

MPO POLICY BOARD

Minutes

June 11, 2020

2:00 pm

Tippecanoe County Office

Due to the public health emergency, the meeting was held virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at <https://www.facebook.com/TippecanoeCountyIndiana> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJleeA9ZQo9E11GdZTdjurQ/featured>

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Tracy Brown	President, County Commissioners
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	Lafayette Board of Works
Mike Gibson	Chair, GLPTC
Jackson Bogan	Area Plan Commission
Shane Spears	INDOT
Ron Campbell	President, Lafayette City Council

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette

Non-Voting Members Present

Sallie Fahey	Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Robert Dirks	Rep. of US Dept. of Transportation, FHWA
Marty Sennett	CityBus
Stewart Kline	County Highway Department
Mitch Lankford	West Lafayette City Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer

President Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and conducted a roll call of members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting. Mike Gibson seconded.

Tony Roswarski asked for discussion or corrections then conducted a roll call vote. The minutes, as submitted, were approved 8- yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
Ron Campbell

No-Vote

II. RESOLUTION T 2020-03: RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Replace Old US 231 Bridge over Wea Creek;

Doug Poad said the first request from Tippecanoe County is to replace a bridge on Old US 231 South just south of Veteran's Memorial Parkway. This will use Group IV STP funding. Construction is targeted for FY 2024 and the County will be using local funds for PE and any right-of-way needed. Preliminary engineering is anticipated to begin in FY 2021. The total amount of federal funds awarded was \$240,000 for construction engineering and \$1,920,000 for construction.

For CityBus: add \$1,000,000 from MACOG in CY 18 Section 5307 funds; carry over \$349,105 in CY 19 Section 5310 funds; carry over \$48,000 in CY Section 5307 funds: update CY 20 list of projects

Doug Poad said this request is from CityBus. This is a standard request that is done yearly to revisit operating capital and planning projects to make changes. For operating assistance, they are planning on using more federal funds than anticipated, which will reduce the local match. For capital projects, CityBus is looking to reduce the funding for bus replacement. They will be replacing two buses instead of three. The other project in the TIP that will be changing is the funds needed for a support vehicle. Some funds have been added to the pedestrian and bicycle detection system project. The first planning project is hiring an engineering company to create the plans to increase the size of the CNG station. The second planning project is completing phase 2 of their strategic plan. Additionally, route planning software will be added to the TIP and will use about \$36,000 of STBG funds. The Board of Directors and Technical Transportation Committee have reviewed this amendment and recommended approval.

Tony Roswarski asked for discussion or questions then conducted a roll call vote. Resolution T 2020-03 was approved 8- yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
Ron Campbell

No-Vote

Sallie Fahey asked that there be a one-minute pause for public comment. There were no comments received.

III. RESOLUTION T 2020-04: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Construct ADA ramps on SR 38; 10 bridge work locations; asphalt overlay on US 231; traffic signal modernization at Sagamore Pky 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 is a request from the INDOT District office. There is one project in the TIP that adds preliminary engineering using federal funds. This project is located on SR 38 to construct ADA ramps. The other projects are new. Nine of these are related to bridge maintenance and are located on SR 25, SR 38, US 52, and US 231, respectively. Construction dates vary from FY 2022 to FY 2024. One project is an

asphalt preventative maintenance project on US 231 south of SR 28 with an estimated construction date of FY 2024. Another project is a district-wide signal modernization with one signal in Tippecanoe County located at Sagamore Parkway and Cumberland, with an estimated construction date of FY 2022. On I-65 north of SR 43, a landscape windbreak project has been added to reduce extra plow trips and reduce the number of crashes from blowing snow. This has an estimated construction date of FY 2022. The last project involves additional widening on I-65. This will begin where the Wabash River widening project ends (approximately one mile north of SR 43) with construction starting in FY 2022. The Technical Transportation Committee has reviewed this amendment and recommended approval.

Tony Roswarski asked if for public comments. There were none.

