

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
April 14, 2022
2:00 pm
Virtual/ Tippecanoe County Office

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Members Present

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council
Travis Kohl (proxy for Shane Spears)	INDOT
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	City of Lafayette
David Byers	President, County Commissioners
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Perry Brown	President, Lafayette City Council

Absent Voting Members

Gary Henriott	President, Lafayette Board of Works
Shane Spears	INDOT
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Kevin Underwood	President, County Council

Non-Voting Members Present

Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Jennifer Ewen	APC
David Hittle	APC
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Dave Griffee	Lafayette City Engineer
Randy Anderson	Interim CityBus Manager
Jeff Kuhn	Interim Project Engineer City of West Lafayette

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ben Murray moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting. David Byers seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. RESOLUTION TIP AMENDMENT

Doug Poad said last Wednesday bids opened for the Sagamore Parkway Trail and there were four bids submitted, but the bad news is the lowest bid submitted was nearly \$5 million, and the engineer's estimate was a pinch over \$4.1 million, so we started looking as to where to get the additional federal funds to bring the project back to an 80/20 split. The first source we pulled, we did process a TIP modification for this to allocate these funds to this project, was the additional funds from the Infrastructure and Job Act, and that was \$117,812. The second source came from the same funds. If you remember, \$262,675 was allocated to the right-of-way phase of the Morehouse Road Project, and thanks to Stu, he let us borrow these funds for this project, and it is our intent to replenish these funds when we look at the

FY 2023 IJA funds. We now have a balance of \$303,737, and the only way to get these federal funds is through a trade with another MPO. David started calling around, and the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission agreed to the trade. In essence, they are letting us borrow their 2022 funds, and it is our intent to pay them back next fiscal year with the federal funds from the IJA Act.

The reason why we had to process this fairly quickly is that after the project bid is open for a local project, the MPO is sent a letter from INDOT Central Office for our federal funding commitment, and that was sent to us last Thursday, and they gave us five business days to take care of this. We did tell them that we were processing modifications and amendments to get the additional federal funds, so we do have a little bit longer grace period, but our hope is that after this approval, we will be able to submit all the paperwork later today. Yesterday, we had an emergency Technical Transportation Committee meeting because we are following the public participation process for the TIP. They did recommend approval of this amendment, and we are asking for your approval of this amendment to first program the additional federal funds and then allocate them to the Sagamore Parkway Trail Project.

Perry Brown in attendance at 2:08 pm.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote to approve Resolution T-22-05.

Yes-Votes
Ben Murray
Larry Leverenz
David Byers
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Travis Kohl

No-Votes
(None)

Tony Roswarski noted Resolution T-22-05 has been approved by unanimous roll call vote.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO Update

2050 MTP Update

Tim Stroshine said this is still on track for adoption in June, and currently we are in the phase where we are doing some public open house meetings, and the staff has been working hard creating some display materials for that. We have three different venues reserved on three different nights for some evening meetings where people can come and talk to our staff about some of the things that we are putting in the plan. We have one meeting at the downtown branch of the Public Library; the second meeting is at Ivy Tech; and the third one is at the West Lafayette Wellness Center. He said they were trying to get different geographical locations in the community, so different folks can have an opportunity to have one close to where they live. Those meetings are scheduled to start the last week of April, and the very last one will be wrapping up in the first week of May. We have also been working hard on getting a draft together, so that we can post the draft online for public comments.

Thoroughfare Plan Update

Tim Stroshine said there is not much of an update on this. This is currently still in the comment phase. We have had staff and stakeholder comments, so we are soliciting those to try to see if there is anything we can do to continue to improve the draft of the plan we have. We will have more on this at a later date.

Federal Funding Obligation

Doug Poad said at the top of the page is the information that we receive from INDOT, and it does show that we have obligated funding for the right-of-way phase of the Morehouse Road Project, and that was done last month. Below that, there are columns that have been zeroed out, and there are columns that still have numbers, and the good news is that with the obligation of federal funds for the Sagamore Parkway Trail next month, we will see all of those columns zeroed out, and we will have once again successfully obligated all of our federal funds for FY 2022.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said there are two top projects. One is on SR 26, and the other is on SR 25. For the SR 26 project, for that contract there were four projects, and it was awarded to Milestone for a little over \$1.7 million, and the completion date is June 1, 2023. The SR 25 project looks at dealing with erosion. There were two projects; one was in Boone County and the other in Tippecanoe County. Five bids were submitted, and Five Star Company was awarded the contract, and the completion date is September 15, 2022. The Sagamore Parkway Trail was the only project on the April bid letting, and the other projects on the list are on track. One change is the District Wide Traffic Signal Modernization Project; last month, it was penciled in for a July bid letting, and that has been moved to an October bid letting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Stroshine said because the current MTP, the 2045 MTP, is set to expire on June 8th, and we need to have the 2050 MTP adopted by that date, so we need to move the June meeting up at least a day or two to meet that deadline. Tim said he just needs a date that people are available to make sure we have a quorum for that meeting. He said he will get in touch with the admins for the mayors, and then he will send out an email to everyone else about this. He asked everyone to be on the lookout for this in their inbox.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Peter Bunder moved to adjourn. Travis Kohl seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Ewen
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David Hittle
Executive Director

