

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

**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Phillip S. Dunston	Joint Transportation Research Program
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Bill Smith	INDOT
Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University Airport
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Bryan Smith	GLPTC

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Ben Anderson	City of West Lafayette
John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

David Griffee	City of Lafayette
Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway
Colin Sullivan	BF&S
Elizabeth Bengel	Carrier & Gable
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Tim Strohshine	Area Plan Commission
Michael Thompson	Area Plan Commission

Phillip Dunston called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phillip Dunston entertained a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

Jeremy Grenard moved to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting. Stu Kline seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT Permits

Bill Smith said there is no new activity since the last report, in terms of permits in this area.

Scott Chandler has accepted a new position with INDOT. Mike Eubank will be taking his place. Bill Smith will bring Mike to an upcoming meeting for introductions and will need to work on getting him approval to act as a proxy.

Adam Keyster joined the meeting at 2:05pm.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. TIP Road Projects Info Discussion

Doug Poad provided a status report for the TIP development. The draft document has been completed and was posted to the APC website last Thursday. The draft was also sent to INDOT's Central office for review. We are currently two weeks ahead of schedule. The public hearing will take place March 8th, in conjunction with the Citizens Participation Committee, as an online meeting on the County's Facebook and YouTube platforms. After the public hearing, the adoption process will begin at the April Technical Transportation Committee meeting and then will be presented to the MPO Policy Board.

Doug Poad continued with the road project discussion topic. Every other month the local emergency planning committee meets. As part of these meetings, the Area Plan Commission presents an update to road projects that are currently taking place or are upcoming in the next month. At the last meeting, it was asked if there was one location where all the road project information could be found. Currently there is not one location. Each city has their own website, the county has one and INDOT uses another. Is it possible to combine all that information into one source? On the APC website, links to other sites can be added. He asked for other thoughts.

Jeremy Grenard asked if the information is list-based or GIS-based.

Doug Poad said the TIP is GIS-based.

Jeremy Grenard said the City's is GIS-based and thinks if everyone else is too, it should not be difficult to integrate.

Stu Kline said the County is GIS-based for closures and detour information.

Jeremy Grenard suggested getting together to see if that integration is easy to do. This would involve the IT and GIS personnel of each jurisdiction.

Bill Smith said INDOT is working on a new app that will be GIS-based. He made a note to ask if this is something that will be available to use outside of INDOT.

Bryan Smith said he wasn't sure if INDOT's Traffic-wise app was what Bill was speaking of. The 511 for Indiana has construction and traffic information. He doesn't know if they would allow for project information to be added. Someone may have money available for 511 development. Other places include transit information.

Bill Smith said that app is where INDOT's current information is. They are working on a new app that is focused on detour conflicts and helping INDOT track conflicts. The app looks good and is being piloted right now. It will help INDOT manage conflicts internally.

Doug Poad offered to send out an email to start an internal conversation. The Committee agreed.

ii. Federal Funding Obligation

Doug Poad said it is time to evaluate the status of our federal funding obligations. The top portion of the report shows what has been obligated according to INDOT. The lower portion of the report shows the funds that we specifically track. We are on track for obligating the remaining funds for the Yeager Road project. In March, he hopes to have those funds obligated.

iii. Census Urban Area Boundary Comparison

Doug Poad said after the 2020 census occurred, population for the urban area is published. For 2020, the urban area population was 175,000, which surprisingly, was only 10,000 persons more than the 2010 census. A lot of people believe it should have been increased by much more. The illustrated urban area boundary was found on the FTA website. The light pink shaded areas are new to the map for 2020 census results. The purple/dark pink shading shows areas that were within the 2010 and 2020 census results. The green shading shows areas only included in the 2010 census. Looking at this map, the town of Battle Ground is no longer considered to be in our urban area and may partially explain why our urban area population did not grow as much.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad began with bid letting results from January 2023. Bids for the Yeager Road project came in significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. The lowest bid was \$9.4 million. The project has been moved to a March 2023 bid letting. The US 231 projects were awarded to Rieth Riley Construction for \$15.8 million with an estimated completion of October 31, 2025. The repair or replacement of joints on I-65 was awarded and has a contract completion date of April 2023. The district-wide traffic signal modernization project had bids come in higher than estimated and was not awarded. There are three projects on the February bid letting list, three additional projects in April and two in May, rounding out the state fiscal year. Project #12 moved from an April letting to a May letting.

