

**CARROLL COUNTY TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 09, 2023

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Aaron Lyons	City of Delphi
Tim Stroshine (proxy for David Hittle)	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Scott Atkisson	Carroll County Highway Superintendent
Matt Deitchley	INDOT Deputy Commissioner – LaPorte District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamron Yates	Area Plan Commission of Carroll County
Jerry Snavely, Jr.	Camden Street Commissioner
Jill Hammond	Camden Town Marshall
Brook McCain	Delphi Police Department
Tony Liggett	Carroll County Sheriff
James Bishop	Flora Police Department
Kevin Shafer	Flora Street Commissioner
Debbie Lowe	Flora Airport

ALSO PRESENT

Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
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Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and noted the absence of a quorum. This will be an unofficial meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2022 and NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum present.

II. TRAFFIC COUNTS

Aria Staiger explained that sixty-five traffic counts occur on a three-year cycle of the same locations. Locations can be changed to focus on road projects taking place in particular areas. Aria referred to data and graphs regarding counts that have taken place near the school. Two locations were counted, one on each side of the school. The installation of the HAWK signal has had a positive impact on the overall speed in the area. Counts for 2023 are ongoing and will be completed in about seven weeks. Data can be captured for volume, speed, and distance between vehicles.

Aaron Lyons said he would pass the information along and let others know that the investment for the HAWK signal was worthwhile.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Tim Stroshine mentioned that the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is currently in the public comment period. There are four locations around the state, offering afternoon and evening sessions, and there is an online platform for a virtual option.

Matt Deitchley said this is a standard process. Last year they spread out a lot more across the districts and in other years they stayed at the district offices. He encouraged the meeting attendees to reach out with questions.

B. Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan

Tim Stroshine explained that there had been some email exchanges regarding how to get Carroll County into a partnership with some of the surrounding counties. He wanted to explain his experience with the program. The SS4A is a federal grant program that was introduced in the new transportation legislation. It provides two options: a planning and demonstration grant and an implementation grant. An implementation grant is generally a project that can be used to improve safety. The planning and demonstration grant involves looking at data, reviewing the status and examining areas that may need to improve. The general intention for most is to begin with a planning and demonstration grant and once that is in place, use it for an implantation project. He explained that the first round was completed earlier this year and was very competitive. There were quite a few applications for the implementation grant, so many that the funds requested exceeded the funds available threefold. On the other side, the planning and implementation grant was undersubscribed, so essentially anyone who asked for money received it. Excess funds remained and were rolled over into the next cycle. He told the meeting attendees that there is good chance of receiving a grant and consider future grant cycles for how the data collected could be used on potential projects. The grants are both covered at an 80/20 split with an emphasis on safety. That could include pedestrians, bicyclists and vulnerable users or vehicles, they would both qualify. Data to analyze could include fatalities, injuries or near misses. Near misses could be used as a justification for an unsafe place.

C. Meeting Membership, Time, and Location

Tim Stroshine started by saying that this meeting has been using the EDC building for a while, but they will soon be moving. Starting with the next meeting, the group will no longer be able to use the space. He proposed a few options for future meetings and asked for feedback from the group. A virtual meeting is one option. Finding a new location with internet for the streaming capabilities is also an option.

Aaron Lyons said he is fine with virtual and it is realistically easier for others and for short-lived meetings. He mentioned the Canal Association, the new community center and the city building as possible facilities for in-person meetings.

Matt Deitchley said he is in favor of virtual. He said the Monticello sub-district could potentially be a meeting location because there is a conference room.

Tim Stroshine continued by offering to change the day of the week and the time of the meeting to help accommodate schedules for attendance. He offered to move the meeting to evening hours. The consensus among the group was no evening meetings. Tim then asked the attendees if they had a proxy to appoint for their role. If they primary member was not able to attend the meeting, they could have their proxy attend to represent the department. An email to all members will be sent to gather feedback from those that were not in attendance at this meeting.

D. 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine said two projects were awarded to Reith Riley Construction; small structure pipe lining on SR 18 and HMA overlay minor structural on SR 218. Additionally, Milestone Contractors was awarded work for bridge replacement on US 421 and small structure replacements on SR 218 and SR 29. One project, SR 18 substructure repair and rehabilitation, is on the May 10 letting list.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Remaining meeting dates for 2023 August 08 and November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

