

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
December 8, 2022
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/c/TippecanoeCountyGovernment>

Members Present

John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
David Byers	Tippecanoe County Commissioners
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Perry Brown	President, Lafayette City Council
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette City Council
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	Lafayette Board of Works
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC

Absent Voting Members

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Shane Spears	INDOT
Kevin Underwood	President, County Council

Non-Voting Members Present

Jessica Miller	INDOT
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Bryan Smith	CityBus
Jeff Kuhn	City of West Lafayette
David Hittle	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC

John Dennis called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM, and he conducted a roll call of the members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cindy Murray moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2022 meeting. Ben Murray seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. TEAL ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

A. Project Manager: Jessica Miller, Construction Project Engineer: Gannon Carnes

Jessica Miller, Project Manager for INDOT, provided an update for the Teal Road project. So far, items that have been completed include most of the signal work, utility relocations and patching. There is ongoing work on MSE walls and railings. The Miller Pipeline utility relocation is delayed. Before the holiday shutdown, they are pouring back as many driveways, curbs, and gutters, with driveways west of Old US 231 intersection on the north side of the road taking priority. The contractor is working to complete full depth patching, widening, and wedging by December 17th. This will give the MOT contractor time to work on layouts and temporary striping prior to the Phase 2 traffic switch before the holiday shutdown (December 19-January 2).

Phase 2 of the construction area is the east side of the road on Old US 231 to the Fourth Street intersection and the south side of the road east of Fourth Street to 30th Street. The Fourth Street intersection reconstruction hard closure is set for June 1, 2023 – August 1, 2023. Pipe crews will return in January to

work on drainage structures. If we have unseasonably warm weather in January-March, concrete crews can come back to work on curb, sidewalk, and driveway pours. Barring any unresolved utility conflicts, the 18th Street, 9th Street and 4th Street intersection work should be completed before school returns in August 2023. Remaining drainage structures, widening, curbs and resurfacing through the corridor will hopefully be completed before end of the 2023 calendar year, but will be dependent on utility delays.

III. RESOLUTION T-22-14: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. INDOT: Highway interchange wrong way signage installation

Doug Poad stated his office received a request from INDOT's Central office to amend the TIP for the installation of highway interchange wrong-way signage. Over a ten-year period, 168 wrong-way crashes occurred, with forty fatalities and 149 injuries reported. As a countermeasure to help reduce these occurrences, wrong-way signage will be installed. The signs have continually flashing LED lights. An additional measure is a wrong way sign with detection devices that will activate if a vehicle is traveling in the wrong direction. Upon detection, the lights will activate and flash to alert the driver.

The northbound I-65 exit ramp at SR 43 will have new signage that flashes continually. The interchange at SR 38, both northbound and southbound exit ramps, will receive the signage with wrong-way detection units. The project is slated for this fiscal year. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed and recommended this amendment.

Perry Brown moved to approve Resolution T-22-14. Ben Murray seconded, and Resolution T-22-14 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE 2023 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Tim Stroshine explained that we choose to adopt the performance measures INDOT selects because creating and selecting your own is a complicated task. Five safety target performance measures were presented: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries and number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Bridge deck conditions on the National Highway System in our area fall under the jurisdiction of INDOT, so we choose to support INDOT's measures. Mobile source emission and reliability relate to air quality. Our MPO is an attainment area, so these measures do not apply, but we elect to plan and program projects to contribute towards INDOT's emissions and reliability targets. The last performance measure is the condition of interstate and non-interstate National Highway System pavement. All NHS routes in the Lafayette MPA are under the jurisdiction of INDOT, and therefore, no local projects can contribute to the pavement condition, but we support the measures and targets.

Ben Murray moved that the Policy Board of the Lafayette MPO supports the state's performance measures and targets for safety, pavement condition, bridge condition, on-road mobile source emissions, and reliability, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the letters expressing that support. David Byers seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

V. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO Update

i. 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program development schedule

Doug Poad said the TIP development is currently underway and December 9th is the milestone deadline for submission of local call of projects. The following Monday and Tuesday, these project submissions will be assembled into one table. Wednesday, December 14th we go live with the draft project requests on our website and presentation to the Citizens Participation Committee. A draft table of projects has already been received from INDOT. The January Technical Transportation meeting is the next milestone date

where discussion takes place regarding the allocation of federal funding for the projects requested. The deadline for the draft document to be completed and sent to INDOT for review is February 24th. Our TIP is being created alongside the statewide TIP, therefore the short turnaround time. We hope to bring the document to the Technical Transportation Board in April and then to this Policy Board in May for approval.

