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  
Jackson Bogan  
Area Plan Commission  
Ben Murray  
Chair, GLPTC  
Peter Bunder  
President, West Lafayette Council  
Tom Murtaugh  
President, County Commissioners  
Shane Spears  
INDOT

**Absent Voting Members**

Kevin Underwood  
President, County Council  
Melissa Williamson  
President, Lafayette City Council  
John Dennis  
Mayor, City of West Lafayette  
Gary Henriott  
President, Lafayette Board of Works

**Non-Voting Members Present**

David Hittle  
Executive Director, Area Plan Commission  
Doug Poad  
APC  
Tim Stroshine  
APC  
Aria Staiger  
APC  
Michael Thompson  
APC  
Randy Anderson  
City Bus  
Jeromy Grenard  
Lafayette City Engineer  
Larry Leverenz  
Area Plan Commission  
Stewart Kline  
Executive Director County Highway

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tony Roswarski moved to approve the minutes from the September 09, 2021 meeting. Ben Murray seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR THE FY 2020-2024 AND 2022-2026 TIPS**

Doug Poad said we have received a request from the INDOT District Office to make changes to the two TIP documents. They involve four projects, and the changes were very minor changes. It was handled through an administrative modification. The first project was on SR 26 at CR 900 East, and this changed the program year in the 2020 TIP from 2021 to 2022, and then programmed the right-of-way phase in the 2022 TIP. The next project is on SR 38 over the South Fork of Wildcat Creek Bridge. This involved the right-of-way phase and only involved the 2020 TIP. The next project is on SR 43 the Walter Bridge over the Walters Ditch, and this involved the changes of the right-of-way phase of the project and added the utility phase. The last project is US 52 over Norfolk Southern Railroad, and it changed the year for
preliminary engineering, but it did not change any funds. Since this was handled through a TIP modification rather than an amendment, the information is being presented to this group to let you know that the TIPs were modified, and it did not go through the full amendment process.

Doug Poad opened the floor for any questions or comments. There were none.

Tony Roswarski thanked Doug for bringing that to our attention.

III.  RESOLUTION T-21-16: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2020-2024 AND FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPS)

Doug Poad said this is another request by the Indiana Department of Transportation, and it is more substantial than the one that was just presented. It involves two projects that are currently programmed in the TIP, and then, it added five new ones. Regarding the projects already in the TIP, the first one is on SR 26 the bridge over Goose Creek, and changes to the right-of-way phase were made. Then, on US 52 over Norfolk Southern the thin deck overlay project, and this added the right-of-way phase to that project as well.

The five new projects are located on I-65. Four of them are bridge thin deck overlays, and they are located at CR 600 North, Swisher Road, CR 900 East, and then at East County Line Road. The fifth new project is a pavement patching project, and it is located just north of SR 47 and just south of SR 38. The specific details for these projects are in the staff report, and the Technical Transportation Committee did review this at their September meeting and recommended approval. The Area Plan Commission staff are also recommending approval and ask for your adoption through the resolution.

Doug Poad opened the floor for any questions or comments.

Tony Roswarski thanked Doug and stated there doesn’t seem to be any questions or comments at this time.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved 6-yes to 0-no.

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IV.  APC PROGRESS REPORT
MPO Update

South Shore Clean Cities Partnership

Tim Stroshine said this is something that we have talked a little bit about before in the past, and I wanted to get some direction for where we want to go with this. For context for everyone who’s listening, in the past, the way that we’ve handled this is we’ve just had individual jurisdictions partner with South Shore Clean Cities as they wanted to, which is completely fine, and we can continue to do it that way. I know, that they were able to assist Lafayette with some grant writing for a successful grant for some vehicles...
that they got recently, so we can keep doing it that way, or our other option is to make more of a formal partnership with South Shore Clean Cities. South Shore Clean Cities has expanded to become a statewide agency, and they are specifically designated as a Clean Cities Coalition under the Department of Energy. They have what they call a Green Fleets program which is similar to what they’ve been doing for us on an as-needed basis, but it would just formalize things a bit more, and we would probably have some regular contact with them as the MPO in our capacity. If that’s something that the jurisdictions would be interested in us pursuing and making a more of a formal partnership where we are working with them a little more regularly than we are now, then we are willing to pursue that, but we don’t want to just go ahead and do that without all of you involved in this.

