

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 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

Scott Chandler
Mitch Lankford
Jason Philhower
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)
Jon Fricker
Woody Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)
Stewart (Stu) Kline
Jeromy Grenard
Adam Keyster

INDOT
City of West Lafayette – City Engineer
West Lafayette Police Department
CityBus
JTRP
Tippecanoe County Sheriff’s Department
Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
City of Lafayette City Engineer
Purdue University Airport

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter (proxy for Scott Anderson)

Lafayette Police Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Kari Carmany-George
David Griffee
Mike Spencer
David Hittle
Aria Staiger
Doug Poad
Chyna Lynch
Tim Stroshine
Maureen McNamara

FHA
City of Lafayette
Tippecanoe County Highway Department
Area Plan Commission
Area Plan Commission

John Fricker called the meeting to order and called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Fricker asked if anything needed to be corrected.

Stu Kline said he wanted to clarify that he nor anyone from the County Highway Department were not there, however, his name appears in the minutes.

John Fricker asked if he was listed as being there, but he wasn’t.

Stu Kline said he wasn’t sure, but he wanted to go on record that he was not there.

Scott Chandler clarified that under the section voting members absent, Stu Kline was included as well as the Tippecanoe County Engineer. It might be listed correctly.

John Fricker said the correction would then be, if it is not already correct, that the county highway engineer should be under voting member absent on last month’s minutes.

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the April 21,2021 meeting as submitted. Jeromy Grenard seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by roll call vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott J Chandler said there are a couple of items. There is an ongoing access permit on US 52 with Speedway. The approval should be coming soon, they are only waiting on hydrologic approval. Other than that, everything is in line and should move forward just fine. The second item, there is not an active permit application as of yet, however, there is activity and coordination with INDOT concerning a property south, SIA, across SR 38 and on some potential development there. INDOT is coordinating with them, but he did not believe that at this time the city or county has been involved. Tim Watson, a traffic engineer from the district, if he has not already, is in progress to coordinate with the city and county to make sure the study that will go on, which will be in conjunction with the permit application, would include all the needs and details the city and county would want to be included in that study. So just a heads up, there have been discussions going on for that property.

Jon Fricker asked if there was any action needed or if they will get more information and take action later on.

Scott J Chandler said that is correct, INDOT will be reaching out so we can coordinate those efforts.

John Fricker said thank you, he will keep an eye out for that.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Doug Poad said this coming Friday morning (5/21/21), on the John Meyers Bridge, is Bike to Workday and May is Bike to Work month. An event will be held on the Meyers Bridge starting at 7:30 AM. At 8:00 AM, a proclamation will be read and will be followed by some exciting news. There will also be coffee, healthy snacks, and door prizes. This has been held for many years and it is an exciting event. It's a great place to meet other cyclist and it's an opportunity to hear the exciting news.

Jon Fricker thanked Doug Poad.

BIG 4 TRAIL

Doug Poad said that some may recall the Farm Heritage Trail. This was specifically a trail thought about years ago connecting Lafayette to Indianapolis. The counties and towns in Clinton and Boone County have been working over the past decade or so and are actually constructing the trail. It has been renamed to the Big 4 Trail. With the recent announcement by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the remaining gravel portions, or un-developed portions, will be constructed. Hopefully by the end of this year, or sometime next year, one could ride their bicycle or walk from the town of Colfax all the way to Indianapolis. The big question is, what do we do next in Tippecanoe County? The City of West Lafayette applied for funding from the Indiana Department of Health and was awarded funding to develop a Big 4 Trail Masterplan. It specifically looks at where the trail will be and what kind of trail we want in the county. This project will include West Lafayette, Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County. We are in the early stages of the project and two public open houses were held last week. One on Wednesday evening and one Thursday afternoon. There were some really good comments provided during both those open houses. Beginning this past Monday, a survey was launched. It is a Survey Monkey survey, so if you would like the link, Doug said he would be glad to send it out. It works fairly well with all the major web browsers. It is fairly comprehensive survey about The Big 4 Trail and what we would like to see. It is open till June 4th, 2021. After that, the

comments that are received will be reviewed and developed into a draft Master Trail Plan. The draft plan will be presented to the community. A very interesting and exciting project that is hoped to be wrapped up later this year. Doug asked if there were any questions.

Jon Fricker thanked Doug Poad and asked if anyone else had any other questions. With none, John Fricker continued to say he will have to look that up.

UPWP AMENDMENT

Tim Stroshine said this is an update for everyone. The UPWP stuff runs through the policy board committee, but he wanted to make sure all were updated. When putting together the UPWP, CityBus's planning projects are normally included. There was one project that did not get in the adopted version of the document, so now an amendment is needed. This is the project where the feasibility study is being done looking at their facility and there are several different components of it. Tim Stroshine asked Bryce Gibson if he wanted to give any specific details about the project.