IV. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Tim Stroshine began with projects in Tippecanoe County.

- Lindberg Road – Final construction records were submitted, and the County is awaiting an INDOT invoice to come through to close the purchase orders. Stu Kline said the invoice came in at \$5,000 and once the check clears, the project should be closed out.
- North Ninth Street Road Bridge – The local stage one certifications are at 70%. A Minor Projects Programmatic Agreement will now apply, and further archaeological investigations will not be required. With that update, the anticipated milestone for the environmental report in October should be reached.
- River Road at CR 500N – The road is open to traffic. The punch list is on hold until spring and will be completed while traffic is using the road. Stu Kline said there will be some ditch repairs.
- Morehouse Road, Phase 1 – The right-of-way for this project applies to phase two and explains why the listing is showing behind schedule for the milestone. The County anticipates this project will still be able to let in November.
- Morehouse Road, Phase 2 – APC will continue to monitor the project costs as phasing and other details are finalized. Because this project was split into phases, it has been a bit of a challenge to track the details. Stu Kline added that they are really close to a stage three on phase one, which will help settle it out.
- Yeager Road – This project did not let so it will be moved to March to get more favorable bids. The County has been looking at potential cost-cutting measures they can do. Stu Kline added that to get on the March letting list, they made some design changes to save money. The County has been in contact with Kathy Eaton-McKalip, as this is a Group 2, to see if they can provide more funds to keep it at an 80/20 split. That would require another one million dollars. Kathy said to wait to see what happens in March. Otherwise, the County will have to come up with twenty percent, plus the one-million dollars.
- McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety – This project did let and is awaiting preconstruction. Stu Kline said the contract has a delayed start to June because of the school season. They received permission to do an early start of tree clearing. Once the trees are cleared, work will stop until June.
- Bridge #64 – Resumed Environmental, permitting and right-of-way tasks based on INDOT Hydraulics approval. The county has begun early coordination with IDNR for use of the in-lieu fee program for tree mitigation. Stu Kline said he hasn't seen the plans yet, but they were updated to the structure revisions which was on the bigger bridge on I-65, which was holding the pair back.
- Bridge #65 – This project is bundled with Bridge #64.
- Bridge #527 – The Environmental portion, geotechnical investigation, delayed this project. INDOT offered to allow the project to jump fiscal years and the designer agreed. Bid letting has been moved to November 2024, the right-of-way clearing will occur this fall, and tree clearing will take place in the winter. This change in date gives the utilities a full summer for relocation, ahead of the letting. The formal request to move the state funds was submitted prior to this meeting.
- Bridge #80 – Contracts are in place, but the project is awaiting a STIP amendment to be processed before a FMIS can be in place. Doug Poad said the amendment must be approved by Federal Highway, and that's the step we are waiting on. He said he would follow-up to attempt to get an update on the amendment.
- Bridge #83 – This project is bundled with Bridge #80 and is facing the same delay.

- County bridge inspections – Stu Kline said phase one inspections are complete. The next contract will not have a FMIS for every phase. It will go back to a four-year contract with a single FMIS.

Tim Stroshine continued with projects in the City of Lafayette.

- Park East Boulevard – Jeromy Grenard said the project has not been closed. INDOT shows one purchase order open and the FCR has not been approved. There is potential for the next quarter to be the final report for the project.
- South 9th Street – Work continues on the Environmental document, public outreach will begin in the spring or summer, and a small change in cost was noted. Jeromy Grenard stated the September numbers are correct, as there was an amendment made.

Time Stroshine concluded with projects in the City of West Lafayette.

- Soldiers Home Road, Phase 1 – project is progressing.
- Westbound Special 52 – The report still lists the percent complete as zero for most items in the project schedule. The question remains if reports would be filed for phase two of the project.
- Sagamore Parkway Trail – project is progressing and will be monitored as it continues to develop.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be March 15, 2023.

Stu Kline moved to adjourn. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David L. Hittle
Executive Director