

The
AREA PLAN COMMISSION
of Tippecanoe County

**Carroll County
Technical Transportation Committee Meeting**

Date: May 10, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

**Place: Conference Room
Carroll White REMC Building
241 N Heartland Dr
Delphi, IN 46923**

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/TippecanoeCountyGovernment>

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 08, 2022

Documents:

[CC Tech 2.08.22.pdf](#)

II. SR 75 BRIDGE DISCUSSION

Documents:

[Carroll County Indiana State Road 75 Bridge.pdf](#)

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan
- B. Traffic Counts
- C. 18-Month Letting List

Documents:

[2022 May Carroll County 18 Month.pdf](#)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting dates for 2022:

- August 09
- November 08

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**CARROLL COUNTY TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2022

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Jackie Hockaday	INDOT Project Manager
Kamron Yates	Area Plan Commission of Carroll County
Kent Schumacher	Carroll County Highway Engineer
Aaron Lyons	Delphi Street Commissioner
Tim Stroshine (proxy for David Hittle)	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tobe Leazenby	Carroll County Sheriff
Jerry Snavely, Jr.	Camden Street Commissioner
Paul Redmon	Flora Police Department
Brook McCain	Delphi Police Department
Debbie Lowe	Flora Airport
Marcia Blansett	INDOT District LPA Coordinator

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.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2021 AND NOVEMBER 09, 2021; MEETING NOTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2021

Aaron Lyons moved to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021, November 09, 2021, and August 10, 2021. Tim Stroshine seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. TRAFFIC COUNTS

Aria Staiger said she emailed everyone a map of the proposed stations. She made a couple changes after receiving emails back from people. She said she moved one or two of the stations as a result of truck routes near downtown, and she ended the count near Washington Street. All the others are on the same standard cycle of the other traffic counts which are done on a 3-year cycle. We do the same location every 3 years, so we can track changes and time over each traffic station. Each year we do 65 counts. She hasn't heard from anyone about any particular projects this year to necessitate different count locations.

Kent Schumacher said 800 S, and he asked Jackie Hockaday if she knew if SR 26 is continuing construction this year.

Jackie Hockaday responded she is not sure because that is Crawfordsville. She would have to check.

Kent Schumacher said they haven't finished that section, so they may be detouring over that. Depending on when you do the counts.

Aria Staiger said hopefully we will do the counts before the end of the fiscal year so around June.

Kent Schumacher said he could call Aria to let her know if they are going to have to change that for a detour.

Aria Staiger said okay, and she appreciates that.

Kamron Yates asked if they are doing the overlay in Rossville.

Kent Schumacher said yes, they will be doing ditch work and reconstruction of the pavement. He said they are going to be doing a bridge project on Bridge 125 sometime over the summer.

Aria Staiger asked if we aren't able to do the count on 800 S because of the closures, do you have a suggestion for another location.

Kamron Yates said Armory Road is another option.

Tim Stroshine said we are going to bring this up in our next meeting also. He suggested making a back-up list of other locations for counts in case something unexpected were to happen.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan

Tim Stroshine said he checked earlier today, and they have received 67 total responses. He said we have a good split of responses from people who live in Delphi and for people who live outside of Delphi. It was about a 55/45 split. He said he is hoping to get closer to 100 respondents, and then he would feel more comfortable in getting into the analysis phase. He suggested to continue to reach out to people in any way they can.

Kamron Yates asked if there is a deadline.

Tim Stroshine responded there is no hard deadline. He was hoping by this meeting he would've had 100 respondents to begin the analysis phase. He said by the next quarterly meeting he should be able to get some analysis.

Aria Staiger said as everyone knows COVID has messed up a lot of things. The ACS Data is not coming through. That is the last update she had. She said it is going to be experimental data which does not include Carroll County. She said the worst part is she has not seen updated 5-year estimates. She said we have the 2015 data projections up to 2019 that they have done. That is the data available to us.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine said most of the projects are on the same letting date that they have been. Coming-up for letting on the 9th, is the Bridge Replacement on SR 18 and a Bridge Deck Overlay on US 421. He said one thing they have heard from people in his district is a lot of the projects the bids are coming in over the engineer's estimate, and he imagines it will be the same for this district as well.

Jackie Hockaday said it is happening with all projects; the price of materials has gone up so much.

