

MPO POLICY BOARD Minutes
April 13, 2023 • 2:00 pm
Virtual / Tippecanoe County Office Building

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

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Tracy Brown	Tippecanoe County Commissioner
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	Lafayette Board of Works
Peter Bunder	West Lafayette City Council
Perry Brown	Lafayette City Council
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Julie Ginn	Chairman, Board of Directors for CityBus
Scott Chandler	INDOT

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
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Non-Voting Members Present

Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Bryan Smith	CityBus
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Dave Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC

Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM and conducted roll call of the members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023 meeting. Perry Brown seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. RESOLUTION T-23-04: RESOLUTION TO AMEND FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. INDOT: Increased project costs for I-65, SR 28, US 52 and two SR 38 projects

Doug Poad said the Indiana Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the current TIP and involves updating five projects that are already programmed into the TIP, as well as adding three new projects. The first of the new projects is a traffic signal installation at the intersection of State Road 26 and McCarty Lane. Anticipated construction date is fiscal year 2025 and a total cost of \$200,000, of which is expected to be paid for with safety funds. The second new project is located on US 52, approximately 5.17 to 5.42 miles north of SR 25. This involves the installation of the on-road charging system and construction is targeted for FY 2024. Federal STBG funds will be used, totaling \$500,000. The third new project is overhead sign inspections to occur in this fiscal year. This is a statewide project. The five projects that require updating are a result of increased construction costs. The amounts range from just under \$20,000 to nearly \$400,000. The project on I-65 at the SR 38 interchange has changed the construction date from FY 2023 to 2024. This involves concrete pavement restoration. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request at their March meeting and recommended approval. APC staff is also recommending approval.

Resolution T-23-04 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

III. RESOLUTION T-23-05: RESOLUTION TO AMEND FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. CityBus: Add \$495,080 bus stop improvements project with construction phase in 2024

Doug Poad said Federal Highway STBG funds were allocated several years ago to improve six bus stops within the Lafayette/West Lafayette area. Over the years, the project moved forward and then stopped. In the current TIP, the project is shown in the Appendix as information only. Years ago, the Federal Transit Administration recommended that we show these older projects in the appendix so that in case the MPO wanted to move them forward, all that was needed was a modification. Staff completed that process on March 2nd and INDOT replied that they prefer an amendment to the TIP. This resolution is programming the project into Table 4, the financially constrained project table. STBG funds will be used to improve six bus stops. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request at their March meeting and recommended approval. APC staff is also recommending approval.

Tony Roswarski added that he is glad to see this moving forward.

Resolution T-23-05 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO Update

i. TIP/STIP Update

Doug Poad provided an update on the development of the TIP, saying the public hearing took place in March and the document will begin the adoption process next week at the Technical Transportation Committee meeting. The last two points to be completed are the reviews from INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. The FHA has reviewed the document and made comments and recommendations. Those have been incorporated into the TIP document. Communication is still occurring with INDOT's Central Office. A fourth request from them was received on April 12. All major items have been addressed but the outstanding issue is the wording in Table 7. That table is where the MPO makes a recommendation on certain INDOT projects that are deemed important to this area and recommend moving them forward. The wording we have used in previous TIP's since 1999 has now changed in terms of how INDOT would like the wording to read. Staff is working to finish those changes. The hope is to bring the draft document to this Committee at the May meeting for review and approval.

ii. Federal Funding Obligation

Doug Poad referred to the Federal Funding Obligation listing. The report shows an outstanding balance of roughly \$5.6 million. These federal funds were allocated to the Yaeger Road project and have been obligated. The MPO funding commitment letter was sent to INDOT. Next month will show that all our federal funds have been officially obligated for fiscal year 2023.

In addition to our MPO obligations, INDOT's Central Office shares an obligation report for the other MPO's. They are in various stages, some have obligated all their funds, and others have not. The Muncie MPO and the Terre Haute MPO are showing many zero amounts. Staff is trying to figure out or receive information as to why they show zeros. Regarding Terre Haute, there's speculation that their long-range transportation plan (MTP) and TIP has expired. Staff will share information as it becomes available.

April 14 is the deadline for INDOT to submit the US Bike Route 37 application. Staff will follow-up next week and report back at next week's meeting.

The Thoroughfare Plan Amendment for a new non-residential collector road on the south side of Lafayette has gone through the entire process. County Commissioners and the Lafayette City Council reviewed and approved of the amendment. The Amendment was recorded April 12 in the County Recorder's Office and is now part of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad presented the current 18-month letting list. Project 1 is the Yeager Road reconstruction. The engineer's estimate for the project was a bit over \$9.6 million. Two bids were submitted, and the project was awarded to Atlas Excavating for \$8,725,390. The amount of federal funds we have for the project is

\$5.6 million, so this will not be funded at the typical 80/20 split. The County will be paying a bit more in local funds for the project. Two projects on US 52 were on an April 12 bid letting, but both projects were over the engineer's estimate. There were sixty projects on that bid letting and 36, or 60%, of them were over the engineer's estimate. Inflation and other factors are playing into these bids. There are three projects scheduled for May, one being traffic signal modernization in the Crawfordsville district that moved up from a July letting date. The project at the Indiana Veterans Home is no longer shown on the list.

Scott Chandler interjected and offered to provide an update to the project. The project has moved to a July 2025 bid letting date and is one adjustment INDOT has made to help with the increased costs of business. Project 9 has also been moved to a July 2025 letting.

Doug Poad continued with project 15, concrete pavement restoration on I-65 at the SR 38 interchange, showing for a November letting. Bridge 527 has moved from a December 2023 letting to fiscal year 2025. Four new projects are now showing, one of which is on SR 225 with truss reconstruction/ repair scheduled for a July 2024 letting. The new signal installation at SR 26 and McCarty Lane, as discussed in the TIP amendment, is also shown for a July 2024 letting.

Tony Roswarski asked if the SR 26 and McCarty Lane intersection would have a lane dedicated for people waiting to make a turn. The lane would reduce the risk of being hit from behind by someone coming that doesn't realize a car has stopped to turn.

Doug Poad referred to a Google Maps aerial photo of the intersection and said there appears to be a dedicated left turn lane as one would be traveling westbound into Lafayette.

Tony Roswarski said that is important and thinks over time, the area will get a lot of traffic. Having a dedicated area to turn is important for safety with the curve and hill not too far away.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Reschedule May 11 Meeting

Tim Stroshine said the next meeting presents a scheduling conflict with a meeting the mayor's will be attending. He proposed moving the May meeting to May 18th at 2:00pm. After checking individual schedules, May 18th was agreed upon as the next scheduled meeting.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

John Dennis moved to adjourn. Perry Brown seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David Hittle
Executive Director