

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

**MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 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
Stewart Kline
Scott Chandler (proxy for Bill Smith)
Mitch Lankford
Jeromy Grenard
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)
Jason Philhower (proxy for Troy Harris)
Jim Knapp
Sallie Fahey

JTRP
Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
West Lafayette City Engineer
Lafayette City Engineer
CityBus
West Lafayette Police Department
Purdue University Airport
Area Plan Commission

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter
Rob Hainje

Lafayette Police Department
Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Aria Staiger
Doug Poad
Chyna Lynch
Carla Sheets
Adam Baxmeyer
Adam Keyster
Marcus Smith

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Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:30 and called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeromy Grenard moved to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting as submitted. Jim Knapp seconded.

Jon Fricker conducted a vote by roll call. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler said there are no new access permits. As far as existing permits, Mann Properties on US 52 has been completed. INDOT has made comments on the permit for Speedway on US 52 and Veteran's Memorial Parkway and sent them back. INDOT is waiting on revisions based on the comments. Before this permit is approved, INDOT would like for Jeromy and Mr. Watson to agree on access on Veteran's Memorial Parkway and the access on US 52. INDOT has also submitted comments and revisions on the access permit for the Love gas station at Schuyler Avenue and the I-65 interchange area and are awaiting the permittee to make the revisions and get back to INDOT.

III. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TIP

INDOT: update 7 currently programmed projects, remove one project, and program 23 new projects. New projects are mostly bridge projects, but also include pavement overlay and a pipe project.

Doug Poad said this is a request from INDOT that involves 31 projects. 7 of the projects updated in this amendment are located on the Hoosier Heartland and all of them are thin deck overlays. Funds for preliminary engineering are being added to conduct the NEPA review and this work will begin in FY 2021. The TIP currently shows a bridge rehabilitation on the SR 225 bridge over the Wabash River. This amendment removes the project because it was provisional. The scope of work for repairing and rehabilitating that bridge has been approved and assigned a new des number. Preliminary engineering will begin this fiscal year.

Five new projects are on US 52 and three of which are bridge deck overlays or thin deck overlays. One is a deck overlay over the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge. The two thin deck overlays are on the eastbound and westbound bridges over the Wabash River. Another project involves replacing the superstructure over the Gaylord Branch. The last projects will add auxiliary lanes on US 52 south of CR 450S. Preliminary engineering for all five projects will begin in FY 2021.

There are 14 projects located on I-65 and most are overlays or bridge deck replacements. The locations of the overlays include the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridges over SR 26, SR 38, and the Wildcat Creek. The locations of the bridge deck replacements include the northbound and southbound bridges over the CSX Railroad, North 9th Street and Burnett Creek, the northbound and southbound bridges over Prophets Rock Road and the CR 725N bridge over I-65. Preliminary engineering is scheduled to begin in FY 2021 with construction in FY 2024. The remaining project on I-65 is a pipe lining project which is located near CR 680S. Preliminary engineering will begin in FY 2021 with construction in FY 2022.

Three new district-wide projects are being added. The first is a centerline and edge striping project with construction in FY 2022. The second is a bridge maintenance project, construction is scheduled for FY 2022. Finally, a traffic signal modernization project is being added. Two intersections within Tippecanoe County are included and they are the Sagamore Parkway and Cumberland Avenue intersection and the signal on SR 225 at the Wabash River Bridge. The current TIP shows the Sagamore Parkway and Cumberland Avenue signal improvement in a different project. This has been moved to the new project. The current project will remain because it also includes upgrades to the signal at US 52 and Brady Lane. Staff recommended approval to the Policy Board.

Jon Fricker asked if there were any questions or comments from the Committee. There was a one-minute pause for citizen comments. There were none.

Mitch Lankford moved to recommend approval to the Policy Board. Jeremy Grenard seconded.

Jon Fricker conducted a vote by roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes-Vote

Jeremy Grenard
Jon Fricker
Stewart Kline
Scott Chandler
Mitch Lankford
Sallie Fahey
Jim Knapp
Jason Philhower
Bryce Gibson

No-Vote

**IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update
Thoroughfare Plan Update**

Tim Stroshine said this isn't the update that was planned. Staff scheduled the quarterly Citizen Participation Committee meeting for last Wednesday to present the changes made to the Thoroughfare Plan and get public feedback about items citizens wanted to include or work on. Unfortunately, there were technical difficulties with the sound and the meeting was delayed. This meeting has been rescheduled to September 30. At this meeting, the Committee will have the opportunity to give feedback as will anyone from the public. He said after this meeting, he will draft a formal recommendation based on the feedback to the Tech Committee and the Policy Board. This allows for transparency in the process to make sure that there are ways to publicly track the changes being made.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Schedule

Sallie Fahey said it is time to start the next transportation improvement program. There is a schedule from INDOT to which staff has added our local schedule so that the INDOT deadlines are met.