Tim Stroshine said there are several projects on the March letting, and they are all on SR 25 and are all bridge projects.

Jackie Hockaday said they will be doing SR 25 almost all the way to Rossville, and it is in conjunction with the widening, and she has been in contact with Joe. She said she thought this was going to get moved to June, but they can't move it because the CCPR process takes so long, so they put it on an April letting hoping it sells.

Kamron Yates asked if all 11 miles will be done at the same time.

Jackie Hockaday said it will be completed in phases/sections.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Aria Staiger stated in terms of online comments, there weren't any on Facebook or YouTube.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Kent Schumacher said the next meeting will be May 10th.

Aaron Lyons moved to adjourn. Kamron Yates seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ewen
Recording Secretary

Carroll County Indiana State Road 75 Bridge Relocation/Replacement Project

The following information pertains to a “**Concept Project**” for **SR 75 Bridge Replacement Project in Carroll County - Middle Fork, Wildcat Creek, Des. 1703010**:

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Property owners south of Cutler who own land adjacent to proposed SR 75 Bridge Replacement over Middle Fork of Wildcat Creek. Their properties would be adversely effected by a “Concept Project” that would add an eastward curve at CR 750S, where SR 75 crosses Middle Fork of Wildcat Creek, emphasis on a curve in SR 75 which is currently straight. Two new homes are currently under construction at this location ... homeowners are Mark & Vicki Lentz and Vincent & Tammy Frazier. James & Bessy Newbauer also own farm land on east side of SR 75 and have spent past few years making a weed-free alfalfa field to feed their horses ... INDOT’s “Concept Project” would raise field level in an area currently designated as a flood plain. Especially folks owning property on east side of SR 75 are opposed to this “Concept Project”.

INDOT is pursuing a “Concept Project” due to current bridge being added recently to inventory of historic bridges in the state of Indiana: **075-08-03486**

Rationale: Constructed during World War II by ISHC, eliminating the use of structural steel due to shortage during the war.

Rationale: This bridge is distinctive because it exemplifies an uncommon highway bridge type in Indiana.

This bridge is eligible under Criterion C as it represents an early or distinctive phase in bridge construction, design, or engineering and it retains the historic integrity necessary to convey its engineering significance.

This bridge is eligible under Criterion A as it has a direct and important association with a significant historic program or project at the state or local level. Further, it retains the historic integrity necessary to convey its historical significance.

As we understand, this is one of two such bridges remaining in Indiana. However, I have driven across this bridge countless times in my lifetime and never gave any thought to how the bridge was constructed ... nor did I care, so long as it was structurally sound. A far more impressive structure built without use of structural steel during WW II was the Allison Engine plant in Indianapolis ... the cement pillars used no rebar, and entire roof structure was constructed only with wood. This huge plant was still in-use by Rolls-Royce until it was finally upgraded over past few years ... but **it was not retained for its “historical significance”**.

In order for INDOT to avoid demolishing & replacing this old bridge at its current location **the “Concept Project” would instead require INDOT to:**

1. Add an eastward curve at CR 750S, where SR 75 crosses Middle Fork of Wildcat Creek ... creating a potential driving hazard where none currently exists. The existing stretch of SR 75 is straight. it would be rather ironic when recent upgrades to SR 26 east of Rossville have eliminated a curve/swag that made this a dangerous stretch of highway.
2. Encroach adversely on two new home sites, largely destroy a weed-free alfalfa field and change the flow on land currently designated as a flood plain. In addition, there is already a back flow of water that floods fields east and north of the creek that shut down CR 700 nearby during rainy season. We fear with the addition another bridge could make this worse. A complete study must be done to improve and eliminate this situation.
3. Try and justify leaving old bridge in-place by designating Middle Fork of Wildcat Creek as a recreational area ... but this portion of Wildcat Creek simply does not normally carry a sufficient amount water to be viable for recreational use. It would also leave a short stretch of old highway for people to park while viewing the historic bridge, or accessing Middle Fork of Wildcat Creek ... which would simply be inviting mischief or trash dumping. We are afraid most local folks fail to see the historic relevance of what appears to be a crumbling old cement culvert.
4. Lastly, INDOT would have to spend about twice as many taxpayer \$'s to build "Concept Project" as compared to replacing bridge at its current location.