What we’re looking for is either a decision on how we want to approach this or a meeting with the elected officials, later, where we can formally discuss if it’s going to take some more discussion or if we need to involve some more people. We did have one meeting, but we didn’t really have enough people at the meeting to make a formal decision. So, we would like to just get something set-up, so that we can move forward one-way or another with this.

Tim Stroshine welcomed any thoughts or questions from the board.

Tony Roswarski said we did work with South Shore. It took three tries, but we did get a little over a $1 million grant to go towards the purchase of two all-electric sanitation garbage trucks, which we are excited about. We will still have to come up with about $500,000 of our own money, because they’re quite expensive, but we were pleased to get the grant and to be able to start moving our fleet to an all-electric fleet. Again, it took us three tries, but we got there.

From the City of Lafayette, I don’t have any problem with the Area Plan getting more involved, and we look at this comprehensively as a group, and if there are things we can do together, I am certainly willing. The City of Lafayette does not need to go at this. We are not concerned about just going at this alone; we just did because it was an opportunity that presented itself, and we’d been working on that, but we’re certainly willing to just work together here as a group if the group feels that’s the most advantageous direction. I don’t need a separate meeting with you that’s something we are willing to do.

Peter Bunder, West Lafayette, said he would be happy for the Area Plan to keep going ahead. There’s no reason not to involve Area Plan. The jurisdictions cooperate in so many other things that this might be an opportunity for us to get together and cooperate on this as well. I think City Bus too might be a partner, and you could list anybody else in the directory that gets these emails.

Ben Murray, City Bus, Agreed with Peter Bunder’s comment, and said It wouldn’t hurt to jump-in and be a part of the group.

Tim Stroshine asked Commissioner Tom Murtaugh if he had any thoughts from the county’s perspective, on this, that he would like to add.

Tom Murtaugh stated not at this point. I think, it’s worthy to continue these discussions.

Tim Stroshine said it sounds to me the course of action would be for me to continue to work with the South Shore Clean Cities people from our end and continue what we’ve started, with talking with their executive director, and then, as this takes shape a little more, we’ll set-up a more of a formal structure or a formal mechanism where we can communicate information back and forth between all the interested parties.

Tim Stroshine asked does that seem like a reasonable approach that matches what we’ve discussed here today.

Tom Murtaugh responded sure.

Tony Roswarski responded yes, I believe so.
Tim Stroshine said he will work on that, and he will give updates as needed.

**STIP Updated with FY 2022 TIP**

Doug Poad said the good news is that progress is being made, although at a very, very slow pace. The request to amend our new TIP into the current STIP is moving forward. INDOT presented it for public input last month, and it went through the time period and after that, it was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for their review, and we hope for approval. That was submitted to both agencies on the 23rd of last month. Since then, we have not received either a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down, and we are continually tracking that. The amendment number specifically for the STIP is A20-58 and A20-58B. We are hoping that by the next meeting we will have good news, and the new TIP will be amended.

Doug Poad opened the floor for any questions or comments. There were none.

**Annual Listing of Projects**

Doug Poad said if you remember in previous years, this document The Annual Listing of Projects, or as the Federal Highway Administration would like to call it The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, looks back to the past fiscal year, which is the state fiscal year, and looks at all of the projects which used federal funds; specifically, whether it be the preliminary engineering, right-of-way, or construction phase, and this not only includes local projects, but also Indiana Department of Transportation projects. In the past, we've always expanded on this and not only include just those federally funded projects, but all projects, whether they be from Lafayette, West Lafayette, or Tippecanoe County that are paid for with just local funds. This report that was put together and released last month is the largest if you've had a chance to look through it. It is available online, we can send it, or we can give you paper copies if you would like. It has a lot of projects in it. It's quite interesting that it's a testament to both the cities and the county, and, also, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the number of projects that are moving forward and being done in this county. I would like to especially thank those who put the minutes together for the Commissioners, and The Board of Works. A lot of the information that is in this document comes from those minutes. Not only do we show a summary which is being scrolled through for both INDOT and local projects, but we have, as in the past, shown individual project sheets, which has specific details; specifically, if federal funds are being used. We also have a timeline for each project. You can see that we have an aerial photo that shows the location of the projects and photos of the project, and at the very end we also have a completion part of the project, so any projects that were completed we try to show both before and after, but there are some projects that take a very short time, so we only get a snippet of that, but it is a very comprehensive document. It is a long document. I think, it was 260-pages this time. It has a lot of information in it, so I hope you get a chance to look at it. This is required by the Fast Act, the actual Congressional National Legislation, which needed to be done, finished, and up on our web page by the end of September, which we met.

