

**CARROLL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**August 13, 2019  
3:00 PM**

**CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMMISSIONERS ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shane Evans	Mayor of Delphi
Josh Plue	President Carroll County Council
Joretta Tinsman (proxy for Joshua Ayres)	Flora Town Council President
Jackie Hockaday (proxy for Rick Powers)	INDOT District Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill Brown	President Carroll County Commissioners
Carolyn Pearson	Delphi City Council Representative
Sallie Fahey	Executive Director, Area Plan
Pete Wagoner	Camden Town Council Representative

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Laura Walls	Carroll County EDC
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**ALSO PRESENT**

Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission Staff
Chyna Lynch	Area Plan Commission Staff
Tim Hoffa	INDOT

President Shane Evans called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and began with agenda items not requiring a vote. Those items will wait for the quorum to be established.

Tim Stroshine introduced Chyna Lynch as the new Recording Secretary for the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County.

**I. TRAFFIC COUNTS**

Tim Stroshine said last time the Committee met, the traffic count program was not quite finished. He said this has now been completed. He included a spreadsheet and map in the packet to show what has been done this year. He pointed out that there are only 41 counts available on the map and spreadsheet. The contract with INDOT dictates that 65 counts be done. The other 24 were completed last fall which is still within FY 2019 and presented at a previous meeting.

*Joretta Tinsman joined the meeting in progress.*

Tim Stroshine continued that he would focus the discussion towards the 41 counts presented. The counts on the map compare 2019 counts to the counts taken in 2016. These traffic counts are taken every three years, so the spreadsheet discusses 2019, 2016 and 2013 counts. A few of the counts have been flagged for discussion. There has been some insight given as to why some counts have varied. Station ID 614 at N 1150W between Bicycle Road and 200N had a significant increase in 2019 compared to the counts in 2016 and 2013. This increase is likely due to a detour. The next count is anticipated to regress back to the same range as 2013 and 2016. Station ID 673 at N 625W between 100N and 200N more than doubled from 2016 to 2019. In 2013 the count was around 148. It is possible the increase could have been from a road improvement project. The improvements were done on that road due to increased trucks from the hog processing facilities.

Laura Walls said the road was widened because IPC was going to have more traffic.

Tim Stroshine said Station ID 966 at W 625N just west of 625W had a similar situation of counts going from under 100 in 2016 jumping up to 240 in 2019. Counts were not done in 2013 which does happen sometimes because the same locations are not always counted every three years. It is unclear why there was a jump in 2019. He went through the data to see what the quality of the counts were because the counters have a built-in quality control that show the reliability of the data. He said all the data appeared to be of quality.

Tim Stroshine continued to Station ID 1615 at E 400S between 200E and 300E. In this case, 2016 was lower than 2013 and 2019. It is unclear if anything in 2016 effected the counts. Station ID 1738 at W 650S just east of 800W is the opposite situation; counts spiked in 2016 to 431 in comparison to 232 in 2013 and 244 in 2019. It is likely construction in 2016 caused the spike. Station ID 1774 on 5<sup>th</sup> Street just east of State Road 22 had the same pattern with a spike in 2016 with the possibility of being caused by a detour from construction. Station ID 2263 on Old State Road 25 just north of Stoney Drive was not counted in 2013 but saw a drastic decrease from 2016 to 2019. It is unclear why this decrease occurred. It is no longer an official state route and is now local access only. Perhaps, people started taking an alternative route now that it is local access only. Again, the data did not appear unusual.

Laura Walls asked if East Main Street was under construction in 2016. If so, people may have used this as a detour.

Shane said while it was under construction, people may have used this route to get to the Hoosier Heartland.

Tim Stroshine concluded that the 2019 counts will most likely be the normal counts if 2016 was a detour. Station ID 2411 at W 400N just west of US 421 had a consistent count at 169 in 2013 and 163 in 2016 then jumped to 610 in 2019. This is likely due to the State Road 18 detour. He asked if anyone had any questions about any other count sites.

Josh Plue asked about the Water Street count being higher.

Tim Stroshine replied that at the previous meeting, Paul Coutts thought the increase was due to a new connection.

Laura Walls did not think that the new bridge connection was open on Hoosier Heartland in 2016. She asked if the connection is at State Road 75.

Jackie Hockaday introduced Tim Hoffa as a project manager for INDOT in the southern district. He will be attending these meetings regularly.

Tim Hoffa said for that bridge, he was working with the construction department and the project is just now being closed out.

Josh Plue asked if they are concluding that the connection is State Road 75 N out of Camden.

Laura Walls said Water Street is the continuation of State Road 75.

Josh Plue said people from Camden have said there is more traffic in that area.

Laura Walls said the increase has attracted the interest in a gas station.

Josh Plue asked if these are daily counts.

Tim Stroshine said these are an average daily count. This count increase slightly from 2013 to 2016, which accounts for the partial opening, then largely increase in 2019.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joretta Tinsman moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 Carroll County Administrative Transportation Committee Meeting. Josh Plue seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

## III. QUARTERLY TRACKING/PROJECT DISCUSSION

None.

