

**CARROLL COUNTY TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

August 13, 2019

2:00 PM

CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE-COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Coutts	Carroll County Highway Engineer
Tobe Leazenby	Carroll County Sheriff
Aaron Lyons	Delphi Street Commissioner
Jackie Hockaday	INDOT District LPA Coordinator
Debbie Lowe	Flora Airport

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Snavely, Jr.	Camden Street Commissioner
Steve Mullin	Delphi Police Department
Paul Redmon	Flora Police Department
Ron Fritz	Flora Street Commissioner
Sallie Fahey	MPO Executive Director
Vacant	Area Plan Commission of Carroll County

ALSO PRESENT

Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Chyna Lynch	Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Tim Hoffa	INDOT
Denny Myers	Citizen
Dale Seward	Mayor Candidate

Chair Paul Coutts called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and began with agenda items not requiring a vote. Those items will wait for the quorum

Tim Stroshine introduced Chyna Lynch as the new Recording Secretary for Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County.

Paul Coutts asked that the approval of minutes be moved until there was a quorum.

I. TRAFFIC COUNT

A. FY 2019 Count Program Development

Tim Stroshine said the counts have now been completed. The map handout displays the different counts taken this spring. Normally, there is 65 count program for the full year. The counts were split by FY 2019; 24 counts were taken in the fall and 41 in the spring. The 2019 counts are being compared to the 2016 counts. He said the spreadsheet in the handout includes counts from 2013 as well to give a full 9-year comparison. There were some counts taken in 2019 and 2016 that were not taken in 2013. This is common for different reasons like possible road construction.

Paul Coutts asked what dates the counts were taken in the spring.

Tim Stroshine said the counts were taken in April, May, and June.

Paul Coutts said the Station 614 at 1150 W that runs from Bicycle Road to State Road 18, if that count was taken before or after State Road 18 was closed.

Aaron Lyons joined the meeting at 2:11pm.

Tim said the counts are twice as high as they were in 2016. The data was not irregular with any faults. He said as far as when it was taken exactly, he was unsure.

Paul Coutts said he was wondering if State Road 18 being closed had an impact on the increased traffic count. He said he is unsure if that would have caused the increase without knowing the date of the count.

Tim Stroshine said he would follow up with the date the count was taken.

Paul Coutts asked if there were other counts that Tim wanted to speak on.

Tim Stroshine said that he wanted to discuss Station IDs 673, 966, 1615, 1738, 1774, 2263, and 2411 counts. Station 673 located on N 625W between 100N and 200N the counts have been bouncing around; the 2019 count is much higher than 2016 but not much higher than 2013.

Debbie Lowe asked where the counters were located because that road was widened. If the counter was on the south side 675W, then that could account for the higher counts due to semis passing through.

Tim Stroshine said he was unsure where the counter was in that area. Station 966 located on W 675N just west of 625W was not counted in 2013 however, the count made a significant jump between 2016 and 2019. This could be accounted to normal growth. Station 1615 located on E 400S between 200E and 300E has bounced around with lower counts in 2016 then returning to similar counts in 2019. This could have been caused by construction. Station 1738 located on W 650 S east of 800 W had an opposite reaction; it was significantly higher in 2016 then returned to a lower count in 2019. He said he was unsure if there was a construction closure that made that area a detour to cause the counts to increase. Station 1774 located on 5th Street east of SR 22 had a similar reaction with lower counts in 2013 and 2019 with a spike in 2016. Station 2263 located on Old State Road 25, just north of Stoney Drive, was not counted in 2013 but saw a decline from 2016 to 2019. It is unclear if this is caused by people taking Hoosier Heartland more.

Paul Coutts said Station 1195 located on Water Street between Cumberland Street and Washington Street had a large increase from 2016 to 2019. He thinks it may be from the new connection on State Road 25.

Tim Stroshine said Station 2411 located on W 400N west of US 421 experienced a large jump from 2016 to 2019 after being consistent in 2013 to 2016.

Paul Coutts said the increase could have been caused by the detour from State Road 18 being shut down.

