

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
March 11, 2021
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

John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Tom Murtaugh	President, County Commissioners
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council
Jackson Bogan	Area Plan Commission
Shane Spears	INDOT
Cindy Murray	Lafayette Board of Works
Ron Campbell (proxy for Melissa Williamson)	President, Lafayette City Council

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Mike Gibson	Chair, GLPTC

Non-Voting Members Present

Sallie Fahey	Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Maureen McNamara	APC

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. TEAL ROAD UPDATE – SARA HECK, PROJECT MANAGER

Sara Heck said the Teal Road update is comprised of three major pieces. The first piece is the main roadway project from west of Old Romney to west of 30th Street which is nearly 3 miles. The second piece includes signal modernization improvements from 9th Street, 18th Street, 22nd Street, Elston Road and Old US 231. The last piece is an intersection improvement with a new signal at 4th Street and Poland Hill Road. The project provides road rehabilitation work with portions of road patching replacement. This includes new curb and gutter, sidewalk improvements, ADA curb ramps, and storm sewer and water improvements. Other improvements include modifications and upgrades to the traffic signal equipment as well as pedestrian poles, markings and patterns at various intersections and roadway sections.

This contract let on September 11, 2019 and was awarded to Rieth Riley. The project is expected to be substantially complete in September of 2023. Many phases and sections of closure, patching and utility relocation were authorized after letting. Planned work is scheduled to begin fully starting in April 2022. There are three, separate 60-day closures scheduled for 4th Street, 9th Street and 18th Street during summer months to reduce conflicts with the schools. There is a signed detour as well as a local detour planned in conjunction with the closures. There are various and significant utility relocations throughout the project. These utilities include City of Lafayette water and sewer, Duke Energy, Vectren, Comcast, MetroNet, and

Indiana data. Duke finished relocating all their overhead lines. Lafayette storm sewer relocation work is also complete. The City of Lafayette submitted their waterline relocation work plan to American Structurepoint. That was approved and is now being reviewed by INDOT. Jeromy Grenard is showing that Bowen would only take 2 to 4 weeks to complete the water line work. Frontier is waiting for the funding to get approved by their lead engineer and is expected to complete relocations by September 2021. American Structurepoint has a utility progress meeting set for April 6th with Rieth Riley and INDOT to go over the new updates and expectations for utilities. We have requested that Rieth Riley provide a construction schedule to begin outlining principal construction starting next April.

Sallie Fahey said the concern locally is whether there will be construction that could impact the county fair in late July. She asked if construction will start next April.

Sara Heck said that is correct. We are allowing the first two years after it let to provide for utility relocations.

Tom Murtaugh asked if they will be willing to work around the demands of the fair throughout the month of July for the following year.

Sara Heck said she will reach out to the lead on this project to coordinate with the county for the fair.

**III. RESOLUTION T 2021-03: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMNET PROGRAM (TIP)
CityBus: update operating, capital and planning list of projects**

Doug Poad said CityBus has requested an amendment to the current TIP. They will be reducing the federal amount for Operating Assistance from \$1,000,000 to \$770,000. They will be changing the Capital Assistance project. Three projects will be changed and three projects will be added. The projects that are changing include overhauling the bus engines which will be allocated additional funds. They are now moving to rebuilding CNG bus engines which costs a little more. Another change will be to increase the support vehicle cost. The next change significantly increases the Fixed Route Bus Replacement. They are planning on purchasing five 40-foot buses and two 60-foot buses. The three new projects will include the rehabilitation of the current facility, purchasing shop equipment, and departure signage. They also have one new planning project for a feasibility study and engineering services. The CityBus Board has approved this request and the Technical Transportation Committee recommended approval.

John Dennis asked for comments or questions. There was a one-minute pause for citizen comments. There were none.

Ron Campbell moved to approved **RESOLUTION T 2021-03**. Jackson Bogan seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR FY 2020-2024 TIP:
February 12, 2021**

Sallie Fahey said she approved an administrative modification on February 12, 2021 for INDOT. There are two parts to the request but they are both related to the project to add travel lanes on I-65. The first part breaks the project into two. First will be north of the Wabash River to the north of SR 43 and the second is north of SR 43 to the north of CR 725 N. The second part of the administrative modification adds additional funds to the preliminary engineering. PE is now \$5,871,000.

V. CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Sallie Fahey said the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act is giving us additional money through the state. This money can be treated like federal SDP money. It will have the same local match and will need to be obligated by September 2024. One stipulation is this money cannot be transferred to transit so it will have to be used on local projects. She recommended that this be passed to the Technical Transportation Committee to have them look at which projects in the new TIP are most in

need of additional funds or if there is enough money to fund another project. It is only \$462,317 with a 20% match on top to create the total. The easiest thing to do would be to decide where to recommend the money be spent and add it into the new TIP. When the full TIP is brought to this Board in May, it would be included.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORT

Tim Stroshine said in Tippecanoe County, the Concord Road at CR 430 S project has been closed out and will not appear on the next quarterly report. The Lindberg Road project and the River Road at CR 500N project FMIS requests have been processed. The Morehouse Road project will be split into two projects to allow for better alignment in TIP funding. The Highway Department is working with INDOT on the details of the split. The final alignments have been set for the McCutcheon Safety project.

In the City of Lafayette, the Park East Boulevard project FMIS request has been authorized. The South 9th Street project milestones are being reworked. They may move back to match the updated TIP. In the City of West Lafayette, the Cherry Lane Extension has been closed out and will not appear on the next quarterly report. The environmental report for the Sagamore Parkway Trail project should be complete in March and work has already started on Stage 3 Design. The consultants were present at the Technical Transportation Committee meeting and they addressed some of the concerns about this project. West Lafayette plans to select a designer in July for the Soldiers Home Road Phase One project. At that point, the project milestones will be updated.

VII. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO Update Federal Funding Obligations

Doug Poad said the obligation information that INDOT provided is presented in the report in the packet. The obligation of the Park East Boulevard construction is missing. This should be added for next month's report. The part that is highlighted is the \$169,011 that we traded with INDOT for other federal funds. The rural program will not be shown because it is handled through a different process. We are on track and it appears that we have obligated all our federal funds for this fiscal year.

FY 22 UPWP Update

Sallie Fahey said the new work program, which is the second of our two-year program will begin July 1st. Last month, the cost allocation plan was submitted and has been approved. The full Work Program has been submitted to INDOT for review by Federal Highway and Federal Transit. In an email with INDOT, our planning partners at INDOT indicated that they hope to have comments back in two weeks. This will be ready for adoption at the April meeting.

Planning Certification Review

Sallie Fahey said INDOT will be doing the Planning Certification Review on March 22nd. She said if anyone would like to participate virtually, staff will provide the information as soon as it becomes available.

Draft FY 22-26 TIP Status Update

Doug Poad said the development of the new TIP is progressing well and the complete document has been submitted to INDOT. This is available on the APC Transportation webpage. The official public meeting was held last night at the CPC meeting and staff received some comments. Staff also invited INDOT to give an update on their statewide TIP and several of the INDOT Central Office staff attended. Once staff receives the comments back from Federal Highway and INDOT, the changes will be made to the document and presented at the April Technical Transportation meeting for recommendation.

INDOT 18-Month

Doug Poad said Projects 1 through 7 were let in February. They are all related to the Hoosier Heartland and are thin deck overlay projects. Projects 8 through 12 are on an April letting. Those projects are on SR 38, US 231 and I-65. There is one last project letting this fiscal year that includes various location traffic signal modernizations. The remaining projects on the list are in the new fiscal year. Project 20, a bridge replacement on US 52 over Indian Creek, moved from a July to an October letting. Projects 24 through 34 are all related to the I-65 widening project and have been moved from a February 2022 to a November 2021 letting. Project 38 and 39 are new projects on US 52 to add auxiliary acceleration and deceleration lanes in various parts of the county.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Murtaugh said this is Sallie's last Policy Board meeting. There will be a community event recognizing Sallie for her dedication to the community in late spring or early summer as things lessen with the health emergency.

John Dennis thanked Sallie for her dedication.

IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ron Campbell moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

David L. Hittle
Executive Director