

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

**MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2022**

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
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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer) | Purdue University |
| Jeffrey Kuhn | Interim City of West Lafayette Project Engineer |
| Jeromy Grenard | City of Lafayette |
| Randy Anderson | CityBus |
| Scott Anderson | Lafayette Police Department |
| Stewart (Stu) Kline | Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer |
| Jason Philhower | West Lafayette Police Department |
| Scott J. Chandler | INDOT |
| John "Woody" Ricks | Tippecanoe County Sheriff Dept. |

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Adam Baxmeyer | Purdue University |
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Michael Thompson | Area Plan Commission |
| Aria Staiger | Area Plan Commission |
| Doug Poad | Area Plan Commission |
| Tim Stroshine | Area Plan Commission |
| David Hittle | Area Plan Commission |
| Joshua Lee | City of West Lafayette |
| Ben Anderson | City of West Lafayette |
| David Griffee | City of Lafayette |
| Tom Vandenberg | Michael Baker International |
| Isabel Linther | City of West Lafayette |
| Hannah Congleton | City of West Lafayette |

Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM. He said he is working on getting a new committee chair from JJRP, and they are in the process of finding someone to serve as the chair of this committee.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Stroshine asked if any corrections needed to be made to the May 18, 2022 meeting minutes. There were none.

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022 meeting. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler said there are two applications for permits that are still ongoing.

Klondike Middle School Permit – The plans have been reviewed, and there are no additional comments. The plans are in good shape. The latest from the Traffic Impact Study is it has been reviewed, and it is in good shape, but there are some questions that revolve around the signal warrant that we are wanting to coordinate to make sure that the next step moving forward is the right one from a safety standpoint. This is really close, and soon we should be able to get this permit granted.

Love's Truck Stop Permit – They are still waiting on the requested information showing the proof of ownership of the property. It has been said that they have that information, and they just need to send it in. Once we receive it, this permit should be granted, and we can move forward.

Scott Chandler said the ongoing permits that are active have had no change, and everything is moving forward as previously stated in other meetings.

Newman Road Roundabout – The final inspection is scheduled for next week, so we can get that finalized.

III. AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TIP

CITYBUS: ALLOCATE \$1,005,777 IN SECTION 5339 FUNDS FOR TWO NEW BUSES

Doug Poad said this amendment is a request from CityBus to program FY 2020 and FY 2021 Section 5339 funds. These are special Federal Transit Administration funds to allow systems to purchase large capital items. These funds will be used to replace two 2011 Hybrids buses vehicle numbers 1904 and 1905, and both of the busses will be replaced by a 40-foot heavy duty transit bus powered by CNG. The total cost of the project is \$1,257,221, and the local share is \$251,444. The CityBus Board of Directors will be reviewing this request at their meeting next week. Staff is recommending approval of this amendment to the Policy Board.

Randy Anderson added this is the continued evolution to migrate from the diesel-powered busses to the CNG. They recently signed a contract for renewal of natural gas that is to be used for compressed natural gas vehicles only which allows us to get paid to consume the renewable natural gas.

Jeffrey Kuhn moved to recommend approval of this amendment to the Policy Board. Jeremy Grenard seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

TIPPECANOE: PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE \$316,999 IN FY 22 FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE MOREHOUSE ROAD ROW PHASE; PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE \$1,098,856 IN FY 23 FEDERAL FUNDS TO FOUR PROJECTS

Doug Poad said this TIP amendment has two parts, and it will need two votes. One vote for the FY 2022 funding, and the other vote for the FY 2023 funding. The FY 2022 funding in mid-April received INDOT's final FY 2022 Local Sharing Agreement, and we did receive even more additional federal funds. We need to allocate these funds to a project, and we don't have to obligate these funds until September 30th. Looking at what we can do with these funds, in the staff report we outlined five options. The APC recommends repaying the Morehouse Road Right-of-Way Phase Project; we borrowed \$262,675 from that phase, so we could fully fund the Sagamore Parkway Trail Project. APC staff is recommending that the full amount of \$316,999 we pay back for what we borrowed for the Trail Project.