Tony Roswarski asked for discussion or questions then conducted a roll call vote. Resolution T 2020-04 was approved 8- yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
Ron Campbell

No-Vote

**IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update**

Sallie Fahey said on May 20, 2020, a modification to the FY 2020-2024 TIP was made to move Wabash Center's low floor mini-van project from Table 5, Unfunded Local Projects, to Table 4, Funded Local Projects. Wabash Center's funding request was approved by INDOT. The funds will be used to purchase three low-floor mini vans. The project cost is \$136,809 with a federal match of \$109,448. On June 11, 2020, a modification to move \$104,198 of STBG funds to the CityBus was made to the FY 2020- 2024 TIP. This will be used for the shelter and sidewalk project as well as the software project. This funding was transferred from the Yeager Road, Twyckenham Boulevard, Concord Road and Yost Drive projects.

Sallie Fahey said she attended a virtual conference on Monday and Tuesday. The House Reauthorization Bill and the Senate Bill were discussed. The Senate Bill was developed in a bipartisan manner. The House Bill was developed in a partisan manner and is called INVEST in America Act. INVEST stands for Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Service Transportation. This is funded at a higher level than any previous bill at \$494 billion over five years. The first part of the bill is a one-year extension of the FAST Act so there is no new policy associated with it. Additional STBG and administrative MPO expenses may be a by-product of this extension. Part two of the bill is the reauthorization for four years which will increase STBG funding. They are proposing to change the name of STBG funding to STP, which was the previous name for that type of funding. There is also additional funding for planning, but this proposal will require two more planning performance measures for states to monitor (accessibility and climate).

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said the letting list has grown substantially. The new projects are mainly INDOT maintenance projects. The bid letting results show that two bridge deck overlay projects on SR 225 were awarded to Milestone Contractors for \$2,438,456. The district-wide project on the letting list includes a few bridges in Tippecanoe County. A TIP amendment regarding this project will be done next month. Project 44 on the letting list is no longer listed.

Jackson Bogan asked what it means when the project does not show.
Doug Poad said it was not included in the list on the INDOT website.

V. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Doug Poad said the report in the packet lists the funds that have been obligated through INDOT. The table summarizes the funding. There were some differences in funding types because certain funds are obligated in a different way in INDOT's system. The balances on a few of the projects will be transferred to CityBus for the projects discussed earlier.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Tippecanoe County Klondike Road

Tim Stroshine said there was a cost increase of about \$90,000 due to change orders.

Lindberg

Tim Stroshine said this project will require federal funding for coordination with KB&S Railroad. This funding will be used before the end of this calendar year.

North River Road at River Bend Hospital

Tim Stroshine said this road has reopened. INDOT has signed off on final close out.

River Road at CR 500N

Tim Stroshine said this project had a delay in the purchase of right-of-way because some parcels went to condemnation.

Concord at CR 430S

Tim Stroshine said this project is almost ready and close to receiving final field check acceptance.

Morehouse Road Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine said this project may have to split into multiple construction phases, depending on the construction cost.

Lafayette

Park East Boulevard Extension

Tim Stroshine said this project had issues with the purpose and need statement in the environmental document. Staff was able to have a conference call with Lafayette City Engineer to work out this problem.

Sallie Fahey said the consulting firm working on the environmental report was getting concerns from INDOT about whether one section of the project had independent utility. Staff had a conversation with an INDOT reviewer to explain the value of the project from SR 26 to SR 38. This project is moving ahead again. The take away from this issue is that LPAs need to be aware of what their consulting firm is sending to INDOT, and to make sure they are giving them enough information.

West Lafayette

Cherry Lane Extension

Tim Stroshine said this project is almost complete.

Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail

Tim Stroshine said this project is almost complete as well. There is only a purchase order that needs to be closed out.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tony Roswarski asked if there were any comments received. There was a one-minute pause for comments. There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ron Campbell moved to adjourn. Mike Gibson seconded.

Tony Roswarski conducted roll call vote and the motion passed 8-yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
Ron Campbell

No-Vote

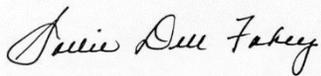
The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch

Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



Sallie Fahey

Executive Director