Doug Poad said at the October meeting, staff will be distributing the project programming sheets to all the jurisdictions. These will be similar to the ones used in the past, but they will be fillable PDFs. These will be due back by December 4, so the draft list can be presented to the CPC meeting on December 9. On January 20, 2021 this Committee will prioritize and constrain project requests. The draft document will then be put together by February 15, 2020. INDOT wants the finalized document in early May. This will hopefully be presented and adopted at the May Policy Board meeting. This list also shows the funding targets for annual allocation which includes a little over \$4,000,000 in STBG funds, \$727,183 in Safety funds, and \$214,328 in Transportation Alternatives funds. There are two numbers in the STBG funds because we dedicate 10% of the funds to non-motorized projects. The West Lafayette Sagamore Parkway Trail project complies with the policy in the current TIP.

Jim Knapp asked if staff knew if the Purdue Airport had any projects coming up.

Doug Poad said he has not, but he will need to talk with Adam Baxmeyer.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said this month's report looks similar to last month's report. There are 8 projects to be let in October that are all thin deck overlays related to the Hoosier Heartland. There are 6 projects to be let in November. Most are bridge painting projects on I-65 and one is a superstructure replacement on SR 25 over Shawnee Creek. Projects 15 through 20 shifted from a November 2020 to a December 2020 letting date. All these projects are located on I-65. Projects 28, 29, and 30 are big local projects letting in January that will consume all the federal funds for this fiscal year so next spring, funds will not need to be shifted around. Project 42 is the Sagamore Parkway Trail, the other local project, which will be let in November 2021.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Stewart Kline said he had heard that INDOT had come to an agreement with Indianapolis MPO on a buyout of federal money where MPOs could turn in federal dollars to INDOT and INDOT would give 90 cents on the dollar. The idea is that it eliminates the problem with the lack of carryover of federal dollars. Then the MPO becomes responsible for banking all the funds and setting the ground rules for the distribution of the funding. He said this is attractive because it is hard to program projects when a project costs \$6,000,000 and there is only \$4,000,000 to spend in the fiscal year. He said he wanted to bring this to the Committee to see if there would be any interest.

Sallie Fahey said this deserves some thought and discussion. One of the potential downsides is that MPOs would no longer be able to swap money with other MPOs unless they were doing the same thing because their projects would still be federal aid.

Stewart Kline said the only MPO that is in this agreement so far is Indianapolis. This would limit the partnership, but it would allow us to get back into the prior year balance system.

Sallie Fahey said the other question is whether all the LPAs would have the capacity to manage those contracts instead of INDOT running them for them.

Stewart Kline said that is true too. There would be a lot more work involved for the MPO and the LPAs. All projects would effectively become local. One of the complaints at the meeting discussing this was the lack of allowing carryover of funds from one year to another. How can MPOs finance projects when INDOT does not try to help? If Indianapolis can do it, the rest of the state can do it.

Sallie Fahey said she can add this conversation to the next MPO Council meeting next week and see if anyone has any insights to bring back to our MPO.

Stewart Kline said there needs to be a lot of research.

Sallie Fahey introduced Maureen McNamara as the Transportation GIS Specialist at APC. She has a bachelor's degree from Purdue and a master's degree from the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. She will be pursuing her EIT. She is particularly interested in sustainability issues which are new emphasis areas for transportation planning. Staff is thrilled she had a good experience in our community and was happy to come back to start her career here.

Jim Knapp asked if the Committee wanted to vote in Adam Keyster as proxy for Adam Baxmeyer.

Sallie Fahey said he is technically a proxy because the actual member is Adam Baxmeyer.

Jon Fricker asked if there is a need for a vote.

Sallie Fahey said Adam Keyster will be first proxy for Adam Baxmeyer and Marcus Smith will be the second proxy and that is what needs to be voted on.

Sallie Fahey moved that Adam Keyster be first proxy and Marcus Smith be second proxy for Adam Baxmeyer of the Purdue Airport replacing Jim Knapp. Jim Knapp seconded.

Jon Fricker conducted a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes-Vote

Jeremy Grenard
Jon Fricker
Stewart Kline
Scott Chandler
Mitch Lankford
Sallie Fahey
Jim Knapp
Jason Philhower
Bryce Gibson

No-Vote

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is October 21, 2020.

Jon Fricker adjourned the meeting at 3:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch

Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

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

Sallie Fahey

Executive Director