant is still working on a clear update. He will update the Committee when he knows more.

Tim Stroshine asked for an update at next meeting because this is supposed to be done in September.

**Town of Dayton
Yost Drive**

Tim Stroshine said there were no comments on this project.

VI. APC PROGRESS REPORT

**A. MPO Update
Monthly Funding Report**

Doug Poad said this report was included in the packet. The top of the report shows the information that staff receives from INDOT. There were several differences between their numbers and our numbers, but this has since been resolved. Under the TIP Funding Allocation portion of the report, there are boxes that are highlighted. Most of these were addressed with the TIP modifications that were discussed earlier. Everything on the list has been taken care of besides the orange box for CityBus. Staff is working on obligating the \$140,198. The first steps were taken today with the TIP amendment for the software. When this is approved by the Policy Board and the funds are allocated, the residual funds will be used for additional bus stop and sidewalk improvements. Once INDOT transfers the funds to FTA, this process will be finished and all of our FY 2020 funds will have been obligated.

Sharing Agreement

Sallie Fahey said the final Sharing Agreement for the FY 2020 funds is in the packet. All the allocations for the MPOs in Indiana are listed. The report shows Group I MPOs, which have an urban population larger than 200,000 and Group II MPOs, of which we are a part. The final line shows that our allocation did drop a little even though the Congressional spending authority increased to over 98%. A TIP amendment will need to be done to lower this because these will be the numbers used to estimate future TIP years. We will have to figure out which project the reduction is going to come from.

Jon Fricker asked if the Section 164 Penalty had appeared in other documents.

Sallie Fahey said yes, this is because the state penalty for drunk driving is not as severe as the feds would like it to be. Until it is, they will continue to take this money out of STBG and require it be used in safety projects.

Battle Ground Sidewalks Inventory

Doug Poad said this study has not yet been presented to the Battle Ground Town Council due to the health crisis. This was just presented to the Policy Board last week. Starting late last year, it came to his attention that the Battle Ground Town Council wanted to look at their sidewalks, so they could wisely spend their funds for improving and repairing them. After doing some searching, there was little information available in terms of methodology. He found a consultant, HWC, that did a study for Whitestown in 2017 and they agreed to let staff use their modified PASER methodology. The visual survey rated all the 8.36 miles of sidewalks on a scale from 1-10 which then was used in 7 categories ranging from excellent, very good, good, fair, poor, very poor, or fail. Using GIS, maps were created that showed color coded sections based on these 7 categories. The report from Whitestown included a section for spot conditions. Staff decided to make this more in depth by taking pictures and copious notes about sections that are heaving, sinking, missing, cracking and being encroached by landscaping and trees. Maps were created to show these different spot conditions. The town was divided into 5 sections; Old Battle Ground, Harrisonville, Harrison Meadows, Shawnee Ridge and Quail Ridge. Overall, the majority of sidewalks in town are in very good shape at 38.5% with only 1.7% at very poor and 3.3% failed. When looking at the individual sections, there were more sections that were poor, very poor and fail in Old Battle Ground because of trees and roots. In

the newer parts of town, specifically the subdivisions, the main issues were utilities that were installed 6-7 inches below the sidewalks. The report is available on the APC webpage.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said the first project on the list let in April was on I-65 for a traffic management systems project. this was awarded to MidwesternElectric, Inc for a little over \$5,000,000. The estimated completion date is June 2021. The second project is a small structure pipe lining on I65 north of SR 43. This was awarded for \$1,200,000 with an estimated completion date of October 2020. The next two projects on US 231 for debris removal has been awarded for just under \$900,000 and includes 6 projects. This has an estimated completion date of November 2020. For this month's letting, there are two projects on SR 225 for bridge maintenance. The low bid was from Milestone at just under \$2,500,000 and was not below the engineer's estimate. The district wide bridge maintenance had one bid submitted by Reith-Riley and was awarded for a little over \$1,300,000. In October, there are 8 projects that are listed on the same contract for bridge thin deck overlay. There is only one project in November. Projects 19, 20, 21 on Lindberg Road, North River Road and Park East Boulevard with a January 2021 letting date.

Jon Fricker asked about the colored list in the packet.

Doug Poad said this was sent to staff by INDOT. This has the contract number, des number and letting date.

Sallie Fahey asked why the additional report was being done.

Doug Poad said this started the previous month because there were inconsistencies that were on the INDOT website. The INDOT District office sent this information to staff.

Sallie Fahey asked that this information be put into the same format as the regular letting list.

Doug Poad said to do that the information from INDOT would need be received earlier.

231 Corridor Study

Sallie Fahey said we have added \$100,000 of our federal funds to the US 231 Corridor study. INDOT Crawfordsville will be running this study with staff's collaboration. She said she is not sure if an RFP has completed yet.

Scott Chandler said he did not know if the RFP had been completed. He asked Bill Smith if he knew. He said he had not had direct conversations with Travis Kohl about the study.

Bill Smith said he believes an RPF has not been completed yet. He said he will check on this and give an update at the next meeting.

Sallie Fahey said the RFP is needed for everyone to agree on the scope of the study.

Bill Smith said that is correct. He said he had told Travis Kohl about the previous conversation regarding the study and it is not clear if anything has happened.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There was a one-minute pause to allow for public comments. There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is June 17, 2020.

Jon Fricker adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch

Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dull Fahey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Sallie Fahey

Executive Director