

**THE  
AREA PLAN COMMISSION  
OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY**

**Carroll County  
Technical Transportation Committee Meeting**

Date.....February 13, 2017  
Time.....2:00 PM  
Place.....Employee Lounge  
Carroll County Courthouse

**AGENDA**

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

**Documents:**

[CC Tech 11.14.2016.pdf](#)

**II. 2017 TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM**

**III. QUARTERLY PROJECT TRACKING**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. INDOT 18 MONTH LETTING LIST**

**Documents:**

[INDOT letting list Feb2017.pdf](#)

**B. FOLLOW-UP ON MEETING ABOUT MULTI-COUNTY TRANSIT**

**C. FOLLOW-UP ON FY 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Dates for 2017:**

- May 8th
- August 14th
- November 13th

**CARROLL COUNTY TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2016  
2:00PM**

**CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES LOUNGE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Coutts	Carroll County Highway Engineer
Debbie Lowe (proxy for Steve Ashby)	Flora Airport
Tobe Leazenby	Carroll County Sheriff
Douglas Wagner	Carroll County APC Executive Director
Sallie Fahey	MPO Executive Director
Marcia Blansett	INDOT District LPA Coordinator

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Aaron Lyons	Delphi Street Commissioner
Jerry Snavely, Jr.	Camden Street Commissioner
Ted Donoho	Flora Street Commissioner
Steve Mullin	Delphi Police Department
Paul Redmon	Flora Police Department
Randy Larimore	Camden Town Marshal

**ALSO PRESENT**

John Thomas	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
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Chair Paul Coutts called the meeting to order.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Paul Coutts had concerns about the reference to lighting the ditches.

Tobe Leazenby said he was suggesting using some type of LED lights to illuminate the signs.

Paul Coutts said under "Employment Mapping" he said he is not interested in the hog facilities but rather their locations to see how they generate traffic.

Tobe Leazenby moved to approve the minutes, as amended, from the August 8, 2016 meeting. Douglas Wagner seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**II. FY 2016 ANNUAL COMPLETION REPORT**

John Thomas referred to the printed version of the report that was distributed prior to the meeting and said the report summarized the work APC did in Carroll County in FY 2016. The report contains a map (Figure 1) with the locations and the traffic count numbers for the last three years and the comparison

map of the 2013 and 2016 counts that were taken at the same locations (Figure 2). He said Paul Coutts mentioned to him that he had questions about a couple of the counts and he asked Paul Coutts if APC staff member Tim Stroshine talked with him about the counts.

Paul Coutts said he does not remember talking with Tim Stroshine about the counts.

John Thomas said Figure 3 shows the truck volume numbers and the count locations for the last three years. The counts are Average Daily Traffic, seasonally adjusted. Figure 4 compares the 2013 and 2016 truck volume counts that were taken at the same locations. Figure 5 is a map that takes a look at three years of truck counts in the Delphi area.

Paul Coutts said several count locations do not have the count numbers on them.

John Thomas went on to say the next map (Figure 6) compares the 2013 and 2016 Delphi truck data. The report also documents the meeting minutes, rosters, and information about each count location. The report was also distributed digitally.

Sallie Fahey added that the elected officials will get paper copies of the report at the Administrative Committee meeting later today.

Paul Coutts said he likes the report cover with the photo of downtown Delphi.

John Thomas said we will update Figure 5 with all the truck count numbers.

### **III. QUARTERLY PROJECT TRACKING**

John Thomas said he asked the consultants for information and they did not respond.

Marcia Blansett added that she asked the city to submit their quarterly report paperwork and she did not receive a response either.

John Thomas said the Crawfordsville District hounds our engineers for the quarterly reports.

Marcia Blansett added that all projects have let and there is nothing hanging out there to be concerned about. There are no projects on the books that are going through the process and added that she does not worry about projects as much once they have let.

### **IV. HOOSIER HEARTLAND HIGHWAY/SR 25 and CR 800 WEST**

John Thomas referred to the packet that was distributed prior to the meeting and said it includes INDOT's conceptual J-Turn on the front. He included recent correspondence with some dating back to August. In late September INDOT held a meeting regarding this area. One of the tables included in the handout shows the 2013, 2014, and 2015 total crash history for the area broken down by crash type, primary factor, weather conditions, surface conditions, and light conditions. The second table color codes the crash to show property damage crashes, non-severe injury crashes, severe injury crashes, and fatalities as well as a summaries of the crashes. The INDOT safety engineer said most of the severe injuries occurred when people are going north and hit by westbound cars and those traveling south being hit by eastbound cars. The engineer concluded that a driver has to pull into the road a bit to look for traffic before proceeding but it is easy not to see an oncoming car in the a-frame of the car. That is caused by the angle of the cars and the angle of the streets. He agrees that there should be something in the middle like a stop sign.

Sallie Fahey added that it is easy to get hit if the driver does not look a second time. She pointed out that the crashes are not caused by pavement, weather conditions, or lighting.

John Thomas said obstruction is the problem.

Tobe Leazenby said a huge percentage of the crashes are caused by human error.

Douglas Wagner said he drove that intersection several times in the last six weeks and he does not understand why there is an issue. He did notice that the stop signs at several intersections in Tippecanoe County have a reflective spinner on top of them to draw your attention to the stop sign whether it is day or night.

John Thomas said spinners could be added to the stop or yield signs.

Tobe Leazenby said he tried to get the message across to INDOT that spinners would be helpful.

Douglas Wagner agrees that that is a big issue. He was in Birmingham, Alabama over the weekend and he noticed a large number of drivers using their cell phones while driving. The phones were held low so he knows the drivers were doing something on the phone besides talking.

