

**CARROLL COUNTY TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 9, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

Marcia Blansett	INDOT District LPA Coordinator
Sallie Fahey	MPO Executive Director
Tobe Leazenby	Carroll County Sheriff
Aaron Lyons	Delphi Street Commissioner
Kamron Yates	Area Plan Commission of Carroll County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Snavelly, Jr.	Camden Street Commissioner
Paul Redmon	Flora Police Department
Debbie Lowe	Flora Airport
Brook McCain	Delphi Police Department
Vacant	Carroll County Highway Engineer

ALSO PRESENT

Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Tim Hoffa	INDOT

Sallie Fahey called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2020; MEETING NOTES FROM AUGUST 11, 2020

Tobe Leazenby moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020, August 11, 2020, and November 10, 2020 meetings. Sallie Fahey seconded and the meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. TRAFFIC COUNTS

Traffic Counts Funding

Aria Staiger said that due to disruptions in traffic patterns from the pandemic in 2020, we split the traffic counts into two sections. The first section contained 19 counts, and the second section contained 46 counts. The 19 counts were in Delphi and the small towns in Carroll County. The 46 counts were near CAFOs. The 46 counts were taken in the fall, which put them in FY 2021 instead of FY 2020. Because of this, funding had to be used from the FY 2021 SURTP grant instead of the FY 2020 SURTP grant. This reduces the amount of funding available for counts to be taken in the spring of 2021. APC is hopeful that INDOT will allow a carryover of funds from FY 2020, so that 65 counts can be taken in the spring instead of only 19 counts.

CY 20 Truck Count Results

Aria Staiger referred to a spreadsheet that was distributed with the meeting packet. She discussed the different types of data in the spreadsheet, highlighting the different types of vehicle classification data. Aria

said that the values were lower than previous years, as expected. She said that there is nothing that can be done about this. However, it should be noted that there were a few locations with a very high percentage of trucks. This means that the counts met the goal of finding locations with high truck traffic. This data will be helpful for maintenance and planning.

Tobe Leazenby said that he thinks this is a very good, very detailed report. He thinks Aria did an excellent job on it.

Aaron Lyons mentioned that the City of Delphi has had some truck issues on Washington Street. He thinks this data will help make a determination about how to approach those issues. He thanked Aria for her work.

CY 21 Proposed Count Stations

Aria Staiger referred to two maps that were included in the packet. The first map shows all 65 stations. This will be the count program if funding can be rolled over from FY 2020. She talked about the symbology on the map. The second map shows the 19 counts that will be taken if funding cannot be rolled over. These counts are at the locations that are anticipated to have higher traffic volumes.

To develop the traffic count program, some low volume stations were removed and some stations that had not been counted for several years were added. Aria mentioned that this program is not final, and if committee members have input on stations to add/remove. Input can be given via e-mail for committee members who want more time to review the proposed stations.

Tim Stroshine said that are going to need to get any input by early March so that the traffic counting contractor can have enough time to take the counts before the end of the fiscal year in June.

Aria Staiger mentioned it will take around 6 weeks to complete the counts if we take counts at all 65 stations.

Kamron Yates asked how often Paul Coutts requested traffic counts on the designated truck route that goes through 700 and Adams Street.

Tim Stroshine said that counts on the truck route have been taken in previous fiscal years. There was one year where counts were taken specifically along that truck route. He said that anyone who was interested in that data could e-mail APC staff and start some correspondence about it.

Sallie Fahey asked if there was any update on the hiring process to replace Paul Coutts.

Tobe Leazenby said that there was an individual who was going to be hired, but he withdrew himself from consideration at the last minute.

Kamron Yates said that there would be some interviews for the job taking place this afternoon (February 9). He said that he thinks they are trying to find someone as quickly as they can.

Sallie Fahey asked if someone could let her know when a new hire was made so that she could contact that person and discuss the traffic count program and how APC works with Carroll County on transportation planning issues. Kamron said that he could do that.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine said there have not been too many significant changes to this list. There is a project that is expected to let on February 10. This project is represented by the first four rows in the list distributed with the packet. It includes work on various bridges along US 421. There is also a bridge project along SR 218

that is expected to let on March 10. After that, there are no projects planned for letting until December of 2021.

Marcia Blansett introduced Tim Hoffa, a project manager with INDOT. Tim will be taking over a lot of the projects in Carroll County. He should be able to attend the quarterly meetings in the future, and he can help answer questions.

Aaron Lyons asked if someone could explain the work on the bridge over the Wabash (DES number 1901517). He asked if there would be any lane closures, and what "maintenance and repair" meant.

Tim Hoffa said it was a bridge deck overlay. That work will typically cause one lane to be closed at a time. Tim said that he had just gotten this project back, so he did not have all the details.

Tobe Leazenby asked if there was any news about a project on a bridge over the Wildcat Creek on SR 75, which is in the Cutler area. He said that at one time, there was some discussion of replacing this bridge.

Tobe Leazenby asked about the project at CR 800 W and the Hoosier Heartland. He said that there had been some discussion of putting up barricades to prevent individuals from crossing through the median and going northbound or southbound on 800 W. He said that some people have gone through the grass instead of using the J-turn.

Marcia Blansett said that she could look into those questions. She does not have any information readily available about those projects.

New Executive Director Hire

Sallie Fahey said that she plans to retire in April. A search firm was hired to do a national search to look for candidates. She said that David Hittle, who is currently the executive director in Johnson County, Indiana, was hired. She said he starts on March 1. There will be some overlap so that she can train him on office procedures. Sallie said she will still be available for questions, as she will be staying in the area.

Tobe Leazenby, Aaron Lyons and Kamron Yates thanked Sallie for all that she has done for Carroll County.

Other Comments/Questions

Kamron Yates asked if anyone had heard anything about Purdue Road School.

Sallie Fahey said that it will be in March, and it will be all virtual. She said if you go on Purdue's website and search for Purdue Road School, you should be able to find a link with more details.

Sallie Fahey said the dates for the rest of the quarterly meetings this year were included in the packet.

Aria Staiger mentioned that we were planning on doing some public engagement for a long-range transportation plan for Carroll County. She asked if NextDoor would be a good platform to use for public involvement.

Aaron Lyons said that the city does not have a designated social media platform. Kamron Yates said that the county does not have a designated platform either.

Sallie Fahey mentioned that when APC was doing outreach for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, that surveys were created using Google Forms and then posted on Facebook and NextDoor. This got a good response from the public that allowed for some helpful data to be gathered.

Tim Stroshine said we also had some success using our Citizens Participation Committee to spread the word about the survey. He said it would be helpful to find any community organizations in Carroll County that might be able to reach out to people and encourage them to be involved in the planning process.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Tobe Leazenby moved to adjourn. Aaron Lyons seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Stroshine
Assistant Director