Jeffrey Kuhn moved to approve Option A to reallocate some of these funds to the Morehouse Road Right-of-Way Project. Stu Kline seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Doug Poad said this is the second part of the amendment, and in May we received additional information from INDOT regarding our federal funding marks for FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, and we are getting

more funds because of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and over five-year period we will be receiving an additional 5.1 million dollars. At this time, we only want to look at FY 2023 because it begins next month, and we will be putting together a new TIP later this year. He noted we would need to borrow from another MPO 1.5 million dollars in order to fully fund the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety, Yeager Road, South 9th Street, and Soldiers Home Road Projects. Looking at going forward, project costs do increase, and one of them is the Yeager Road Project; it had a substantial increase. Doug presented Table A Proposal that he put together. He noted South 9th Street is zeroed out because with all the additional work needing to be done the right-of-way phase has moved to FY 2024. He noted \$138,140 is still programmed for Soldiers Home Road. He noted for FY 2020 we obligated \$432,743 for preliminary engineering. He noted there are two tables; Table A Proposal was just for construction, and Table B was for construction engineering and construction, and no matter which way we decide to go, we will still need to borrow some funds.

Joshua Lee noted they would need an additional \$30,000 for the Soldiers Home Road Project.

Scott Chandler asked if we followed Table A, would we still need to borrow from another MPO.

Doug Poad responded yes. We will have to borrow either way.

Tim Stroshine noted there are potential trade partners available.

Doug Poad said we would be getting 2023 funds from an MPO and repaying them with 2024 funds.

Doug Poad noted a discussion between him and Stu Kline regarding Yeager Road. He said at this time going through the process of hiring a firm to do the construction engineering, it is too late, so at this time we can only use the funds for construction, and the additional funding is probably needed for right-of-way because of two parcels, and Stu will give him the two numbers, so we know what is for construction, and what is for right-of-way.

Doug Poad said we are making a modification to Table A to include the additional \$30,000 in funds needed for Soldiers Home Road, and after the meeting Stu will give me the two numbers for Yeager Road. One number is for the right-of-way, and the other number is for construction. Staff is asking for your recommendation of Table A with two modifications.

Jeffrey Kuhn moved to recommend approval of Table A with two modifications to the Policy Board. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO UPDATE

2050 MTP UPDATE

Tim Stroshine said we adopt something at the Policy Board earlier this month. We had to have something adopted by June 8th as that was the deadline, so we moved the Policy Board meeting a couple of days earlier to meet on June 7th. The Policy Board did adopt the version of the plan that we put out for public comment; however, in talking with INDOT and Federal Highway, there are some things that we are going to be looking at doing an amendment to make some changes.

INDOT PERMANENT TRAFFIC COUNT STATION DATA

Doug Poad said that we have traffic count data for I-65, and this is the permanent traffic count station located just to the north of Tippecanoe County. Looking at the spring months of this year, the counts have been roughly the same or greater than pre-covid. On Friday, May 27th, the count was 59,197 vehicles a

day. What we are seeing now are peaks above 50,000. Tippecanoe County has two other permanent count locations. One is on Sagamore Parkway West, and one is on US 231.

DAYTON SIDEWALK CONDITION SURVEY AND ADA MOBILITY ASSESSMENT

Doug Poad said last year we walked all of the sidewalks in the Town of Dayton and did a Sidewalk Condition Report, and we did an ADA Mobility Assessment. Overall, 45.7 percent of the sidewalks were in good condition, but there were also some poor, very poor, or failed sidewalks. We looked at 9 different factors for each section for spot issues, and we reported that information for each section of the sidewalk. For the ADA Mobility Assessment, we looked at sidewalk width, cross slope, running slope, horizontal clearance, vertical clearance, and height clearance, and then we did the 11-factor analysis for scoring. The next project we plan to do is to look at the ramps.

FEDERAL FUNDING OBLIGATION

Doug Poad said there is not much to discuss here. The report from INDOT did show that all of our funding was obligated. The only other item we will need to address is the obligation of these additional funds.

INDOT 18-MONTH LETTING LIST

Doug Poad said looking forward there are no projects on the July and August letting. Three projects letting dates were moved from a September and October letting to a November letting. Project #15, Auxiliary Turn Lanes on US 52, the letting moved from July 2025 to March of 2023. There are two new projects on SR 38.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jeffrey Kuhn moved to adjourn. Randy Anderson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ewen
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Hittle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

David L. Hittle
Executive Director