## IV. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Jackie Hockaday said there was a letting added to the list for a project on State Road 218. She said there had been three new projects listed.

Tim Hoffa said contract number 41198 recently had a field check. There are four different projects on the bridge structures. The letting date will be moved to February 2021 due to environmental permitting. The bridge decks were inspected and did not appear to need done next summer. The construction has been pushed to the following year.

Jackie Hockaday said State Road 75 at Wildcat Creek will have a letting date of 2021 or 2022. This is a historical bridge that will not be replaced but it will be rehabilitated. The two projects awarded to Laporte Construction are part of a bundle that contains 9 projects in Cass, Carroll, Starke, Jasper, Fulton and Pulaski Counties. This project is currently underway; one lane is closed and the thin deck overlay is being started.

Josh Plue asked if SR 22 is going to be worked on again next year. It is closed now and has been for some time.

Jackie Hockaday will look into that project and get back with an answer.

Laura Walls asked if SR 22 is closed in Howard County.

Jackie Hockaday said that would explain why it is not on this list.

Josh Plue said that only about a mile of SR 22 is in Carroll County.

Jackie Hockaday said there is a small structure being repaired in the Carroll County section in 2020.

Shane Evans said this project was discussed during last quarterly meeting.

Tim Hoffa said the first two numbers of a Des number indicate what year the project became active. This project started in 2019 so it is new.

Shane Evans said there is one project on the last meeting's letting list that had a let of February 2019 for a small structure replacement on SR 22 .99 miles east of State Road 29 as opposed to .418 miles east on this list.

Jackie Hockaday will check the two Des numbers to see where the project stands.

### **b. Hoosier Heartland/800 W Intersection Update**

Jackie Hockaday said there was a delay with the signs which is why work hadn't had been done in a while. Everything is now moving along. This project has an anticipated completion date of mid-September.

Shane Evans thought that today the median was closed. He asked what is left to complete on the project.

Jackie Hockaday said the signs are up and the median needs to be finished. It should open mid-September once the median is filled in.

Tim Stroshine said there was feedback given to the Sheriff's Department that the signs are confusing.

Tim Hoffa said there has been some directional confusion. These signs are typically on top of one another, not side by side. He feels they should be addressed and moved. This can either be a simple fix or a lengthy process considering there have been issues with the signage. These can be confusing for people not from the area.

Jackie Hockaday said this will be discussed during the pre-final meeting.

Tim Stroshine said it was brought up at the previous meeting that there is a desire for the Carroll County Comet to be a local source for project updates.

Jackie Hockaday will be sending the construction updates she receives to the Comet to keep them in the loop. She explained that the communication department of INDOT only knows what they are told. These updates are not typically done with cities or towns.

Tim Hoffa said early coordination and communication leads to much better results. They are in the process of working as a group to better communication with small towns. When projects come up that could affect a small city or town, they try to give as much notice in advance as possible. He said they are aware of the lack of communication with some of these projects. He added that the Des. # for the SR 22 project is in the Greenfield District.

Tim Stroshine said last time it was on our Des list it should not have been there because it was not for Carroll County.

Laura Walls said she appreciates that this project was on the list because it has ramifications for Burlington.

### **c. Other Discussion**

Shane Evans asked when Community Crossings is going to come down the pipeline.

Jackie Hockaday said she was unsure. She asked if he was wanting to know when the project was going to be awarded. She will follow up with an answer.

Josh Plue wanted to follow up if the data for the velocity of large trucks was available.

Tim Stroshine said he could get information on that but needs to know exactly what he wants.

Josh Plue asked when the counts discussed were taken.

Tim Stroshine replied they were taken in April, May, and June.

Josh Plue said from a safety standpoint, the speed and heavy trucks are the main concern.

Tim Stroshine said it was discussed at the previous meeting to do a traffic study relating to some of the hog processing facilities. This would be a good opportunity to put the two studies together to see where the heavy traffic is going and how fast it is going.

Josh Plue said it is good to have data to give people when there are complaints.

Tim Stroshine said he previously worked with Laura to get new roads put in for a truck route issue. He asked if there is any update on this.

Laura said it this project has not yet moved forward.

Tim Stroshine told Laura when this project picks up, the Committee is willing to help.

Laura Walls said she heard that INDOT released a 20-year plan where State Road 26 to Kokomo becomes four lanes as part of the plan. She asked if that is in the plan, is there anything they can do now to make routing it north to Rossville more attractive to INDOT.

Jackie Hockaday said she was not certain, but she will check into this plan.

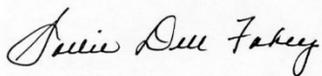
## V. ADJOURNMENT

Josh Plue moved to adjourn the meeting. Joretta Tinsman seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chyna Lynch  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Sallie Dell Fahey  
Secretary