To move "Concept Project" further toward construction in 2026, INDOT would need to schedule a public hearing during last-half of 2022. **In our view, this "Concept Project" lacks sufficient public support to be viable & INDOT should instead plan to replace the bridge at its current location.**

**Below are signatures of CITIZENS OF Carroll County, IN who oppose
RELOCATING and REROUTING State Road 75:**

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18 Month Letting List - May 5, 2022

(INDOT update: April 15, 2022)

	Letting Date	Road	Location	Type of Work	Des & Contract Number	Previous Letting Date
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	NB over US 421, 03.58 S SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000063 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	SB over US 421, 03.58 S SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000064 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	CR 200N@.-SR 25 NB/SB, 00.92 N US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000119 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	WALNUT STREET@.-SR 25 NB/SB, 04.29 N SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000122 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	CR 500 W@.-SR 25, 01.43 N SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000136 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	CR 50 W@.-SR 25 NB/SB, NS RR, 06.81 N SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000106 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	NB bridge over NSRR, 02.57 N US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000043 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	SB bridge over NSRR, 02.57 N US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000044 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	NB bridge over Rock Creek, 05.64 N SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000056 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	SB bridge over Rock Creek, 05.64 N SR 218	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	2000057 B-43056	
S	8/10/2022	SR 25	0.1 mi S CR 500 on Old 25	Small Structure Maintenance and Repair	2101102 B-43056	
S	12/7/2022	SR 75	Wildcat Creek, 4.51 S SR 18	Bridge Replacement	1601029 B-39876	
S	12/7/2022	SR 75	At Wildcat Creek, 4.51 S SR 18	Bridge Replacement	2101199 B-39876	
S	1/9/2023	SR 18	1.11 W JCT SR 29	Small Structure Pipe Lining	1703016 B-41433	
S	1/9/2023	SR 218	From 0.3 mi. W. of SR 75 to 0.	HMA Overlay Minor Structural	1800063 B-41333	
C	2/15/2023	SR 218	0.81 mi E of SR 29	Small Structure Replacement	1700037 B-40607	9/14/2022
C	2/15/2023	US 421	Over Wildcat Creek, 4.06 mi N of SR 26	Bridge Replacement	1700101 B-40607	9/14/2022
C	2/15/2023	SR 29	SR 29 over , 0.21 mi N of S JCT SR 18	Small Structure Maintenance and Repair	2001044 B-40607	9/14/2022
S	2/15/2023	SR 18	0.65 E SR 29 W JCT	Substructure Repair And Rehabilitation	2100887 B-43839	
C	3/15/2023	US 421	2.29 S JCT US 24/SR 39	Small Structure Maintenance and Repair	2100946 B-43840	12/7/2022
N	7/12/2023	SR 29	SR 29 from SR 218 (S JCT) to SR 218 (N JCT)	HMA Overlay Minor Structural	1900180 R-42457	

	Letting Date	Road	Location	Type of Work	Des & Contract Number	Previous Letting Date
N	8/9/2023	SR 22	Old Sr 25@.-Deer Creek, 0.67mi S of US 421	Bridge Replacement	1800104 B-42436	

Same, New, Change, Not Listed

Bid Letting Results

2/9/2022	SR 18	Over Ridenour Ditch, 2.88 mi W of SR 29	Bridge Replacement	1700078 B-40607
2/9/2022	US 421	North Street over US 421, 0.33 mi S of SR 25	Bridge Deck Overlay	1700102 B-40607

Project awarded to Milestone Contractors LP for \$5,186,374.00

Engineer's estimate: \$5,222,472.40

Two bids submitted

Estimated completion date: October 28, 2022

3/9/2022	SR 25	NB over Bridge Creek, 1.32 mi N of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901422 B-42506
3/9/2022	SR 25	SB over Bridge Creek, 1.32 mi N of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901423 B-42506
3/9/2022	SR 25	SB over Bridge Creek, 0.39 mi S of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901446 B-42506
3/9/2022	SR 25	NB over Bridge Creek, 0.39 mi S of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901447 B-42506
3/9/2022	SR 25	Over CR 300N, 2.51 mi N of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901469 B-42506
3/9/2022	SR 25	Over CR 300N, 2.51 mi N of US 421	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	1901470 B-42506

Project awarded to Ram Construction Services of Michigan for \$1,294,117.94

Engineer's estimate: \$1,699,187.93

Two bids submitted

Estimated completion date: September 16, 2022