MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
July 08, 2021
2:00 pm
Tippecanoe County Office

Due to the public health emergency, 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/channel/UCJleeA9ZQo9E11GdZTdjurQ/featured

Members Present
Tony Roswarski Mayor, City of Lafayette
John Dennis Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Jackson Bogan Area Plan Commission
Cindy Murray Lafayette Board of Works
Ben Murray Chair, GLPTC
Peter Bunder President, West Lafayette Council

Absent Voting Members
Kevin Underwood President, County Council
Tom Murtaugh President, County Commissioners
Melissa Williamson President, Lafayette City Council
Shane Spears INDOT

Non-Voting Members Present
David Hittle Executive Director, Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad APC
Tim Stroshine APC
Aria Staiger APC
Maureen McNamara APC

Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and conducted a roll call of members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting. Jackson Bogan seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. RESOLUTION T 2021-11: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 AND FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPS)
Wabash Center requests $96,332 in section 5310 federal funds for a van replacement project

Doug Poad said we received a request from the Wabash Center to program two replacement minivans. They received notification this past May that they will receive federal funds for this replacement project. This project needs to be programmed in the current TIP and the new TIP. The total cost for the two replacement vans is $96,332. Section 5310 projects are typically funded at an 80/20 split between federal funds. For this grant cycle, INDOT will be using federal funds from the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request and recommended approval.

The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. RESOLUTION T 2021-12: RESOLUTION OF ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY

David Hittle said at the previous meeting, there was a clear consensus demonstrated by this body that there is a desire to continue to be able to meet virtually. Based on the nature of the work that is done here
and the length of the meetings, this board is well-suited to continue to meet virtually. We were not sure
the legality of that given the governor’s emergency order for electronic meetings has run out. David said
he met with Attorney Eric Burns, who is the counsel for the Area Plan Commission, to discuss the make
up, the work and the tasks of this board. Eric assured that this board can continue to meet virtually so
long as it is done by virtue of a resolution. The bylaws that govern this board are silent to the matter and
only require the board to meet monthly. It was Eric’s opinion that we can put together a resolution and
make it official that this will be a virtual meeting from now on.

Tony Roswarski thanked David for meeting with the attorney and for the explanation. He thought it was
the consensus of the board to remain virtual at the previous meeting. He asked for questions or
comments.

John Dennis moved to approve Resolution T 2021-12. Cindy Murray seconded and the motion carried by
unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update
South Shore Clean Cities Partnership Update

Tim Stroshine said this item was discussed at the previous meeting. We decided to get some of the
stakeholders together with the elected officials to discuss what issues we want to pursue and if we want
to pursue a partnership with South Shore Clean Cities. He said he has been trying to reach out to people
but is not sure that he has the right people. He will send another email after the meeting and asked that
the board tell him if he has missed any stakeholders.

Climate Action Plan Survey

Doug Poad said phase three for this plan kicked off on June 5th. This phase will develop the data needed
for this project and involve the public. This will be done via survey and public meeting. The number of
survey responses were low so staff decided to keep the survey open longer. He asked the board to send
around the survey that is included in the packet and on Tippecanoe county’s main webpage. The first
survey gathers information on the public perception and views of climate change.

TIP Status Update

Doug Poad said we were asked by Federal Highway Administration and INDOT to add information to the
TIP. Federal regulations require state departments of transportation to conduct an evaluation of road
projects that have used emergency repair funds. There were a few projects that used these funds and are
shown on the map in the packet. The FHWA is interested in projects that have used these funds two or
more times at the same location. The proposal is to add some additional wording in the project selection
and priorities chapter, add a new appendix and the map. Because this is more than adding just a few
words, staff thought it would be appropriate to handle this through a TIP modification with official action.

Tony Roswarski agreed that this would be the appropriate action to take.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said there are few changes to the projects on the first page. There is only one project in
August and four bridge maintenance projects in September. The US 52 bridge replacement over Indian
Creek just west of Klondike Road. the projects in November relate to the I-65 widening. The Sagamore
Parkway Trail project in January is still on track. Projects 30 and 31 have been moved to an October 2022
letting instead of July 2022 because of a conflict with the SR 43 at I-65 intersection improvement projects.
Project 36, 37 and 38 are new projects on US 231 and SR 28. Project 40 is a new McCutcheon
Pedestrian Safety project.
V. OTHER BUSINESS
INDOT Permanent Traffic Count Stations

Doug Poad said INDOT has three locations in Tippecanoe County that collect traffic count data every day. These are located on I-65 south of SR 18, Sagamore Parkway just west of Paramount Drive and US 231 by CR 800 S. These locations give us an idea of how COVID has impacted traffic. He displayed a graph of traffic counts on Sagamore Parkway West from 2017 to June 2021. There was a significant impact on West Lafayette traffic in March, November and December. Traffic has resumed to pre-pandemic numbers. On US 231, there was a significant drop in March and April. I-65 also had a significant drop. Interestingly, there was still a decrease on July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The counts resumed to pre-pandemic numbers in February, March and April.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

John Dennis moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chyna R. Lynch
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

David L. Hittle
Executive Director