

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

**MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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	JTRP
Stewart Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Bill Smith	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Mitch Lankford	West Lafayette City Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)	CityBus
Jason Philhower (proxy for Troy Harris)	West Lafayette Police Department
Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University Airport
John Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department
Tim Stroshine (proxy for Sallie Fahey)	Area Plan Commission

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Aria Staiger	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Chyna Lynch	APC
Dave Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Scott Chandler	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Marcus Smith	City of West Lafayette
Ann Bishop	

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order and called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mitch Lankford moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. Stewart Kline seconded.

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

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Bill Smith said there are no new permit applications. The Speedway on US 52 and Veteran's Memorial Parkway continues to be a permit we are working on. It has not been issued yet. Right now, they are back to looking at a single access point of a right-in right-out off US 52. He said he believes he is supposed to communicate with Jeromy Grenard before the permit is issued to make sure everyone is in sync with access on Veteran's Memorial Parkway and US 52. Bill said he will remind INDOT staff to stay in touch with Jeromy.

Jeromy Grenard said he has received some emails but has not spoken with anyone on the phone. He has also been copied on emails between INDOT and the applicant.

III. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TIP

Correct an error calculating FY 21 funding for three local projects; add funding and change construction dates for six INDOT projects

Doug Poad said there are two requests in this amendment. The first corrects an error in recalculating the FY 2021 federal funds. The error was made in the spreadsheet that does the calculations and the FY 2020 amounts were referenced instead of FY 2021. The dollar amount shown in the staff report is now the correct amount. Unfortunately, this meant that the Park East Boulevard project had to be reduced another \$3,872 and the North River Road project was reduced \$10,915. But the Lindberg Road project was increased by \$550. He apologized for the mistake. The second part of the request is from INDOT. They are looking at changing information for six projects that are programmed in the TIP. Funding for right-of-way is being added to two projects located on SR 28 and SR 38. SR 28 is a road rehabilitation project and SR 38 is a scour protection project. These changes will also include preliminary engineering for the US 52, SR 225, I-65 at SR 38, and I-65 at CR 100 W. They would also like to change the construction amounts and dates for the SR 28 and SR 225 projects. Staff recommended that the Technical Committee vote to make a favorable recommendation to the Policy Board.

Stewart Kline moved to recommend approval to the Policy Board. Jeromy Grenard seconded.

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

Yes-Vote

Jeromy Grenard
Bill Smith
Stewart Kline
Mitch Lankford
Bryce Gibson
Jon Fricker
Jason Philhower
Adam Keyster

No-Vote

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

MPO Update CityBus Safety Plan

Bryce Gibson said this plan establishes safety targets for CityBus and identifies key personnel in the safety culture. The Board of Directors voted to approve this plan last month and CityBus is looking at adding additional staff soon.

Jon Fricker said he is on the Board and what is being presented today are key portions of the 75-page document. This plan is a federal requirement for procedures. This adopts those procedures and assigns responsibilities to CityBus staff.

Bryce Gibson said Marty Sennett will be presenting this plan in more detail at the Policy Board meeting.

Coordinated Human Services Plan Update

Doug Poad said this plan looks at transportation issues for three groups of people; those that have low income, those that are elderly and those that are disabled. This plan was first created in 2008 then updated in 2014 and is now being updated again. Staff has created all the socioeconomic data for the report. Earlier this year, staff sent out notices to let stakeholders know about the plan update and asked them to review a list of transportation providers. Staff received several comments and added the additional providers to the list. The second round of notices were sent out to transportation stakeholders in July. They were given a

link to a 16-question survey that asked what services they provide and for additional information. After contacting the agencies, staff has received 50% of the surveys. This information will be used to update the transportation brochure that lists the transportation services within the county. The next step in the plan is to look at issues, gaps, challenges and barriers that the three groups face. This step has typically been a meeting but with COVID, a fillable PDF will be sent out for agencies to write in and send it back to staff.

Annual listing of Projects Update

Doug Poad said this is a report that we have been doing since 2006 as a federal requirement of the FAST Act. This report looks back to see where federal gas tax funds have been obligated. These projects include road projects and transit projects from the county, cities, and INDOT. The document staff creates is more in-depth than what is required. Locally funded projects are also included in this report. This year is the largest report at 250 pages in draft form. The draft of this document has been completed and is being reviewed. September 30th is the deadline to have it complete and on the APC website.

Traffic Count Program Update

Aria Staiger said staff had planned to do traffic counts differently this year and next year. Staff is working on a vehicle miles traveled model which means counts need to be taken in different locations than the normal three-year cycle locations. Staff is focusing on intersections along arterials and other high functional class roads. Unfortunately, things have been different this year with COVID. The times that counts are taken have been moved around to avoid the worst impact from COVID and get closer to normal traffic count patterns. Lafayette now has completed all their counts and West Lafayette will be finished soon. Ordinarily, to correct for variations, an adjustment factor is applied to find the actual annual average daily traffic from the raw data. Those values will change by season and other factors. However, there is no adjustment factor for COVID. The count numbers will not be comparable to historical data but, we can compare pandemic versus non-pandemic counts. Not all the counts are in locations where staff has never had a count before. Most are in locations where counts have been taken within the last three years. If in the future there is an adjustment provided by INDOT, an adjustment will be made to the data.

