

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
December 16, 2020**

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jon Fricker	JTRP
Scott Chandler (proxy for 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	Purdue University Airport
Sallie Fahey	Area Plan Commission
John Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
Stewart Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Griffee	City of Lafayette
Aria Staiger	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Chyna Lynch	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC

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 November 18, 2020 meeting as submitted. Jeromy Grenard seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. ACCESS PERMITS**

Scott Chandler said there are no new permits. The two that are in progress for Loves and Speedway are still waiting for revisions.

**III. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TIP**

**INDOT: signal installation at 900 E; HMA overlay on SR 38 from 1 mile east of I-65 to US 421; bridge replacement on SR 43 over the Walter Ditch; ITS equipment on NB I-65 before SR 43, SB I-65 before SR 25, and SB I-65 before SR 28.**

Doug Poad said we have received a request from the Crawfordsville District Office to amend the TIP. It involves four projects. Three of which are already programmed in the TIP. Two of the projects involve adding federal and state funds for the right-of-way phase. One project is located on SR 26 at the CR 900E intersection for additional intersection improvements. The other project is on SR 43 over the Wallace Ditch and will be a bridge replacement project located north of CR 600 N. The third project is located on SR 38

and involves changing the project scope which will change the construction costs. Currently, this is an overlay project that included SR 38 between the east side of Dayton to US 421. This will now be a full depth reclamation project with the cost changing from \$6.6 million to \$10.17 million. The fourth project is an ITS equipment project that is district wide. There are three locations in Tippecanoe County on I-65. One is on the northbound travel lane before the SR 43 interchange. The others are on the southbound travel lanes north of SR 25 and north of SR 28. Staff recommended approval to the Policy Board.

Jon Fricker said there would be a one-minute pause for citizen comment.

Jeromy Grenard moved to recommend approval to amend the FY 2020-2024 TIP. Mitch Lankford seconded. Jon Fricker conducted a vote by roll call and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT**

##### **MPO Update**

##### **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Survey Update**

Tim Stroshine presented the results from the second survey. He said in order to score this, staff had participants rank each different objective within each category from 1 to 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. After tabulating all the scores, staff was able to sort and see which goals were most important to participants. One of the goals includes enhancing transportation options and accessibility for all users. The two main objectives for this goal are to add sidewalk ramps where they are missing and to repair sidewalks to eliminate trip hazards. These are both about the physical infrastructure and making sure it is fit for use by people of all ability levels. The next goal 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. These speak to connectivity and making sure people can take a whole trip safely on a sidewalk or trail and not walk on the shoulder of a road.

In the transit category, the highest scoring objectives were about expanding and improving transit service. One of the goals was to add 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.

Jon Fricker asked who this survey was administered to.

Tim Stroshine said staff used the available channels for the first survey. It was posted on all social media outlets and was also sent out to members of the Citizen Participation Committee for distribution on their social media and websites.

Jon Fricker asked what the next step in this is.

Tim Stroshine said this relates to the next agenda item, the CPC Update. The information was presented at the CPC earlier this month and the members agreed that these goals and objectives made sense. Now the next step is for us to put some performance measures together as a staff. Once these are put together, they will be brought back to this Committee for a recommendation for official adoption to the Policy Board.

Sallie Fahey said the first survey, which created and prioritized the goals, had over 500 respondents and the second survey had over 200 respondents. Tim has the exact numbers.

Tim Stroshine said we had 591 respondents for the first survey and 223 for the second survey.

#### **Citizen Participation Committee Update**

Tim Stroshine said at the CPC meeting this month, in addition to the survey results, Doug presented a summary of what the TIP is used for and why it is important. He also mentioned that we will be taking more information back to the CPC in March. This Committee will also see the TIP because many of the local government engineers have already started submitting project lists.

### **FY 2022 TIP Update**

Doug Poad said we are still at the early stages of developing the new document. The deadline to submit projects was December 4 and we received information from everyone. He said he created the two lists in the packet with this information and presented it at the CPC meeting. The first list is for local projects. The City of Lafayette has three projects with one on South 9<sup>th</sup> Street and has received federal funds for right-of-way and construction. The second project on Park East Boulevard will construct the last piece. The third project on South Street just east of Sagamore Parkway to I-65 will create more sidewalks and trails to make it more pedestrian friendly. The City of West Lafayette submitted five projects. Three of which are requesting federal funds for the construction of Sagamore Parkway Trail, engineering for the Cherry Lane extension and for the right-of-way for Soldiers Home Road. Two of the projects will use local funds for Cumberland Avenue and Lindberg Road.