ii. Annual Commuting Trends

Doug Poad presented a visual aid showing the number of commuting workers into and outside of Tippecanoe County, based on Indiana's IT-40 tax returns for tax year 2020. The number of people who reside in Tippecanoe County, but work outside of the county was 6,033. Those who live in another county (or state) and commute into Tippecanoe County was 20,570. Carroll County sends the most workers into Tippecanoe County. Out of state workers are the largest segment of Tippecanoe County residents working outside of the county at 986 people and commuters into Marion County was 920 workers. Data from the past ten years was made available for viewing the commuting trends.

iii. South St. Road Safety Audit Crash Heatmap

Doug Poad presented a colorful heatmap to illustrate the clusters of traffic accidents that have occurred on South Street, between Sagamore Parkway and I-65. This data came from January 1, 2016 – July 31, 2021 and shows 1,914 crashes with two fatalities and 389 injuries. Most accidents resulted in property damage. The intersection with the most accidents was Creasy Lane with 360 crashes. The second highest intersection was at Farrington Drive and the third is the southbound exit ramp from I-65 onto South Street. This exit ramp resulted in over 130 rear end accidents. An infield discussion will take place in early 2023 with various parties and will include a public survey to get comments and feedback from those who use the road. The survey should provide information into the perspective of the public versus what the data shows.

John Dennis stated the visual is dynamic.

iv. STIP Spending Summary

Doug Poad presented the financial summary report for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2022 through 2026. The highlighted section on the report details the estimated spending on various statewide projects.

- The I-69 Section 6 project totals more than \$1.3 trillion.
- The Clear Path project (I-69 and 465 East) totals more than \$464 million.
- The North Split project (I-65/I-70 interchange) is more than \$258 million.
- The Ohio River Crossing project (I-69 Henderson-Evansville) is \$257 million.
- The Sherman Minton Corridor project is over \$60 million.

This report was presented to illustrate how much money road projects cost.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad referred to three projects that were on a November bid letting. Two of these projects were for US 231, but unfortunately both were rejected due to contractor bids being over the engineer estimates. Information indicates that these projects will be on a future bid letting. The traffic light signal installation at US 52 and SR 28 E junction was awarded to Midwestern Electric LLC for \$322,528 with an estimated completion date of October 27, 2023. Project #4, 5, 6 and 7 are on a December 7th bid letting. The McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety project had three bids, with the lowest being Milestone for \$1,296,330. This bid is about \$200,000 over the estimated amount we accounted for in our TIP allocation. This increased cost will cause us to evaluate what to do, while realizing that in January, the Yeager Road project is on bid letting. Project #11 changed from a March letting to April 2023. No new projects are on the list.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

A. Quarterly Project Tracking Summary

Tim Stroshine reported the Klondike Road project has been closed out and will no longer be included in the quarterly reports. The NOT has been submitted for the Lindberg Road project. County Highway Department is finalizing project milestone dates for the N. Ninth Street Road Bridge project. River Road and 500 N held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 16th. Both phases for the Morehouse Road project are on track, with funding and milestones for each phase being sorted out by County Highway and APC

offices. The McCutcheon Safety project is on schedule for a December bid letting. Bridges #80 and #83 were amended into the TIP. The next cycle of the county bridge inspections has started. There was a delay in reporting at the state level which caused delays in getting information from the quarterly reports.

A Lafayette project, the South 9th Street project, saw a slight cost increase and a few milestone dates moved to later times. The Park East Blvd. project is expected to be closed out by next quarter.

In West Lafayette, construction has started for the Sagamore Parkway trail project. The Soldiers Home Road project has been split into different Des numbers. APC staff will continue to work with West Lafayette to track and determine the scope of the project. There had been some discussion about adding roundabouts into the initial scope, so that will be monitored for costs.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Stroshine added that a meeting took place earlier in the day with an Amtrak representative. Amtrak is looking to spend some newly allocated federal dollars on infrastructure improvements, working to improve their on-time performance and reliability. APC staff looks forward to a building a partnership with Amtrak to discuss these ideas in more detail.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A one-minute pause took place to allow for comments. There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hittle". The signature is stylized with a horizontal line under the first name and a horizontal line under the last name.

David Hittle
Executive Director