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals Survey

Aria Staiger said this goal survey is available on the APC Transportation website. Any member of the public that would like to share what they feel are the priorities for the transportation network are suggested to take the survey. It is a short survey that allows people to share their opinions on transportation needs in the community. The survey is available in Spanish and English.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said this is an extensive list. There were no projects let in July. There are 8 projects coming up in October. They are all thin deck overlays on SR 25. There are also numerous projects in November and a few in December. Projects 28, 29, and 30 are local projects on Lindberg Road, North River Road, and Park East Boulevard. There are more bridge projects related to the Hoosier Heartland. Projects 42 and 43 have letting dates that have changed. Project 42, the Sagamore Parkway Trail, moved from a March 2021 letting date to November 2021. Project 43, an I-65 concrete pavement restoration, moved from a July 2021 letting date to a December 2021 letting date.

V. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Tippecanoe County Klondike Road

Doug Poad said this is under construction. He asked if it was still on track for completion in November.

Stewart Kline said as far as the county is concerned, it is on track for November.

Lindberg Road

Doug Poad said there are some cost updates. He asked if the project is on track for a January letting date.

Stewart Kline said yes, it is.

North River Road at River Bend Hospital

Doug Poad said all purchase orders have been closed so this project will fall off the next report.

Concord at CR 430S Intersection

Doug Poad said there still a few open purchase orders. He asked if there was an update on the status of the purchase orders.

Stewart Kline said they received the recommendation for acceptance, so this should be closed out soon.

River Road at CR 500N

Doug Poad said the report shows that right-of-way and Stage 3 Design are to be finished this month. He asked if this is still on target for the end of the month.

Stewart Kline said design is on target for the end of the month. There is one problem parcel in condemnation. One of the appraisers wanted extra time.

Doug Poad asked if this was set for a January letting date.

Stewart Kline said yes, it is.

Morehouse Road

Doug Poad said there were some cost updates. The environmental report is listed as May 2020 and it is only at 80% complete. He asked if it was still at 80% and if this would be finished in a few months.

Stewart Kline said there has been a lot of back and forth with INDOT and the consultant about getting the approval. They received the last review and the public involvement phase should be completed by the end of the year with approval by spring 2021.

Yeager Road

Doug Poad said some dates and funding have been updated.

McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety

Doug Poad said some dates and funding have been updated to match the TIP.

Bridge #64, Bridge #65 and Bridge #527 over Wea Creek

Doug Poad said there were no comments on these projects. He asked if Stewart Kline had any other questions or comments.

Stewart Kline said they got a notice of survey for US 52 at Brady Lane with no explanation. He asked if anyone knew what this is going to be.

Doug Poad said the only project he can think of for the area are two bridge overlay projects. The overlays are done but the striping hasn't been added yet.

Stewart Kline said it is a notice of survey which would mean it is early in a project.

Bill Smith said he is not aware of any projects in this area. The HMA overlay project was completed in that area in the same contract.

Jeromy Grenard said he believes it is a minor signal modification, but he is not sure what the signal modification is.

Bill Smith said something minor like that could be signal visibility or flashing yellow arrow installation.

Lafayette Twyckenham Boulevard

Doug Poad said there are no comments on this project. Construction is underway and the trail looks to be nearly complete.

Jeromy Grenard said this project was going along great until the utility conflict that is currently being dealt with. This has set the project back three to four weeks.

Park East Boulevard

Doug Poad said the environmental completion report date is listed as June 2020 but is still at 90%. He asked if it will be finished in the next month or two.

Jeromy Grenard said that report is finished and has been approved.

Doug Poad said the Ready for Contract date is the same as the letting date. He asked that Jeromy double checks that date.

Concord Road Trail Lighting and South 9th Street

Doug Poad said there were no comments on this project.

West Lafayette Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail and Cherry Lane Extension

Doug Poad said there were no comments because the projects are complete

Soldiers Home Road Phase 1

Doug Poad said both the right-of-way clear and Stage 3 Design dates are June 2020 and September 2020, but all other dates are 2021 or 2022. He asked that Mitch Lankford double check the dates.

Mitch Lankford said those will be updated for the next report.

Sagamore Parkway Trail

Doug Poad said he is excited to see the movement on this project. Stage One Design is at 80% and the environmental report is at 60% and both are targeted to be completed in September. He asked if this project is still on track.

Mitch Lankford said it looks like this will be the beginning of October. Last time he spoke with the consultant, they were three weeks behind.

Doug Poad said that is still great news.

Mitch Lankford said since this report was submitted, the CEPO for Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail has been closed. They have received a final inspection and acceptance for the Cherry Lane Extension, so this is moving towards being closed out.

**Town of Dayton
Yost Drive**

Doug Poad said there are no comments on this project.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is September 16, 2020.

Jon Fricker adjourned the meeting at 3:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch

Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



Sallie Fahey

Executive Director