

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 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
Jon Fricker	JTRP
John Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
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**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Hittle	APC
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 February 17, 2021 meeting as submitted. Jeromy Grenard seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by roll call vote.

**II. ACCESS PERMITS**

Bill Smith said there were no new permits filed. With regards to the two active permits, INDOT received updated plans for Speedway that are being reviewed. The Love's Travel Stop permit has been canceled because of the delay. Love's will have to approach INDOT when they are ready to apply.

Sallie Fahey said it would be good for all of us to know what needs to be done where limited access right-of-way has been purchased. Doug Poad has researched and discussed this with INDOT Crawfordsville and Central Office. Guidance documents are included in the packet with a flow chart to show the process for limited access right-of-way. For example, if a project was built with federal funds and there is a new access that has limited access being requested, this process is supposed to be followed.

Bill Smith asked if Veterans Memorial Parkway had federal funds.

Sallie Fahey said yes, it did have federal funds. It is complicated because this end of Veterans Memorial Parkway was built when it was in the county. Now it is in the city and the exact dollar amount that was paid to the land owner for limiting the access is not clear. These records are not available with the county, city or INDOT.

Bill Smith said this is an item that we need to continue to stay in touch with the city to make sure we are following the right process.

Jon Fricker asked if this process is new to INDOT.

Sallie Fahey said no, it was just not obvious what the process was. Doug Poad did this research and was able to come up with these guidance documents.

Doug Poad said the first page is a summary of the process and the full document follows. This was adopted in November 2019. We have confirmation from the Federal Highway Administration Indianapolis Division that if there is movement in terms of breaking the limited access, it must follow this process. He said he hopes this information is helpful.

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2020-2024 TIP**

Sallie Fahey said this modification is from February 12<sup>th</sup> and has two parts that are both improvements to I-65 north of the Wabash River. The portion that is being widened to six lanes will be modified to be completed in two phases. Phase one will be from the Wabash River to north of SR 43. The second phase of the project will be from north of SR 43 to north of CR 725 N. INDOT asked in a second modification for the same project to increase the amount of PE.

Bill Smith said we accelerated this project by three years which is why we are scrambling manage the project. The schedules and activities were compressed significantly but we are on track to deliver early.

### **IV. CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

Sallie Fahey said through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, the state has allocated our MPO an additional \$462,317. This is all federal money and is subject to the typical 20% match. These funds need to be obligated by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They will be treated like STBG funds but will be programmed as Local COVID as a new funding type. These cannot be transferred to FTA. All the state's available money will be allocated and it is likely there will not be any money left for Group 3 or Group 4 projects. The easiest thing to do would be to add it to our draft TIP to projects that we have coming up or projects that we were not able to fund. This way a TIP amendment will not need to be done after this TIP has been approved and we are working under it as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. She suggested a discussion about which projects to allocate this money.

Stewart Kline said the Soldiers Home Road project is underfunded by \$558,549. This would fill a need rather than half fund a project that was dropped.

Mitch Lankford said this project was planned to be split over FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Stewart Kline asked if the money needed to be obligated before September 2024.

Sallie Fahey said that is correct. It needs to be obligated before the end of FY 2024.

Doug Poad said as Stewart mentioned, funds could be added to the Soldiers Home Road PE for FY 2022. That would nearly fund the entire request. It was at \$846,200 and would leave \$96,232 for FY 2023. That would free additional funds in FY 2023. South 9<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way (ROW) requested \$280,000 for FY 2023 but had to be moved to FY 2024. If this project is moved back, that would leave a small balance that could be reserved for the McCutcheon Safety project or the Yeager Road project.

Stewart Kline said that is a good idea; it gets both projects back on the original time frame.

Sallie Fahey said we have to match in the right year.

Stewart Kline said \$80,000 is what we have to come up with in any given year. He said he does not think we would have any trouble hitting that.

Jeromy Grenard said he would be okay with that.

Mitch Lankford said we are already set up to match Soldiers Home Road in FY 2022. We don't have to split this over two years; that was done to make the numbers work.

Stewart Kline said he likes the idea of all the projects being on schedule. When projects are drawn out, the construction costs only go up.

Sallie Fahey said if we put all the funds towards Soldiers Home Road, West Lafayette would still be about \$100,000 short. There would have to be some funding in FY 2023 to fully fund the project.