Tippecanoe County has numerous projects. The first is the annual bridge inspection project. There are four projects all related to N 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The county has submitted a request for Group 4 funds which will cover the rural portion of rehabilitating the road, putting a new bridge deck on the bridge over the Wabash River and building a sidewalk from Davis Ferry Park up to the Wabash Heritage Trail. The request for federal funds will build the urban portion of the trail where the trail stops in Lafayette and to the Community Corrections Facility. The next project is requesting federal funds to construct the pedestrian safety improvements at McCutcheon High School and the elementary school. Morehouse Road and Yeager Road projects are asking for federal funds for right-of-way and construction. Three bridge projects, two on Lilly Road and one over Wea Creek are using Group 4 funds. There are numerous bridges that will be replaced or rehabilitated. This is an overall list of what the cities and county would like to do and all of these will not get done in the five years. We did not receive any projects from Battle Ground, Clarks Hill or Dayton.

City Bus has numerous projects that are requesting federal funding for operations and major capital projects like replacing engine transmissions, computer hardware and software, and bus replacement. There are also projects from the Purdue Airport that include a fire rescue vehicle, snow removal equipment and work on one of the runways.

There is also a list for INDOT projects. There are roughly 60 projects with the majority being maintenance projects. The biggest projects that will be programmed in the new TIP will be adding travel lanes on I-65 beginning where the bridge widening projects are under construction past SR 43 just north of CR 725 N. The second largest project will be on SR 38 for the full depth reclamation. The third project will add auxiliary passing lanes on US 231 S with a target date in 2023. The next project is on SR 26 in the western part of the county for a structural overlay. The last project is a bridge rehabilitation on SR 225 over the Wabash River. At the next meeting, we will discuss and allocate the \$4 million in STBG, \$727,000 in Safety funds and \$200,000 in Transportation Alternative funds. There are quite a few requests with a difference of \$3 million so not many projects will have to be dropped.

### **FY 2021 Safety Performance Measures and Targets Agreement**

Sallie Fahey said every year all MPOs are required to either concur with the state's targets for safety measures or create their own. To date, all MPOs in Indiana have supported state targets. These targets are for the 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. These five targets must be set by INDOT each year. The Policy Board approved the 2021 targets at their previous meeting.

Our concurrence with those targets has been sent to the appropriate staff at INDOT Central Office. In April, INDOT got word that the Federal Highway Administration gave them approval for having met four of the five targets from 2018. Four of the five targets must be met or more money must be used for safety projects.

### **INDOT 18-Month Letting List**

Doug Poad said this list is extensive with numerous projects coming in the remaining part of this fiscal year. The first six projects listed were on a November letting. The first project was on one contract and was let for \$1.48 million. There were five bids submitted. This project is to replace a superstructure over the Big Shawnee Creek on SR 25 and has an estimated completion date of October 2021. The next projects are on I-65 for bridge painting. There were six bids submitted and the project was let for \$2.37 million with an estimated completion date of November 2021. Projects 7 through 16 have two contracts and had five bids submitted. Superior Construction was the low bid at \$5 million. The remaining projects are on various roads and had four bids submitted. Ram Construction was the low bid at \$974,000 which was below the engineer's estimate of \$1.56 million.

There are five projects for the January letting. Three of which are local projects that will obligate all of our federal funds. The other two projects are on SR 38 on the section between US 231 and US 52 and a concrete pavement preservation on SR 26 at the east interchange. For the remaining part of the FY, there are projects scheduled for February, March and April. All of the projects listed for February are related to thin deck overlays on the Hoosier Heartland. The project in March is on SR 38 for ADA sidewalk ramp construction. In the next FY, there are three projects to be let in July. Two projects for auxiliary lanes on US 52 and CR 400S in Tippecanoe County to 700S in Clinton County. The third is the full depth reclamation on SR 38. Project 42 is the Sagamore Parkway Trail and it is on a November letting.

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

##### **Utility Relocations Inspection and the CE Contract**

Sallie Fahey said at the last MPO Council meeting, Kathy Eaton-McKallip talked about new options that are available for local public agencies, LPAs, and their projects. One of which is that they will be able to move utilities prior to the letting if there is an INDOT inspector engaged and if the right-of-way is clear. Being able to take care of utilities ahead of the letting is a big deal in some cases. Utility relocation sometimes becomes a separate phase with its own funding. Another new requirement that has come along is that CE can no longer be part of PE and thus cannot be in the PE RFP. From now on, CE will have to have its own RFP. This was in an INDOT newsletter that was sent out on December 8.

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

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

Sallie Fahey said Tim Stroshine got notice that he passed his PE on the first try. Anyone who knows or is a PE, passing on the first try is a pretty big deal.

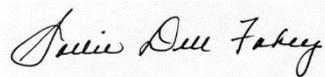
#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is January 20, 2021.

John Fricker adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chyna R. Lynch  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature reads "Sallie Krawcheck Fahey" in a cursive script.

Sallie Fahey  
Executive Director