Due to the public health emergency, the meeting was held partially virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at:

https://www.facebook.com/TippecanoeCountyIndiana or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ML2Ev6HmOY

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Scott J. Chandler  INDOT
Jon Fricker  JTRP
Jeromy Grenard  City of Lafayette City
Adam Keyster  Purdue
Mike Spencer  Tippecanoe County Highway Department
Jason Philhower  West Lafayette Police Department

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT
Scott Anderson  Lafayette Police Department
Mitch Lankford  City of West Lafayette
Marcus Smith  Purdue University
Noah Mattern  CityBus
Stewart (Stu) Kline  Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Bill Smith  INDOT

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Steven Walls  INDOT
Aria Staiger  Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad  Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine  Area Plan Commission
David Hittle  Area Plan Commission
Sara Heck  INDOT
Stanton Lambert  Wabash River Enhancement Group

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties discovered after-the-fact, this meeting was not audio-recorded. The meeting minutes represented here detail the proceedings as accurately as possible using memory and meeting notes as primary sources.

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and called the roll to establish members present.

Tim Stroshine introduced Jennifer Ewen. He said that Jennifer is the new recording secretary, and that she will be creating meeting minutes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adam Keyster noted that he was at last month’s tech meeting, not Marcus Smith. This should be corrected in the minutes.
Jon Fricker moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting with corrections. Mike Spencer seconded and the minutes, as corrected, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. TEAL ROAD UPDATE

Sara Heck, Project Manager, stated the earliest date to begin the planned work is April 1, 2022. The intermediate completion date for 9th Street is August 1, 2022. The restriction will be for 60 days from June 1, 2022 – August 1, 2022. The intermediate completion date for 4th Street will be August 1, 2023, and the closure time will be for 60 days from June 1, 2023 – August 1, 2023. The intermediate completion date for 18th Street is August 1, 2023. The restriction time for 18th Street will be for 60 days from June 1, 2023 – August 1, 2023. The intermediate completion date for the planned work is September 30, 2023, and the contract completion date is September 30, 2024.

III. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler stated that there was a project on Yeager Road that requested access. A notice of denial was sent regarding the Yeager Road access request. He wasn’t sure exactly why. He will have to look into that and report back to the committee.

A brief conversation about the permit followed, and committee members agreed that this is something that the committee should continue to monitor at future meetings.

IV. APC Progress Report

Transportation Projects Survey Update

Tim Stroshine said that we have sorted through the responses that we received from the transportation project survey. He said that APC would like to meet with the local government engineers to develop a project list for the 2050 MTP. The 2045 MTP can be used as a baseline for this list, but changes need to be made. This list must also include project cost estimates so that it can be financially constrained. Tim said that we can also have a non-constrained list of projects to add if new funding sources become available. He said that APC is also going to meet with stakeholder groups to seek input on projects to add to these lists. The process of developing these lists will be iterative, so it will require multiple meetings for the project list to be finalized.

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. It will be held virtually. It will be all-day on October 28th. 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.

STIP Updated with FY 2022 TIP

Doug Poad said the good news is that progress is being made, although, at a slow pace. The request to amend our new TIP into the current STIP is moving forward. INDOT presented it for public input last month. 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 September 23, 2021. Since
then, we have not received either a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down, and we are continually tracking that. We are hoping by the next meeting we will have good news, and the new TIP will be amended.

Big 4 Trail

Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County developed a plan that explores the alignment and location of the Big 4 Trail extension. This is a multi-use pathway for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized modes of transportation for recreation and transit purposes across Tippecanoe County. This trail will connect multiple communities within the county and be a piece of the puzzle for central and northwest Indiana’s route in the Big 4 Regional Trail. It was originally named the Farm Heritage Trail. It nearly connects the Town of Colfax to Zionsville with only three sections missing. Two of the sections received funds through the Next Level Trails program, and those funds will be used for construction. The plan focused on what regional factors could impact the future design of the Big 4 Trail through Tippecanoe County, and the plan identified a feasible route and alternate route options. Projected outcomes from the plan include eligibility for additional funding sources and to help communities prioritize trail projects throughout the county. Staff is recommending approval of this plan to the Policy Board.

Jon Fricker called for a vote.

Jon Fricker made a motion to approve. Adam Keyster moved. Jason Philhower seconded, and the motion was approved 6-Yes to 0-No by unanimous voice vote.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Project 6, the district wide project, that’s on this month’s letting, it says pavement maintenance, but that should be pavement patching. 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.

V. Other Business

Tim Stroshine stated our next meeting will be on November 17th, 2021. Because of Veterans Day, the MPO Policy Board meeting will be pushed back to November 18th. This creates an unusual situation where the Technical Committee will meet before the Policy Board.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ewen
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

David L. Hittle
Executive Director