

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

**MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2021**

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

Bill Smith	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Mitch Lankford	West Lafayette City Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer
Stewart Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Jason Philhower (proxy for Troy Harris)	West Lafayette Police Department
Adam Keyster	Purdue University Airport
Sallie Fahey	Area Plan Commission
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)	CityBus

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
Jon Fricker	JTRP
Rob Hainje	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Griffie	City of Lafayette
Mike Peterson	Consultant for West Lafayette
Aria Staiger	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Chyna Lynch	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC

In the absence of Jon Fricker, Sallie Fahey called the meeting to order and called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stewart Kline moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2021 meeting as submitted. Adam Keyster seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Bill Smith said the Love's Truck Stop on SR 25 and I-65 are having plans reviewed today. There were a few revisions that came in. We have not seen anything on US 52 and Veterans Memorial Parkway Speedway. Another commercial drive that is coming soon is the Cottages on SR 26 west of US 231. There have been no new applications in the last month.

Sallie Fahey said the rezoning petition that would make the Cottage's case probable will be heard tonight by the APC for a favorable or unfavorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. They would then hear it the first Monday in March and their decision will be final. We will keep you posted on this.

**III. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TIP
CityBus; update operating, capital and planning list of projects**

Doug Poad said CityBus has requested an amendment to our current 2020-2024 TIP for their operating, capital and planning assistance. For operating assistance, due to the CARES Act fund, they will be using fewer federal funds and more local funds. For capital assistance, there was an increase in funds needed for bus engine overhaul and an increase in the replacement price for the support vehicle. There was a significant increase in their fixed route bus replacement. They are considering purchasing five 40-foot buses and two 60-foot buses. There are also new projects listed. The facility rehabilitation will upgrade the administrative and garage office, add shop equipment and departure signage that will be installed at the CityBus center. The new planning project is a feasibility study and engineering services to convert the current production area to revenue and support vehicle storage as well as a preventative maintenance area. Staff recommended approval.

Jeromy Grenard moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2020-2024 TIP. Mitch Lankford seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

IV. 2050 MTP GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Tim Stroshine said this item has been discussed at previous meetings. We are getting ready to officially adopt these goals, objectives and performance measures. Staff had previously sent out public surveys to get feedback on the importance of different goals and objectives. Improving safety for all users was considered the most important goal and within that goal, the most important objective was to identify and rebuild high crash intersections as well as constructing more trails and sidewalks. There are several other goals and objectives throughout the report.

The next step is developing performance measures. Once we establish goals and objectives, staff looked for ways to get measurable data on those goals and objectives. We found at least one performance measure for each to measure how well we are meeting the goals and objectives. These have been discussed with the city engineers and County Highway Department. We found that we can collect all the data we need to be able to compare progress from year to year. This will help with creating future plans. Today, we are asking for a recommendation to the Policy Board. If this is approved by the Policy Board, it will be adopted into the 2050 MTP.

There was a one-minute pause for citizen comment.

Stewart Kline moved to recommend approval of the 2050 MTP goals, objectives and performance measures to the Policy Board. Bill Smith seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**V. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update
FY 2022-2026 TIP Update**

Tim Stroshine said at the previous meeting, we allocated all our federal funds for the 5-year TIP. APC staff has finished the draft document and submitted it to INDOT. The next step is the public meeting at our quarterly CPC meeting on March 10th. We are looking for public comment and will be sending public notices soon. After the meeting, the draft document will be presented to this body at the April meeting for a recommendation to the Policy Board.

Sallie Fahey asked when to expect comments from INDOT, Federal Highway and FTA.

Doug Poad said they are supposed to submit comments by March 15th. INDOT will be presenting the state TIP information at the CPC meeting as well.

Federal Funding Obligations

Doug Poad said earlier this month when we received INDOT's report on our obligation and balances, it did not show any obligations as of yet. We had good bid lettings in January and we processed two FMIS requests. One was for funding the railroad improvements on Lindberg Road. Because Park East Boulevard had good bids, we were able to move those funds from construction to construction engineering. Between these projects, we obligated all the federal funds so there will be no need to move money around for this fiscal year.

Planning Certification Review

Sallie Fahey said we were notified a few weeks ago by INDOT that they would be doing our planning certification review, which occurs every 5 years, on March 22nd. We are charged by INDOT with preparing a massive powerpoint presentation on every aspect of what we do in transportation planning. People are allowed to attend this virtual meeting.

New Executive Director Hire

Sallie Fahey said her retirement will take effect at the end of March. The new Executive Director for APC and MPO is David Hittle. He is currently the Executive Director of the Johnson County Plan Commission which is on the south side of Indianapolis. His first day will be March 1st. She said she will have four to six weeks of training and transition period. This Committee will be helpful to David as he does not have much transportation and MPO experience.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said the first five projects listed include three local projects and two are INDOT projects. The SR 28 project was awarded to Milestone Contractors for \$12.8 million with an estimated completion date of October 2023. The Lindberg Road project was awarded to Rieth Riley for \$3.38 million with an estimated completion date of October 2022. The North River Road project was awarded to White Construction for \$3.78 million with an estimated completion date of September 2023. The Park East Boulevard project was awarded to Rieth Riley for \$1.97 million. The engineers estimate was \$2.53 million. The estimate completion date is October 2022. The SR 26 project was awarded to Rieth Riley for \$2.29 million with an estimated completion date of November 2021.

