

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
July 08, 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

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Jackson Bogan	Area Plan Commission
Cindy Murray	Lafayette Board of Works
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
Tom Murtaugh	President, County Commissioners
Melissa Williamson	President, Lafayette City Council
Shane Spears	INDOT

Non-Voting Members Present

David Hittle	Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Maureen McNamara	APC

Tony Roswarski 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 June 10, 2021 meeting. Jackson Bogan seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. RESOLUTION T 2021-11: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 AND FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPS)
Wabash Center requests \$96,332 in section 5310 federal funds for a van replacement project**

Doug Poad said we received a request from the Wabash Center to program two replacement minivans. They received notification this past May that they will receive federal funds for this replacement project. This project needs to be programmed in the current TIP and the new TIP. The total cost for the two replacement vans is \$96,332. Section 5310 projects are typically funded at an 80/20 split between federal funds. For this grant cycle, INDOT will be using federal funds from the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request and recommended approval.

The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. RESOLUTION T 2021-12: RESOLUTION OF ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY

David Hittle said at the previous meeting, there was a clear consensus demonstrated by this body that there is a desire to continue to be able to meet virtually. Based on the nature of the work that is done here and

the length of the meetings, this board is well-suited to continue to meet virtually. We were not sure the legality of that given the governor's emergency order for electronic meetings has run out. David said he met with Attorney Eric Burns, who is the counsel for the Area Plan Commission, to discuss the make up, the work and the tasks of this board. Eric assured that this board can continue to meet virtually so long as it is done by virtue of a resolution. The bylaws that govern this board are silent to the matter and only require the board to meet monthly. It was Eric's opinion that we can put together a resolution and make it official that this will be a virtual meeting from now on.

Tony Roswarski thanked David for meeting with the attorney and for the explanation. He thought it was the consensus of the board to remain virtual at the previous meeting. He asked for questions or comments.

John Dennis moved to approve Resolution T 2021-12. Cindy Murray seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update
South Shore Clean Cities Partnership Update

Tim Stroshine said this item was discussed at the previous meeting. We decided to get some of the stakeholders together with the elected officials to discuss what issues we want to pursue and if we want to pursue a partnership with South Shore Clean Cities. He said he has been trying to reach out to people but is not sure that he has the right people. He will send another email after the meeting and asked that the board tell him if he has missed any stakeholders.

Climate Action Plan Survey

Doug Poad said phase three for this plan kicked off on June 5th. This phase will develop the data needed for this project and involve the public. This will be done via survey and public meeting. The number of survey responses were low so staff decided to keep the survey open longer. He asked the board to send around the survey that is included in the packet and on Tippecanoe county's main webpage. The first survey gathers information on the public perception and views of climate change.

TIP Status Update

Doug Poad said we were asked by Federal Highway Administration and INDOT to add information to the TIP. Federal regulations require state departments of transportations to conduct an evaluation of road projects that have used emergency repair funds. There were a few projects that used these funds and are shown on the map in the packet. The FHWA is interested in projects that have used these funds two or more times at the same location. The proposal is to add some additional wording in the project selection and priorities chapter, add a new appendix and the map. Because this is more than adding just a few words, staff thought it would be appropriate to handle this through a TIP modification with official action.

Tony Roswarski agreed that this would be the appropriate action to take.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said there are few changes to the projects on the first page. There is only one project in August and four bridge maintenance projects in September. The US 52 bridge replacement over Indian Creek just west of Klondike Road. the projects in November relate to the I-65 widening. The Sagamore Parkway Trail project in January is still on track. Projects 30 and 31 have been moved to an October 2022 letting instead of July 2022 because of a conflict with the SR 43 at I-65 intersection improvement projects. Project 36, 37 and 38 are new projects on US 231 and SR 28. Project 40 is a new McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety project.

V. OTHER BUSINESS
INDOT Permanent Traffic Count Stations

Doug Poad said INDOT has three locations in Tippecanoe County that collect traffic count data every day. These are located on I-65 south of SR 18, Sagamore Parkway just west of Paramount Drive and US 231 by CR 800 S. These locations give us an idea of how COVID has impacted traffic. He displayed a graph of traffic counts on Sagamore Parkway West from 2017 to June 2021. There was a significant impact on West Lafayette traffic in March, November and December. Traffic has resumed to pre-pandemic numbers. On US 231, there was a significant drop in March and April. I-65 also had a significant drop. Interestingly, there was still a decrease on July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The counts resumed to pre-pandemic numbers in February, March and April.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

John Dennis moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

David L. Hittle
Executive Director