Doug Poad said that would be \$96,232. If we took this out of the \$558,000 that was programmed for Soldiers Home Road, it would leave a balance of just over \$462,000. If the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW was moved up, that would create a free balance of \$182,317. This could be reserved and left unprogrammed until next year for either McCutcheon or Yeager Road.

Sallie Fahey said her preference would be to get this settled now rather than deal with it again.

Jon Fricker asked if we are starting with the COVID money and putting it on the spreadsheet for the TIP.

Stewart Kline said yes, the \$462,317 must be obligated by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 which is in FY 2025.

Sallie Fahey said there is a balance for Soldiers Home Road in FY 2022 and that balance is taken care of in FY 2023. The idea is to add the \$462,317 into the Soldiers Home Road project in FY 2022.

Jon Fricker asked that the spreadsheet be updated before a vote is taken. He asked Mitch Lankford if he had negotiated a contract for the Soldiers Home Road PE.

Mitch Lankford said we are starting that process so hopefully we will know the actual PE amount in a few months. For now, the amount listed is an estimated amount.

Stewart Kline said Soldiers Home Road PE may not even need the extra \$100,000.

Doug Poad said with that change, we would have a balance in FY 2023. A suggestion would be to move the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW because it was originally requested to be funded in FY 2023.

Sallie Fahey asked if what is left in FY 2023 is the \$558,000 minus the \$96,000.

Doug Poad said it would be the \$558,549 minus \$96,232 which would create a balance of \$462,317.

Sallie Fahey said that is what needs put into FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Doug Poad said that is correct. If the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW phase was moved from FY 2024 to FY 2023, we would still have a balance in FY 2023 of \$182,317.

Sallie Fahey said that is \$558,549 minus \$96,232 minus \$280,000. Now we need to discuss the \$182,317.

Stewart Kline said that would leave Soldiers Home ROW or Morehouse Road. Morehouse Road construction is most likely to grow. If the remaining \$182,317 is put into Morehouse, it will be all gone.

Doug Poad said the \$182,317 would FY 2023 funding so it would need to be programmed in that year. Because we moved the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW phase up, there will be an additional \$280,000 to program in FY 2024.

Stewart Kline said the COVID money is going to be moved into multiple years. There will be another column created in the allocation spreadsheet to make this balanced. \$182,317 of the COVID money will be leftover

and can be programmed in FY 2024. If we put all the COVID funding in Stage 1 PE for Soldiers Home Road, then we are messing with the fact that \$558,000 will be available in FY 2023. That covered South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW with roughly \$240,000.

Sallie Fahey said that is correct unless West Lafayette needs the additional \$96,000.

Stewart Kline said that has to be in FY 2023. South 9<sup>th</sup> Street has been brought in.

Sallie Fahey said the \$280,000 is not COVID money.

Mitch Lankford said the COVID money can be moved around. The full amount does not have to be in FY 2022 for Soldiers Home Road. That project can still be split but made more even to make numbers work. Morehouse Road could be funded with the remainder of the COVID money.

Stewart Kline said it would be easier to do the full Soldiers Home Road PE in one year on one contract. It would be nice to bring South 9<sup>th</sup> Street back into FY 2023. This is a rolling deal because \$280,024 is rolled into FY 2023 that now needs to be allocated. Morehouse Road is already split into two so the \$280,000 could be allocated and Phase 2 could be reduced. Soldiers Home Road ROW could be increased in the same year. This can be moved around to get Soldiers Home Road PE in a single year, South 9<sup>th</sup> Street back into FY 2023 and increase Phase 1 of Morehouse Road while decreasing Phase 2.

Sallie Fahey asked if Morehouse Road Phase 1 is just the roundabout.

Stewart Kline said we figured it would be the US 52 approach, the roundabout and some along the cemetery. It would be nice to get to the end of the cemetery. If more money is allocated, we can go farther. We have not heard where the break point for Phase 2 is from the consultant. Putting the funding into FY 2024 for Morehouse to make Phase 1 bigger is better. In FY 2025, the money that came out of Morehouse Road will be available for ROW for Soldiers Home.

Jeromy Grenard said this is a good idea if they are confident with the estimates. Otherwise, this money can be added to one of the larger projects.

Bill Smith said it makes sense but he is not yet tracking the money that is shown to represent what was proposed.

