

**MPO POLICY BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**2:00 pm**  
**Virtual/ Tippecanoe County Office**

*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**

John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council
Tom Murtaugh	President, County Commissioners
Shane Spears	INDOT
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	City of Lafayette

**Absent Voting Members**

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
Melissa Williamson	President, Lafayette City Council
Gary Henriott	President, Lafayette Board of Works
Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Jackson Bogan	Area Plan Commission

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Maureen McNamara	APC
Michael Thompson	APC
Randy Anderson	City Bus
Mitch Lankford	West Lafayette City Engineer
Steven Minor	FHWA
Tracy Brown	Tippecanoe County
Dave Griffee	Lafayette City Engineer

In the absence of Tony Roswarski, John Dennis called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and conducted a roll call of members present.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ben Murray moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting. Tom Murtaugh seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**II. APC PROGRESS REPORT**  
**MPO Update**

**2022 TIP Approval**

Doug Poad said the first item is the TIP approval for the FY 2022 TIP. On November 23, 2021, the Federal Highway Administration approved our new TIP to be amended into the current 2022 STIP, so we are good to go with the new document. We are the second in line; the Federal Highway Administration approved Columbus's TIP before ours, and it is great seeing that happen. The downside though is that only the

projects that are shown in FY 2022 and 2023 are funded. The projects showing in our new TIP for 2024 and 2025 are just for informational purposes only. On a side note, the Indiana Department of Transportation is moving forward, and they have redrafted their 2022 STIP. The draft document is available online on their website. As a matter of fact, they are moving forward, and next week they are having their public information meeting regarding it. The one specifically for Central Indiana, which we are included, is on December 15<sup>th</sup>. They just released some information on that, and we will get that posted. The good news is we now have just one official TIP, so any amendments or modifications that need to be done will just be done with that one. He asked for any questions or comments.

### **MTP Update**

Tim Stroshine said this is just an informational update; I wanted to let you know where we were in the process of developing the MTP. First, this document is planned to be adopted by the end of this fiscal year, so by June, and what we are working on currently, in addition to writing several of the sections, is putting together a financially constrained project list, so in order to do that, we have gathered some input from some stakeholder groups, members of the public, members of cycling clubs, town council members to represent the smaller towns, and we have contacted the local government engineers about this as well. We are trying to get a cross-section of people looking at this. We have also reached out to INDOT about this to get some input on their projects; as well as their blessing of our methodology of estimating how much funding we would have available. We have not got that finalized yet, but it is a work in progress. Once we get that completed, that is going to be one of the big pieces of the plan that you will see in there. Other than that, we are just moving forward with putting together some of the different sections. We have different staff members working on several different things including updated sections on safety, updated sections on performance measures, and an updated section on environmental resilience and sustainability, so our staff is hard at work on those different sections and things are moving along. He said he wanted to let everyone know this is something we are still working on. He offered to answer any questions.

### **INDOT 18-Month Letting List**

Doug Poad said looking at the 18-month letting list if you compare this list to the previous list, there have been very few changes. I will begin with the projects that were on the November letting. The first project, US 52 Bridge Replacement Over Indian Creek, three bids were submitted, and the low bid was the ICC Group for \$5.99 million dollars, and at the time when this was put together, the award was pending.

Regarding the other projects, it is more of a disappointing news. The first project, District Wide Bridge Maintenance Project, there was only one bid submitted, and that bid was not below the engineer's estimate. It was rejected. It may be readvertised for a future letting. The next project, I65 Widening Project, had two bids submitted. One bid was from Milestone, and one bid was from Walsh; both the amounts were fairly close together considering how big this project is, but again these bids were over the engineer's estimate, so the bids were rejected. It may be readvertised for a future letting; I haven't been able to come across any additional information yet, and I didn't look at December's letting to see if that occurred, but we will bring that information to the meeting next month. The only changes were for Projects 23 and 24. Project 23, Sagamore Parkway Trail, we mentioned previously that it moved from a January bid letting to a March bid letting. Project 24, I65 Ramp Pavement Project, was moved to a November 2022 letting. Basically, this was pushed back because of the other projects on SR 38 where the interstate will be used as a detour. Otherwise, all the projects are progressing as to what they were scheduled last month. He asked for any questions or comments.

## **III. QUARTERLY REPORTS**

### **Quarterly Project Tracking Summary**

Tim Stroshine said he is going to go through some of the highlights of the Quarterly Project Tracking process that we went through at last month's TECH meeting. Starting with Tippecanoe County, both Klondike Road and Lindberg Road are close to being finished. Klondike Road only has one purchase order open, so hopefully that will be closed-out soon, and the portion of Lindberg Road in the county has been reopened.

As far as the North 9<sup>th</sup> Street Road Bridge Project, a consultant contract has been drafted, and we should have someone in place by the next quarterly report; that project is progressing. Morehouse Road has been split into two phases, and we are working with the Highway Department and INDOT to sort-out funding amounts for each phase, and we are figuring out how we can best split that up to get the most value out of our dollars for those two phases. INDOT is reviewing documentation for the consultant selection process for the next cycle of the County Bridge Inspection Program. We do anticipate having a consultant in place for that by the next quarter. This is something that is always an ongoing project; it does seem to be moving along as needed.

The next jurisdiction is Lafayette. Twyckenham Boulevard is in the process of being closed out. It is just a matter of closing-out the final purchase orders. We are hoping that they can be closed out by next quarter, so that can get off the books. Regarding Park East Boulevard, the anticipated completion date for that is December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are glad to see that project moving along, and we hope that we can start working on getting purchase orders closed out, so that one can also get off the books. Next is West Lafayette, and I want to focus specifically on the Sagamore Parkway Trail Project. As Doug mentioned, the project has been moved back a couple of months to a March 2022 letting, and that was due to an issue with getting all the required information to INDOT, permitting it, and so on. We have been working with the West Lafayette City Engineer and the project consultant to make sure that we can hit the March 2022 letting, because we don't want to move it back too much further; otherwise, we would be at risk of losing funding. He thanked Mitch for helping with that. As far as we know, things should be able to get reviewed in-time to meet the March 2022 letting. He offered to answer any questions.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **V. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

John Dennis announced the next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

Cindy Murray moved to adjourn. Ben Murray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Ewen  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David Hittle  
Executive Director

