

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
December 10, 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
Mike Gibson	Chair, GLPTC
Jackson Bogan	Area Plan Commission
Shane Spears	INDOT
Cindy Murray	Lafayette Board of Works
Ron Campbell	President, Lafayette City Council
Kevin Underwood	President, County Council

Absent Voting Members

Non-Voting Members Present

Sallie Fahey	Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Maureen McNamara	APC
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer
Mitch Lankford	West Lafayette City Engineer

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting. Mike Gibson seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update
Metropolitan Transportation Plan Survey Update

Tim Stroshine said this is the second survey we sent out as part of the public participation process for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The first survey established transportation goals. The second survey discussed ways to accomplish these goals. The packet lists different categories of goals and objectives that have been sorted into tables. One of the goals includes enhancing transportation options and accessibility for all users. The two main objectives for this goal is to add sidewalk ramps where they are missing and to repair sidewalks to eliminate trip hazards. This shows there is a desire in the community to have good infrastructure. This theme is continued into the next goal which is to improve, expand and connect sidewalks trails and bike lanes. The main objectives of this goal are to construct sidewalks to allow for longer trips and connect existing trails to each other. So, in addition to having the physical infrastructure, it is also important to the community that it connects for a safe pathway throughout their whole trip.

In the transit category, the highest scoring objectives were about actions we can take to improve bus service. One interesting thing in this category was regarding passenger rail service to major cities. This was either listed as the most important objective to the participant or the least important. There is a group of people that would use this service if it was available. Other goals worth mentioning include improving the transportation network to improve climate sustainability, improving storm drainage and planting more street trees. Installing green infrastructure scored fairly well which may indicate there is a desire from the community to have facilities that are environmentally friendly.

Citizens Participation Committee Update

Tim Stroshine said the results of the surveys were discussed at the CPC meeting. The Committee was in agreement that the results of the survey were good goals to move forward and adopt. We are formally working to adopt these goals and integrate them into the plan as objectives and goals.

Tony Roswarski asked what the score of the objectives and goals means. There are a certain number of participants that ranked the objectives higher and lower.

Tim Stroshine said we asked each participant to rank each objective from 1 to 5. The higher the objective ranked in importance, the more points it scored. Those ranking added up made the score for each objective.

Tony Roswarski asked how many people participated in the surveys.

Tim Stroshine said 223 people participated in the second survey.

Sallie Fahey said over 500 people participated in the first goal setting survey.

FY 2022 TIP Update

Doug Poad said we are still in the early stages of preparing the document. Last Friday was the deadline for the local engineers to submit their projects and we received all of them. These were put into a table that has been posted on the transportation website. A table was also put together for INDOT projects and this was posted on the website. At the CPC meeting last night, staff started the public participation portion of this process by presenting information about the TIP and how it relates to transportation planning. A lot of good comments were submitted at this meeting. The next step in this public participation process will be sending out a mass letter and posting public notices around the community and on social media to let the community know that this document is being developed and soliciting input. At the next Technical Transportation Committee meeting, we will review all of the requests from local engineers and allocate the federal transportation funds. We will receive a little over \$4 million in STBG funds, a little over \$700,000 in safety funds and \$214,000 in Transportation Alternative funds. As in previous years, INDOT wants all of the funds to be obligated for each fiscal year. Staff will then have one month to complete the draft document. After this is complete, the full document will be brought to this Board for review and adoption.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said Project 1 is on one contract while the remaining five projects are in a separate contract. The first contract was let for construction at \$1,140,000 with an estimated completion date in October 2021. There were five bids submitted. For the bridge painting projects on I 65, Project 2 through 6, the award amount was \$2,370,000. There were six bids and the estimated completion date is November 2021. Projects 7 through 10 are on one contract. There were 5 bids submitted that were almost all under the engineer's estimate. The low bid was from Superior Construction. Projects 11 through 16 had 4 bids submitted. The lowest bid was just under \$1,000,000 with the engineer's estimate at \$1,560,000. There will be more information available next month. In January, there are 5 major projects coming up. Three of these are local projects on Lindberg Road, North River Road and Park East Boulevard. The other projects are on SR 28 between US 231 and US 52 and then on SR 26 at the I 65 interchanges. There will be some detour or work around there that may slow traffic for a little bit. February has 7 projects that are all thin deck overlays on SR 25. There is only one project listed for March and three in April. In July of 2021, turn lanes

will be added on US 52 from CR 400S in Tippecanoe County to CR 700 S in Clinton County. Project 41 on SR 38 is currently listed as a minor structural overlay, but staff is starting the TIP amendment process to make that a full reclamation projection.

III. ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE 2021 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Sallie Fahey said the Federal FAST Act which is our federal legislation for transportation requires states and MPOs to set targets to meet performance measures. One of the performance measures is safety. We set targets based on INDOT's proposal every year around this time. The five targets are number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, the number of serious injuries within those crashes, the rate of serious injuries and the number of non-motorized fatalities plus serious injuries. The state has set targets every year and MPOs have two options. They can set their own targets, or they can agree to support the state's targets. It is much simpler for MPOs to support the state targets and all MPOs in Indiana have been doing that. The safety targets have been brought to this Board every year for its concurrence in our MPO support of those state targets for safety. The state has to show that they have met four of the five targets every year. This is the first time that analysis has been done by the Federal Highway Administration. This letter from FHWA says that Indiana met four of the five 2018 targets. She said she is giving this history because it is the first time we have had a letter of determination from FHWA about safety targets. This goes back to the first year we did this. In the left column of the letter are the targets that the state set that we supported. In the next column to the right is what happened and there is the column that says if the target was met. This was a bad year for fatalities and Indiana did not meet the target. There were 833 fatalities that year and our target was under 815. We did meet all other target so that means the state performed in a manner that it said it would and no further action from the FHWA is required. What that would mean is the state would have to devote more of its money to safety projects if they did not meet at least four of the five targets.

Now that we are in this analysis timeline, in April or May we should find out whether the state met the 2019 targets. What we are doing today is setting and agreeing to the targets that the state is setting for the year 2021, which is the letter that is in the packet. The state's target for fatalities is 817.3 or fewer. The rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled is 1.006 or less. The number of serious injuries is at 331 or fewer. The rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled is 4.088 and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is at 393.6 or fewer. Those numbers are higher than some of the early years, but they are better than the 2020 numbers. In 2020, the number of fatalities as a target was 907.7. We think that can be lowered to 817.3. Last year the rate of fatalities was 1.097. That number of serious injuries dropped from 3467.4 to 3311.4. the rate of serious injuries dropped from 4.178 to 4.088 and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from 405.9 to 393.6. The biggest criteria based on the data and projections seems to be the economy. When the economy is down and more people are working from home, there are fewer drivers. That will likely be the biggest criteria for being able to drop these targets from 2020.

She asked that the Board vote to authorize her to sign the letter supporting the state's safety targets for the year 2021.

Jackson Bogan asked if these are average numbers over five years.

Sallie Fahey said that is correct; it is a rolling average.

Cindy Murray moved that the Policy Board of Lafayette MPO support the state's performance measures and targets for safety year 2021 and authorizes the Executive Director to sign the letter expressing that support. John Dennis seconded.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved 10-yes to 0-no.

Yes-Vote

Tony Roswarski
John Dennis

No-Vote

Tracy Brown
Peter Bunder
Mike Gibson
Jackson Bogan
Cindy Murray
Shane Spears
Ron Campbell
Kevin Underwood

IV. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly Project Tracking Summary

Tim Stroshine said this is a summary of what was discussed at last month's Technical Committee meeting. Overall, everything is progressing very well. It seems like the local government engineers have worked hard to make sure things are still on track despite all of the interesting circumstances that have happened in 2020. For Tippecanoe County, construction on Klondike Road is almost done and will likely be substantially complete by the end of the year with full completion anticipated in 2021. Lindberg Road will require additional federal funding to work with the railroad. An agreement is already in place with KB&S and APC will work to process any required FMIS requests. Concord Road at CR 430 S has officially been closed out. The Morehouse Road project might have a change in letting date but that will continue to be monitored. The Yeager Road project has some design changes but the letting date is not likely to change at this time. The right-of-way for the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project has been delayed but the letting date can still be met.

For Lafayette, the Twyckenham Boulevard project is substantially complete so this project could be closed out in a few reports. The Concord Road Trail Lighting project will not wrap up until mid-January due to a delay in the delivery of construction materials. Otherwise, this project is going well.

For West Lafayette, the Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail has been closed out. The Sagamore Parkway Trail project has been delayed but this should not impact many of the project milestones.

For the Town of Dayton, the Yost Drive project was stopped. Dayton has issued a check to INDOT to reimburse them for all the invoiced federal funds. This process is wrapping up and should be off the report soon.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Roswarski said the Thursday November 11, 2021 meeting needs to be rescheduled.

Aria Staiger said when she was putting together the agendas for next year, she noticed that the November meeting was on Veteran's Day which is a county holiday. She asked if the meeting could be changed to the third Thursday instead of the second Thursday.

Tony Roswarski asked if Aria could send out a calendar invite to see how it lines up for everyone.

Aria Staiger said she can do that.

Tony Roswarski said there should be no problem getting a quorum together for that day. He said he appreciates everyone's flexibility.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

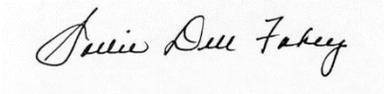
John Dennis moved to adjourn. Mike Gibson seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Duell Fahey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Sallie Fahey
Executive Director