Bryce Gibson said they are looking at expanding their facilities or moving to a new location and looking at what levels of funding is available. He said he can't say too much more than that at this time.

Tim Stroshine said that will be something that is brought to the policy board and APC staff anticipates adoption next month. So, it would be officially amended into the UPWP.

Jon Fricker asked if a vote was needed from this committee.

Tim Stroshine said no, this is just an informational item.

Jon Fricker said thank you.

FEDERAL FUNDING OBLIGATIONS

Doug Poad said just as in previous months, APC staff has a one-page report to present. It shows all the federal funds that were obligated for this fiscal year, to which projects, into which phases, and what type of federal funds. Looking specifically at the allocation, you should see a lot of zeros. We do have \$.02 cents in STBG funds available and \$0.45 cents available for bonus funds. These small amounts are due to rounding. The document does show that there is about \$169,011 not showing up, and that is due to INDOT bookkeeping. We did a trade, for what we call Group IV rural funds, and swapped with our Group II funding. INDOT does not keep track if this, it is separate, but those funds have been obligated. In essence, our FY 2021 funds have all been obligated and we are good to go.

Tim Stroshine said he'd like to commend all of the local government engineers and everyone in the process of making sure we got all of the funds obligated so we wouldn't lose them in the future.

INDOT 18-MONTH LETTING LIST

Doug Poad said this is a little more extensive than the past one. Looking at projects 1-4, they were on an April 7th letting and the specific information can be found in later sections found on page 2 and 3. All 4 projects have been let. When the document was put together, the award for the last project on US 231 was pending, but it has now been awarded to Rieth Riley. Rieth Riley was also awarded the overlay project on State Road 38, on the east side of the town of Dayton. Crackers Demo was awarded the project on State Road 38 for debris removal, for the Southfork Wildcat Creek Bridge. Milestone Construction was awarded the State Road 38 project for the ADA sidewalk ramp construction. There were two projects let on May 5th, one on I-65 and the other a district wide project. Two bids were submitted for the I-65 project. Rieth Riley was the lower bid at \$1.67 million and it was awarded. The engineer's estimate was \$1.73 million. For the various district wide project, only one bid by Michiana Contracting was submitted for just under \$700,000. The engineer's estimate was a little over \$843,000. There is a new project for the August 11th letting, a bridge maintenance project. Projects 15-25 are all related to the next phase of widening I-65. It is still on a November 17th letting. There are also several new projects: I-65 and a couple district wide projects. We

have some changes; a couple of projects of State Road 26 and then the Sagamore Parkway Trail is now officially on the January 12, 2022 bid letting.

Jon Fricker thanked Doug Poad.

IV. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Tim Stroshine said they will start by looking at Tippecanoe County's projects. The first being the Klondike Rd project. Things have been moving along pretty well. Tim Stroshine asked if there was any updated information about when purchase orders might be closed out?

Stu Kline said the punch list is out, and he believes they requested the close. As soon as he gets that, the POs can be closed. They are within a month.

Tim Stroshine said thanks for the update. The next project is Lindberg Road. This one also progressed, and it went to letting. APC staff doesn't have any comments and are glad with how it is going. Tim Stroshine asked if anything else needed to be added to this?

Stu Kline said just that it is under construction.

Tim Stroshine said right. The next is the North Nine St Rd Bridge Project. This is the first time this is showing up in the quarterly reports, so APC staff didn't have much to comment on. Staff will be watching for more information in the future, it is not letting until 2025. Tim Stroshine asked Stu Kline if there was anything important missed.

Stu Kline said no, nothing much. It will start showing up in the next quarterly, the RFP is out, we've selected VS Engineering, we've scoped, and they are preparing the draft contract.

Tim Stroshine said great. The next project is River Road at CR 500 N. This one did have a bit of an increase in the cost estimate, what caused the increase?

Stu Kline said he'd have to look. Stu Kline asked Tim Stroshine if he is referring to the numbers between now and the last quarterly.

Tim Stroshine said yes. It went up from 4.085 million to 4.484 million for construction.

Stu Kline said ok. It was potentially the final tracing because he knew there were some issues. The waterline had already been transferred out of the utility constructed.

Tim said he understood and knows that happens sometimes. The next project is Morehouse Road. We got some pretty good information from Stu in terms of splitting this project. Regarding the environmental report, APC staff noticed the completion date has been updated, but is there an estimated date for a public hearing for the NEPA process for this project.

Stu Kline said he thought it was in the notes, the public offering was in May. It was advertised probably 3-4 weeks ago. No one has requested a hearing so far. The time for requesting a hearing should be over. Stu did have a letter from the consultant, saying if there were no requests for a hearing, they projected INDOT would accept the environmental document.