Doug Poad opened the floor for any questions or comments. There were none.

Tony Roswarski said it looks like all of you did a great job very comprehensive. That's good information for everybody. Thank you to you and the team for working on that.

**INDOT 18-Month Letting List**
Doug Poad said there were four projects, basically put into two projects that were let this past September. The first one, US 52 bridge thin deck overlay that project was let to Ram Construction Services of Michigan Incorporated, and the estimated completion date is July 22rd, 2022. The other three projects are the bridge painting on SR 25 and two on SR 38 awarded to Olympus Painting. The completion date is targeted for August 1, 2022. You can see there are a lot of projects coming up especially in November. Once again, this is the big widening of I-65 projects. Those projects seem to be on track and ready to go according to the information that I have. Project 6, the district wide project, that's on this month’s letting, it says pavement maintenance, but that should be pavement patching. The type of work was changed on that. We just received news, Project 20 on I-65, a concrete pavement restoration project at SR 38, this was to go on a December 2021 bid letting, but it has been moved back to an April 2022 letting. Project 21, on SR 38, this is on the east side of Dayton, it says HMA overlay project, but the scope has been changed to a full-depth reclamation on that. Projects 42 and 43, these are projects that were changed. They were originally on a September 2022 bid letting, but the one on I-65 moved to January 2023, and the one on SR 38 moved to a February 2023 bid letting. I do have some disappointing news. Project 24, this is the Sagamore Parkway Trail, due to permit issues it looks like this project is going to slip at least a month from January to February. Let’s see if we can hold that on track, because if it doesn’t get let, at least, I think, by March or maybe April, then there’s a good possibility we will lose our federal funds for that. We are keeping a close-eye on this project to make sure that it goes to a letting this fiscal year.

Doug Poad opened the floor for any questions or comments. There were none.

V. 2021 MPO CONFERENCE

David Hittle said as the Area Plan Commission is Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization and we are hosting the statewide MPO conference this year as we did last year. It will be held virtually this year. That is going to be all-day on October 28th, and, I think, as of today we have 79 registrations; hopefully, on our way up to about 150 or so. We have a link to register if anybody is interested. I would note one-particular presentation, and that is going to be the 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM presentation by Daniel Herriges, who is the co-founder of Strong Townes, which is a think take that deals with land use and transportation issues. Their calling card is a very sober and clear-eyed look at long-term viability for our transportation systems and their funding mechanisms, and, I think, it’s refreshingly honest and quite important information to avail ourselves of. Rather than direct people to our site, we can just send out a link to the group to register. Again, you’re invited to sit through the whole conference, but I’d especially sit through the 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM segment.

David Hittle opened the floor for any questions. There were none.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Aria Staiger said on the agenda it says the next meeting will be November 11th, and that is Veterans’ Day, so earlier in the year, I believe, we had rescheduled this meeting to be a week later. It will be exactly one week later than November 11th. It should be on the 18th of November at 2:00 PM virtually. I can resend the calendar invite to everybody if you don’t have that already scheduled.

Tony Roswarski said yes, if you could resend the calendar invite, just in case if anyone didn’t get it the first time. If you are willing to do that, that would be helpful.

Aria Staiger said certainly, she will do that.

Tony Roswarski asked if anyone else had any other business. There was none.
VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Tony Roswarski moved to adjourn, Jackson Bogan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Ewen
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

David Hittle
Executive Director