There were quite few projects let this month that were thin deck overlays all on the Hoosier Heartland. There were six bidders and most were under the engineer's estimate. Project 13 moved from a March letting to an April letting. Projects 14 through 18 will be the last projects left in this fiscal year. Projects 32 and 33 on SR 43 were moved from a December 2021 letting to a February 2022 letting. Projects 35 through 42 are new projects with a February 2022 letting. All of these projects are on I-65.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

West Lafayette Sagamore Parkway Trail

Tim Stroshine said we have noticed that some of the milestones have continued to be pushed back, specifically the environmental report. It has moved from September 2020 to March 2021. Our main concern is that these delays have affected other milestones. The funding for each FY is tight and we do not want to slip too much and risk losing potential federal funding.

Mike Peterson said the environmental document is being reviewed by INDOT. They had a few questions that needed additional information about the trail system. They should be completing the review in the next few weeks. The lag came from getting rest areas and ADA issues straightened up. We have worked forward on Stage 3 and have hydraulics and maintenance of traffic complete. This stage has a target competition date of June 25th.

Sallie Fahey said she would like to request that we get an updated percentage complete every month because otherwise, we get concerned.

Mitch Lankford said we have been in talks with INDOT about moving the letting date. Staff will be receiving an email for this request. That has been driven by local funding constraint for a match. We are looking at a January 2022 which is a two-month shift to a new calendar year but will fall within the fiscal year.

Cherry Lane Extension

Tim Stroshine said we received an email from INDOT in January indicating that this project will not need future quarterly reports.

Soldiers Home Road, Phase 1

Tim Stroshine said a few milestone dates were not listed in the previous quarter report. He asked when we will have an updated estimate for those dates.

Mitch Lankford said we have this out for RFP and selecting a designer sometime during FY 22 so we can get a jump on it for local funding reasons. Once the consultant is selected, we will be able to iron out these dates. We are going to have to adjust our letting date based when construction funding will be available to this project.

Sallie Fahey said there was a phone call with Mitch and INDOT just to let INDOT know that we are working through funding in the new TIP. Once we know when there will be funds for construction of this project, Mitch can work with Susie Kemp to amend the letting date in their contract with INDOT.

Tippecanoe County Klondike Road

Tim Stroshine said there was an increase in construction costs that we did not know about. Unfortunately, no additional federal funding is available so all cost increases will have to be paid with local funds.

Lindberg Road

Tim Stroshine said the project let in January and we processed a FMIS request for the KB&S Railroad on January 14th. This project is moving forward.

Concord Road at CR 430S Intersection

Tim Stroshine said this project is closed out.

River Road at CR 500N

Tim Stroshine said this project was let and the federal funding MPO approval letter was sent. This project is moving along well.

Morehouse Road Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine said in the previous quarterly tracking report, it was stated that the environmental report should be complete in spring of 2021. Stewart Kline mentioned that the completion date will be changing from spring 2020.

Stewart Kline said this project is on track and has been through review. These delays are not affecting the letting date. The biggest issue was resolved and finalized today. Because of having to split the project into two phases and we cannot roll over funds on construction, we will have two Des numbers. We are working with the consultant on the split so we will have two lettings and possibly two different contractors.

Yeager Road Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine asked if right-of-way services had been started.

Stewart Kline said yes, they have.

McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety

Tim Stroshine said the date for Stage 3 Design is listed as June 2022 but it is also at 0% completion so far. He asked if Stage 3 Design is still on track for June.

Stewart Kline said yes, it is still on track. There were some delays with scoping changes but we are in ROW. We have final alignments set and have had discussions with the consultant.

Bridge #64

Tim Stroshine said there was a small cost increase in the PE estimate. He asked if Stage 1 Design is on track to be completed by March.

Stewart Kline said the reason for the bump in PE was due to a structural situation on the bridge. The timing on the letting has not changed.

Bridge #65

Tim Stroshine asked if this was on track for Stage 1 Design to be complete in March.

Stewart Kline said yes, it is. Both of these bridge projects were pre-designed so the timing is more environmental than anything else.

Bridge #527

Tim Stroshine said the PE estimate has been changing back and forth. He asked if this amount is correct or if there is something going on with the funding on this project.

Stewart Kline said there have been no real changes. these were early estimates and developmental estimates as this has been moving ahead.

Lafayette

Twyckenham Boulevard Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine said all construction was complete and Lafayette is progressing with closing out POs.

Park East Boulevard Extension

Tim Stroshine said this project was let on January 13 and the FMIS authorization was sent to INDOT. This project is progressing well.

Concord Road Trail Lighting

Tim Stroshine said Lafayette experienced some delays with getting some poles and luminaries in due to COVID but this has been resolved and construction has been completed. There will be a change order taken to the Lafayette Board of Works but everything has been ironed out.

South 9th Street

Tim Stroshine said the environmental report lists a completion date of September 2021 but it is at 0% complete. He asked if the environmental report is on track to be completed by September 2021.

Jeromy Grenard said we have begun that environmental report and are currently on track for September. When we worked out the TIP funding it got pushed back a year so we may end up sliding that out a bit. He said he would update it on future quarterly reports.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is March 17, 2021.

Sallie Fahey adjourned the meeting at 3:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



Sallie Dell Fahey