

MPO POLICY BOARD

Minutes

July 9, 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
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West 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

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
Ron Campbell	President, Lafayette City Council

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

Jackson Bogan moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting. Cindy Murray 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

No-Vote

Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
John Dennis

II. RESOLUTION T 2020-05: RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Update funding values for three projects to reflect \$14,232 reduction of FY 2020 federal funding distribution; For Area IV: include Section 5311 funds; for INDOT: deleting two projects, changing the scope and funding of one project; and programming two new projects.

Tim Stroshine said this is a request that has three components. INDOT gave an initial funding estimate for MPOs that was programmed into the TIP. However, the final amount to be obligated was lower than the estimate. The difference of \$14,232 will be deducted from FY 2021 funds. The Technical Committee discussed how this deduction would be split up. The Park East Boulevard project was reduced by \$3,872 in STBG funds. The North River Road project was reduced by \$10,915 in HSIP and Section 164 funds. The Lindberg Road project was increased by \$555 in TA funds. The second component of this request is funding for the expanded transportation service Area IV is now providing in Tippecanoe County. The third component is a request from INDOT to remove two projects, changing the scope for one project and adding two new projects. The two projects that are being removed are on I-65. The funding for the district wide bridge project has been changed. The Technical Committee voted to recommend approval for the resolution.

Tony Roswarski asked what changes are being made to the projects on I65.

Tim Stroshine said a bridge deck patching project and a bridge maintenance project were removed.

Tony Roswarski asked for discussion or questions then conducted a roll call vote. Resolution T 2020-05 was approved 8- yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Cindy Murray
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Shane Spears
John Dennis

No-Vote

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

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

**MPO Update
Thoroughfare Plan Update**

Tim Stroshine said the update has been delayed by COVID however, it has now been kicked into gear. Staff is in the process of developing new design standards for different roads in the community. Staff is trying to allow more flexibility for local engineers to have their say in the design standards as roads develop or redevelop. The old plan was rigid in its requirements. Staff is also trying to accommodate all modes of transportation and does not want everyone to think that personal vehicles are the only way to get around the community. We want more options for public transportation, biking or walking in the community. There

is a meeting scheduled with the city and county engineers. After this meeting, staff hopes that parts of the plan will be finalized and ready to be presented at the next meeting.

Tony Roswarski asked how long staff has been working on this plan.

Sallie Fahey said this has been a years long process. This was treated as a fill in project for many years but now Tim has made it a priority. This will be an innovative Thoroughfare Plan that we have not seen before. Staff is pleased with how this is going and are getting close to having a product that can go out to the development community.

Tony Roswarski said he is glad to see this project going in that direction.

MPO Funding Obligation Report

Sallie Fahey said this is the end of FY 2020 summary for every MPO in the state. The Lafayette MPO has spent 100% of their funds for the year. The summary is organized by fund type. The Lafayette MPO programmed the last of the prior year balance funds. This was the last of that money. Our MPO will only be able to fund projects with our annual allocation. The MPO bonus funds come from FY 19. This is money that federal highway makes available at the end of every federal FY and money that other states were not able to spend. This is reallocated to states that were able to spend all their money. Indiana is almost always in that position so when there are funds states haven't spent, Indiana is almost always in line to receive money. Our portion of those funds was about \$230,000 and we elected to spend it in FY 21 on the Park East Boulevard project.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine said most of these projects are the same as they have been in the previous reports. The last two projects on the list are the only projects that need attention. Project 42, a concrete pavement restoration at the SR 38 interchange ramp, is not listed. He asked Shane Spears if he had any updates on this project.

Shane Spears said this project was moved to a December letting date, so it is not showing on the 18-month list.

Tim Stroshine said project 43 is a new project for this list. It is the bicycle pedestrian facility along Sagamore Parkway. Staff is glad that this project is moving forward.

IV. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Tim Stroshine said this is the report we have been discussing as we have approached the end of the fiscal year. The most current report shows everything zeroed out. The few exceptions have been followed up with INDOT to confirm that this is because of how INDOT does their accounting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

John Dennis 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
John Dennis

No-Vote

The meeting adjourned at 2:26pm.

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 background.

Sallie Fahey

Executive Director