John Thomas said he was disappointed that there are no plans to post a temporary sign but INDOT felt doing that would be problematic. There are times he gets very frustrated with traffic engineers. He realizes they have expertise but there are times they are reticent to do something when often times doing something guarantees a positive outcome.

Tobe Leazenby concurred and added that it was very disturbing to him that the higher-ups would prefer to spend the money on lawsuits than try to prevent the injury crashes. He believes it would save the state some money if future serious injury crashes could be prevented for little cost or effort.

Paul Coutts thinks this is overkill and ridiculous. He thinks there will be more problems at that location because it is too complex for what is there. It would have made more sense to try to rework the intersection by taking a more perpendicular approach. There seems to be plenty of right-of-way to do that.

John Thomas said the traffic engineer talked about redoing the intersection but it would have cost twice as much because right-of-way would have had to be purchased and the whole intersection would have had to be reconstructed.

Sallie Fahey said she noticed that the headrests get in the way more than the posts between the windows. You have to learn where the blind spots are in your car.

John Thomas said he talked to Jackie Hockaday, INDOT project manager for this project, and learned the project has a May 2020 letting. Survey work is being done now but they will not be able to start design until July 2017.

Sallie Fahey said getting the engineering work done will get it into the queue for money quickly. That may be a benefit with the emphasis on safety projects.

Tobe Leazenby said he is resigned to the fact that it will be better to move this project up if INDOT is not going to make any immediate fixes/updates. He added that he put Representative Lehe in the loop on this one. He hopes to have future conversations with him about this issue. He also has a good working relationship with Brandt Hershman.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **18-Month Letting List**

John Thomas referred to the list that was distributed in the packet and there have been no changes to the first six projects on the list. Two of the new projects on the list are small structure replacements on SR 22. Five bridge deck sealing projects on SR 25 have also been added to the list. All the new projects are scheduled for a February 2018 letting.

Sallie Fahey thinks the first two projects on the list will be let once the plant opens up.

Paul Coutts said it will help to put some new, good pavement down on the intersection and at the bridge/overpass on the south side.

### **INDOT Transit Meeting**

Sallie Fahey said she received an email from Carol Clawson about a meeting this Friday (November 18<sup>th</sup>) for Benton, White, Carroll, Clinton, Montgomery Fountain, and Warren counties on public transportation that was advertised in the Carroll County Comet. John Thomas did some research and learned that it is an INDOT meeting about passenger transportation needs and gaps in those counties. The meeting will be held at Area IV Agency on Aging from 10:00am to 12:00pm. She plans to have APC transit specialist Doug Poad attend the meeting. If Area IV Agency on Aging plans to hold these transit meetings she thinks they will have to come through APC for the funding for their buses. The Agency is on North 36<sup>th</sup> Street between South and Union Streets in Lafayette. She said anyone on this committee can attend.

John Thomas said he will email the 2017 meeting dates. The next meeting is February 13, 2017

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Douglas Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting. Tobe Leazenby seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45p.m.



Sallie Dell Fahey  
Secretary

# 18 Month Letting List - February 7, 2017

(INDOT update: January 15, 2017)

	Letting Date	Road	Location	Type of Work	Des Number	Previous Letting Date
<b>S</b>	1/19/2017	SR 18	US 421 to SR 75	HMA Overlay, Functional	1296646	
<b>S</b>	1/19/2017	US 421	0.5 mi S of CR 200N to Hamilton St in the Town of Delphi	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	1006658	
<b>S</b>	7/12/2017	SR 25	Over CR 400W & WSRR; NB, 3.96 mi S of SR 29	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	1401577	
<b>S</b>	7/12/2017	US 421	SR 25 over US 421 SB	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	1401644	
<b>S</b>	7/12/2017	SR 25	Over CR 400W & WSRR; SB, 3.95 mi S of SR 29	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	1401578	
<b>S</b>	7/12/2017	US 421	SR 25 over US 421 NB	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	1401643	
<b>S</b>	2/7/2018	SR 25	0.92mi N of US 421	Bridge Deck Sealing	1593077	
<b>S</b>	2/7/2018	SR 25	0.39 mi S of US 421	Bridge Deck Sealing	1593078	
<b>S</b>	2/7/2018	SR 25	NB at Rock Creek, 5.64 mi N of SR 218	Bridge Deck Sealing	1600005	
<b>S</b>	2/7/2018	SR 25	SB at Rock Creek, 5.64 mi N of SR 218	Bridge Deck Sealing	1600007	
<b>S</b>	2/7/2018	SR 25	Walnut Street at SR 15 NB/SB, 4.29 mi N of SR 218	Bridge Deck Sealing	1600013	
<b>C</b>	3/7/2018	SR 22	0.144 miles E of SR 29	Small Structure Replacement	1296529	2/7/2018
<b>C</b>	3/7/2018	SR 22	0.997 mi E of SR 29	Small Structure Replacement	1400015	2/7/2018

Same, **N**ew, **C**hange, **N**ot Listed

## Bid Letting Results

1/19/2017	SR 18	US 421 to SR 75	HMA Overlay, Functional	1296646
1/19/2017	US 421	0.5 mi S of CR 200N to Hamilton St in the Town of Delphi	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	1006658

*Both projects were combined into one contract.*

*Contact was awarded to Milestone Contractors LP for \$3,289,106.84*

*The Engineer's Estimate was \$3,450,000*

*Three bids were submitted*

*Contract Completion Date: July 28, 2017*