

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

**MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2021**

Due to the public health emergency, the meeting was held partially virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TippecanoeCountyIndiana> or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ML2Ev6HmOY>

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Chandler (Bill Smith)	INDOT
Mitch Lankford	City of West Lafayette – City Engineer
Marty Sennett	CityBus
Jon Fricker	JTRP
Woody Ricks (proxy for Rob Hainje)	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department
Stewart (Stu) Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette City Engineer
Adam Keyster	Purdue University Airport
Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
----------------	-----------------------------

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway Department
David Griffie	City of Lafayette
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Strohshine	Area Plan Commission
Maureen McNamara	Area Plan Commission

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the June 16th, 2021 meeting as submitted. Jeromy Grenard seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Jon Fricker noted one correction. This correction has been made.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler said there are no new permits to discuss. The two current access permits for the new Speedway and the Yeager Road project have comments that are in review. There is interest in the property across from Subaru but nothing official has come of it.

III. AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 AND FY 2022-2026 TIPS

INDOT: program two bridge maintenance projects on SR 28 and I-65, and one new traffic signal at US 52 and SR 28

Doug Poad said this is a request from INDOT to amend the current and new TIPS to add three projects. Two of the projects are related to bridge maintenance and the third is a new traffic signal. The first bridge

project is on SR 28 over the east branch of Wea Creek. The second bridge project is on CR 100W bridge over I-65. The signal installation is on US 52 at the SR 28 east junction. The request includes federal and state funds for preliminary engineering and construction is anticipated for FY 2023.

Marty Sennett moved to recommend these changes to the MPO Policy Board. Jeromy Grenard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Jeromy Grenard asked where the estimates for this came from.

Scott Chandler said he was not sure.

Jeromy Grenard said he was wondering because he had recently received an estimate for another traffic signal that was for \$280,000.

Scott Chandler said he will investigate that and get back with Jeromy.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO Update Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plan

Tim Stroshine said this is a federally required document that includes information to ensure that no person is discriminated against in any program using federal funding. The MPO is also required to have a formal complaint process for citizens that feel they have been discriminated against. This also includes the work that is done in Carroll County. This will require a recommendation of approval from the MPO Policy board. It will also provide translations of documents into Spanish, Korean and Chinese.

Jeromy Grenard moved to recommend these changes to the MPO Policy Board. Marty Sennett seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Jon Fricker asked what the SURTP grant stood for.

Tim Stroshine said it is Small Urban Rural Transportation Planning Grant and it is used for Carroll County.

Public Participation Plan

Tim Stroshine said this was developed in 2007 to comply with the current SAFTEA-LU transportation act. Staff feels this has become outdated so has been updated. The key update includes social media platforms for out reach to the public. It also includes how to conduct public meetings when executive orders recommend or require social distancing. This plan was reviewed by the CPC at the June 9th meeting.

Stu Kline moved to recommend these changes to the MPO Policy Board. Mitch Lankford seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Southshore Clean Cities Update

Tim Stroshine said this is a clean cities coalition that was initially in northwest Indiana but recently became a statewide coalition. They are increasing staffing and their scope of work. The MPOs in northwest Indiana has formed a partnership with them. Staff is discussing if this would be something our MPO would want to utilize. There is a meeting scheduled with elected officials to discuss this early next month.

Climate Action Plan Survey

Doug Poad said the two cities and the county are in the process of creating a Climate Action Plan. This plan was started in June by a baseline assessment to identify key performance indicators, integrate

approaches with the existing plan and prioritize possible plan initiatives. The survey was distributed and there was a meeting held with the stakeholders a few weeks ago. The responses to the survey had been low so staff kept the survey open longer. This survey is being used to collect information on public perception. He asked the committee to take the survey and to share it. The survey is available on the website.

Tim Stroshine said the survey is brief and straight forward, so it doesn't take long to complete.

Transportation Resource Guides

Doug Poad said staff is developing a Coordinated Human Resource Transportation Plan that looks at transportation issues for people that are elderly, low income or disabled. During the development of this plan, staff conducted a transportation resource survey. This information is used to create a transportation resource guide pamphlet that provides all the information for transportation in Tippecanoe County. The pamphlet will be translated into multiple languages. This guide is available on the website and staff is in the process of mailing out the guide to different agencies and people.

INDOT FY '22-'26 TIP Update

Doug Poad said the Federal Highway Administration and INDOT have asked us to include additional information in the new TIP. This requirement looks at projects that have used emergency relief funds. He presented a map of the projects that used emergency relief funds. This will include an evaluation to identify roads, highways and bridges that required repairs and reconstruction on two or more occasions. This was added to the TIP through a TIP modification at the Policy Board.

Scott Chandler asked how old the projects are on this list.

Doug Poad said he is not sure.

Big 4 Trail

Doug Poad said this is an exciting project for Tippecanoe County. Part of the trail exists already along part of the corridor between counties. We are hoping to get enough funding with the Next Level Trails to finish building the trail completely. The City of West Lafayette received funding from the Indiana Department of Health to locate the trail in the county and farther to the north. Lafayette and the county joined in. there have two surveys sent out and this evening there is a meeting to present information on the trail.

Tim Stroshine said staff advertised information on this trail on social media.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said the projects on the list are still on track to be let. The project in August is a pavement patching. Projects 8-18 all relate to the I-65 widening project and are on track for a November letting. The Sagamore Parkway Trail is still on track to let in January. Project 30 and 31 have been changed to an October 2022 letting. Project 36, 37, 38 and 40 are all new projects.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

INDOT Permanent Traffic Count Station Counts

Doug Poad said presented a map of permanent traffic count station counts from 2017 through 2021. He discussed the impact that the pandemic has had on the counts. The counts were taken on Sagamore Parkway West just west of Paramount Drive and US 231 just south of CR 800S. In March 2020 on

Sagamore Parkway, there was a dramatic increase due to the pandemic. Counts are close to being back to normal.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David L. Hittle
Executive Director