Tim Stroshine said great. The next project is Yeager Rd. APC staff was wondering if the ROW in Stage 3 are on track to be completed on time. It was noticed that the percent complete was 20% for State 3 Design and 0% for ROW. Tim Stroshine asked if Stu Kline thought the milestones are still on track?

Stu Kline said they have been having discussions about that with the consultant. There was an alignment shift that slowed things down, they had to amend the environmental. They have already started the appraisal services on the unaffected parcels. They don't seem like they will have trouble catching back up.

Tim Stroshine said he understood. The next project would be McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety project. There was not too much to say, it looks like it is progressing as it should be. Tim Stroshine asked if there were any additional comments.

Stu Kline said not really, just that it is moving forward.

Tim Stroshine said he will continue to the bridge projects. For Bridge 64, there was an increase in the construction estimate from 1.677 to 2.095. Tim Stroshine asked what caused that increase.

Stu Kline said it was because of the updated estimate at field check. They have a field check coming up and they already talked to INDOT about it. They are shifting the inspection match to construction and self-performing the inspection to offset the difference.

Tim Stroshine said Bridge 65 is likely similar since they are sister projects.

Stu Kline said yes, they are tied together. The inspection will be a single contractor.

Tim Stroshine said the next project is Bridge 527. A note from APC staff about the PE estimates, they have been going back and forth \$431,000 and \$204,000, why the flux between the two figures?

Stu Kline said he is also confused why the updated estimates keep bouncing back and forth.

Tim Stroshine said perhaps an old number maybe was used. It is something we will keep an eye on. This project won't be let till the end of 2023, so there is still time. APC staff will continue to watch this.

The next project is County Bridge Inspection program. APC staff was wondering when phase 2A inspections will begin this year if they hadn't started already.

Mike Spencer said it will start in September.

Tim said thank you. Moving on to Lafayette, the first being the Twyckenham Blvd Reconstruction project. This one is almost closed out, so it should be near the end of seeing this one in the quarterly reports. Tim Stroshine asked Jeromy Grenard if there was anything additional, he would like to add since this report has been filed.

Jeromy Grenard said there are just a couple of punch list items remaining, and once those are finished, they will be closing it out.

Tim Stroshine said that sounds good. The next project is the Park East Blvd Extension. This one is earlier in the process and construction has commenced. APC staff didn't have any more comments. Tim Stroshine asked if APC staff needed anything from Jeromy Grenard.

Jeromy Grenard said no.

Tim Stroshine said ok, great. The next project is Concord Road Trail lighting. The punch list was nearly complete. It sounded like it got setback a little due to a pole being knocked down in a hit and run incident. That caused an additional change order that's preventing it from being closed out. Other than that, however, the project is done and good to go. Tim Stroshine asked Jeromy Grenard if there were any further updates.

Jeromy Grenard said no, that is correct.

Tim Stroshine said the last project for Lafayette is the S 9th St project. APC staff noted that there was no Stage 1 and Stage 2 design listed. APC staff is asking is that required or not for this project.

Jeromy Grenard said it is not. Their first stop is going to be PFC, preliminary fields.

Tim Stroshine said great and they will move on to West Lafayette projects. The first is the Soldiers Home Rd project. APC staff received some updates, but it looked like there was some information lost on the dates for the milestones and the project schedule section. Tim Stroshine said that Mitch mentioned this was in flux, so if possible, for the next report just get something in there. APC staff would appreciate it.

Mitch Lankford said they are working on scope and fee with their selected design firm, which so far is BS Engineering. Next time a more detailed design schedule should be included. So far, it has been a guess and the letting date will move around based on that design schedule, they have been working with INDOT on that. Look for more information on the next report.

Tim Stroshine said great and thank you for the update. The last project is Sagamore Parkway Trail. APC staff is still a little concerned about project milestones being met for this project. There have been a lot of issues that have happened with it, is there anything APC staff can do to help the project meet its milestones?

Mitch Lankford said Stage 1 plans have been submitted to INDOT and are under review. They are hoping to receive comments from INDOT and a PFC for mid-June. They have started working on what they can for the Stage 3 design, so there is progress being made. The 6/21 probably won't be met due to where they are in Stage 1, but they are moving forward. It is not a critical path item now based on what the schedule is looking like.

Tim Stroshine asked will the letting date be hit within the fiscal year.

Mitch Lankford said yes.

Tim Stroshine said he recalls discussing moving in back to 2022 to get it into the next calendar year, which is understandable. APC staff wants to mention that they do not want it to fall out of the fiscal year. That's the main concern but are glad to hear things are moving forward. Hopefully we won't have to worry about what might happen if it slips, but we will cross that bridge if we come to it. That concludes all the projects.

Jon Fricker thanked Tim Stroshine.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT

There was a one-minute pause to allow for public comments. No comments were made.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is June 10th, 2021.

John Fricker adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McNamara
GIS Specialist

Reviewed By,

David Hittle