

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2022**

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

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University
Jeffrey Kuhn	Interim City of West Lafayette Project Engineer
John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Dept.
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Bill Smith	INDOT
Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway
Randy Anderson	CityBus
David Hittle	APC

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Adam Baxmeyer	Purdue University
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
Jon Fricker	JTRP
Stewart (Stu) Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department
Scott J. Chandler	INDOT

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joshua Lee	City of West Lafayette
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission
Dave Buck	BF&S

In the absence of Jon Fricker, Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tim Stroshine asked if any corrections needed to be made to the March 23, 2022 meeting minutes. There were none.

Jeromy Grenard moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2022 meeting. Adam Keyster seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE NEW STAFF MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

Jeffrey Kuhn introduced Joshua Lee who is currently serving as the Project Engineer for the City of West Lafayette with a focus on transportation. The hope is to get him caught-up with the different projects

within the city and eventually have him take over this voting seat on the Technical Transportation Committee.

### **III. ACCESS PERMITS**

Bill Smith said there are two new permit applications since the last meeting. Klondike Middle School, an access to US 231 which we have discussed here before, and the Love's Truck Stop on Schuyler, which we have also discussed here before. They did not proceed with their original permit and it expired, and they are ready to begin again. Neither of these permits have been issued yet, but they both have been applied for.

### **IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO UPDATE**

#### **2050 MTP UPDATE**

Tim Stroshine said they are going to have a draft of the plan posted for public comment by the end of the month. He said starting next week they are going to have some public meetings to talk with and answer any questions about what is going on with transportation in the community. He said we are on target for adoption on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The current MTP expires on June 8<sup>th</sup>, so we are going to move our Policy Board Committee meeting up a few days in order to meet that deadline. Between now and then, we will have a formal public hearing for the MTP; that has not been scheduled yet.

#### **THOROUGHFARE PLAN UPDATE**

Tim Stroshine said there is not much of an update on this. We are still in the phase where we are gathering comments from staff and stakeholders. It has temporarily been moved to the back burner as the MTP is more pressing at this time.

#### **WEBSITE UPDATE-GREATER LAFAYETTE NORTHERN CONNECTIVITY STUDY**

Doug Poad said the joint project going on between INDOT and the APC is to look at the extension of what we used to call US 231 to a connection some point north of the county to I-65. Currently there is not anything available for the general public to look at regarding this. Internally we drafted a website, and we have sent that information to the INDOT team. It has been reviewed, and we received comments back a couple days ago. He said they will look those comments over and make any needed changes and hopefully have something up in the next couple of weeks, and this will let people know what is going on with the project.

Tim Stroshine said this is important because we want to make sure accurate information is out there so people are not spreading misinformation.

#### **FEDERAL FUNDING OBLIGATION**

Doug Poad thanked everyone for attending the emergency meeting, and he informed everyone that with their recommendation the information was presented the following day to the Policy Board, and the Policy Board did approve the TIP Amendment. Right after that occurred, we submitted all of the paperwork to INDOT including the MPO federal obligation letter and we are good to go. We have secured and told INDOT that all of the 80% of the federal funds are good, and the project is on track.

Doug Poad said we have to obligate our federal funds at the end of the state fiscal year, and most of our federal funds have been obligated. While presenting a table of information, he pointed out that basically all of our federal funds have been obligated except the federal funds for the Sagamore Parkway Trail Project, and with our submittal of the letter last week, we have now officially obligated those funds, so

when we receive the information in a few weeks, we can show a balance of zero in all of these columns. In essence, we have officially obligated all of our federal funds for this fiscal year. We did receive the funding targets for the final FY 2022 funds which are basically the funding targets for FY 2023. We are anticipating beginning that process at next month's TECH meeting to actually allocate the balance of those federal funds.

#### **INDOT 18-MONTH LETTING LIST**

Doug Poad said the list is considerably shorter than what we have had in the past. There were two projects on the March 9<sup>th</sup> bid letting. One was on SR 26, and one on SR 25. The project on SR 26 was combined with three other projects; one project in White County and two in Benton County. The project was awarded to Milestone, and the contract completion date is June 1, 2023. The SR 25 project is actually two projects; one is here in Tippecanoe County, and one is in Boone County. It was awarded to Five Star Company, and the contract completion date is September 15, 2022.

On this month's letting there was only one project, and that was the Sagamore Parkway Trail, and we were successful in getting that taken care of even though the four bids were significantly over the engineer's estimate.

There are two projects on a June bid letting which is unusual. Both of these projects are on US 52 south, and they will be adding auxiliary lanes. All the other projects are on track, except for Project #11, District Wide Traffic Signal Modernization Project, it was on a July bid letting, but it has been moved back to October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim Stroshine said we will be needing to appoint a new committee chair. Dr. Jon Fricker, who has been the chair, will be retiring from being a professor at Purdue University. In the past, we have used a representative from JTRP, but if anyone else that is on this committee would be interested in filling the chair, we are not necessarily tied to using someone from JTRP.

#### **VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Jeffrey Kuhn moved to adjourn. Adam Keyster seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ewen  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David L. Hittle  
Executive Director