Stewart Kline said we will move the funding around on the spreadsheet.

Doug Poad said if we allocate the new funding to PE, that would increase the funding to \$749,968 which is \$96,232 shy of the full request. For FY 2023, we can program the \$96,232 and add back the \$280,000, we will have a balance of STBG funds \$182,976 to add to either the McCutcheon Safety project or the Yeager Road project. There would be a balance of \$280,000 to address in FY 2024 which could be moved to Morehouse Road. He asked if the balance in FY 2023 of \$182,976 should be allocated today or leave it not obligated until closer to letting of the McCutcheon Safety project or the Yeager Road project.

Stewart Kline said the balance will likely go to the Yeager Road project.

Sallie Fahey said when West Lafayette knows what the PE contract is going be, they may or may not need the \$96,000. If the funding is kept there, it would be available to West Lafayette.

Doug Poad said the suggestion is to program the full \$462,317 to the PE phase of Soldiers Home Road in FY 2022. The reduction that would occur in FY 2023 would go to South 9<sup>th</sup> Street ROW and Yeager Road construction.

Sallie Fahey said the \$558,549 is \$280,000 in FY 2023 for South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, \$96,232 for Soldiers Home Road and the remainder would go to Yeager Road construction phase.

Stewart Kline said the \$280,000 in FY 2024 would go to Morehouse Road. In FY 2025, Morehouse could be left as is and the extra funding could go to Soldiers Home.

Doug Poad said we will look at this again in two years. We are going out this far to as placeholders.

Stewart Kline said the hard number he is giving the designer for Morehouse Road is that Phase 1 cannot be more than \$2,473,590.

Jeromy Grenard moved to recommend these changes to the draft TIP to the MPO Policy Board. Bill Smith seconded and the motion was approved by roll call vote.

**V. APC PROGRESS REPORT**  
**MPO Update**  
**Draft FY 22-26 TIP Status Update**

Doug Poad said we are currently in the public comment period of the process. Last Wednesday at the CPC meeting, we had a public hearing for the document. We received good comments. We also invited INDOT to give a presentation for their draft STIP that went well. We are still waiting on comments from the Federal Highway Administration and INDOT. Once those are received, staff will review them and make necessary changes to the TIP. We received information that the North 9<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, that is currently unfunded, received funding from INDOT. We will also receive an updated INDOT project list that will be incorporated in the TIP as well. The anticipated adoption process begins next month with a presentation to the updated document to this Committee for a recommendation to the MPO Policy Board.

Jon Fricker said that Doug did an excellent job of presenting the technical material to those that participated in the CPC meeting.

**Federal Funding Obligations**

Doug Poad said the information included in this document came from INDOT Central Office and it mostly complete. It is only missing the obligation for construction of the Park East Boulevard project, which should show next month, and the trade with INDOT for the \$169,011 that is needed for the North River Road project. This is handled outside of the document because it is a trade with INDOT from Group 3 and Group 4 funds but should show on the next report.

**INDOT 18-Month Letting List**

Doug Poad said the first seven projects were let in February and were all on SR 25 for thin deck overlays. This project was let to Pacific Painting Co with an estimated completion date of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. There are three lettings in April on SR 38, US 231 and I-65. In May, the last project to let in the state fiscal year is a traffic modernization project at various locations. Project 20 is a bridge replacement over Indian Creek that changed from a July to an October letting. Projects 24 through 34 are all related to the widening of I-65 and have moved up to a November letting. Projects 36 and 37 both moved down two months. There are two new projects that are on US 52 South to add auxiliary lanes.

Bill Smith said the last two projects on US 52 S will primarily be for slotted left turn lanes. We are changing the alignment to help with distance issues.

Jon Fricker asked what slotted meant.

Bill Smith said it means that instead of coming in parallel to the road, they are angled slightly so when people approach the stop light, the opposing left turn traffic is not in the line of sight as much.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. CITIZEN COMMENT**

There was a one-minute pause to allow for public comments. There were none.  
Jon Fricker thanked Sallie her hard work over the years.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

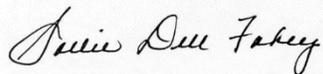
The next meeting is March 17, 2021.

Sallie Fahey adjourned the meeting at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

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

Sallie Dell Fahey