Jackie Hockaday said State Road 18 was shut down during the beginning of April.

Tim Stroshine said that may explain the change in counts. He thanked everyone for their feedback. He said if anyone has any questions later to please contact him. He said he checked all the counts for quality.

II. QUARTERLY TRACKING/PROJECT DISCUSSION

Tim Stroshine asked if there were any issues that the MPO needed to investigate in terms of quarterly tracking.

Paul Coutts said there were not any he was aware of.

Tim Stroshine said the intersection of 800W is on the agenda for later. There will hopefully be an update on this project soon.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine said the 18-month letting list is in the packet. There is not much to report other than the three new lettings. These three projects were let on July 8, 2019. The first of the new projects is on SR 22 for a small structure maintenance and repair. The other two new projects on US 421 are bridge maintenance and bridge deck patching. Also, on this list are two bids that were packaged together. These projects are on State Road 25 for bridge thin deck overlay. Laporte Construction Company was awarded the project for around \$3.65 million which came in under the engineer's estimate of a little over \$4 million. These projects are estimated for completion on November 2, 2019.

Paul Coutts said the note on the bottom of the 18-month letting list was interesting because this project was combined with nine other projects in Cass, Starke, Jasper, Fulton and Pulaski Counties. He asked if all the projects were bridge thin deck overlays.

Jackie Hockaday said the projects were not all bridge thin deck overlays just a majority. She said one was a bridge replacement with a small structure. She introduced Tim Hoffa as project manager for INDOT. She said he will start coming to these meetings and will be able to answer questions about upcoming projects.

Paul Coutts asked if Tim had anything to add about the 18-month letting list.

Tim Hoffa said on the 18-month letting list, Contract Number 41198 with the four bridge repair projects the field check was done. It was determined that the July 2020 letting date will not work. It is looking more towards a February 2021 letting date. There is some permitting, tree clearing, and environmental tasks that need done. It will still be in FY 2021, but it will be the following construction season. The bridge decks appear to need to be done right away.

Jackie Hockaday said State Road 75 at the Wildcat Creek is in its alternative phase right now because it is a historic bridge. INDOT wanted to replace the bridge however, it is going to be a rehabilitation. The letting date will no longer be July 8, 2020.

B. Hoosier Heartland/ 800 W Intersection Update

Paul Coutts said that he saw signs that say no left turn at the 800W Intersection. He asked if the middle of the intersection was being removed.

Jackie Hockaday said the middle is being closed. There will be a solid, grassy median put in.

Tobe Leazenby said the contractor has barricades up for both the north and the south. You can no longer continue going through; the U-Turn will now have to be utilized.

Paul Coutts asked what type of permanent barricade is being put in.

Jackie Hockaday said there will be concrete curb with a grassy median.

Tobe Leazenby said there will be two U-Turns on the south end and north end of where the intersection used to be. He said he asked an INDOT representative if it would still be considered a J-Turn but was told it was a U-Turn.

Paul Coutts said the J-Turns have the cross over in the middle.

Debbie Lowe asked why there was no notification of the closure of the median and the signs that were put up. She said nothing has come to the newspaper. She said she expected to be able to help people understand the closure. She said there had been barrels in place for a while. She said she goes to Lafayette quite a bit from Delphi and takes that route to keep track of what is going on. There has been no information to come to the public.

Jackie Hockaday said she will check with the communication department to see what is going on.

Debbie Lowe said the Sherriff had done that and did not get an answer back.

Jackie Hockaday asked what answers were expected.

Debbie Lowe said she expected to be able to say in the paper last week or tomorrow that the median would be closed.

Tobe Leazenby said they are looking for simple updates.

Debbie Lowe said she had been watching the barrels trying to figure out when the construction would start.

Jackie Hockaday said she was unsure if the communication department handles that type of update.

Tim Hoffa asked what representative at INDOT Tobe spoke with.

Tobe Leazenby said his name is Matt.

Tim Hoffa said Matt is only informed as much as what we give him. He said we only get our information when the contractor tells us. There is sometimes a communication break between the contractor and our construction crew.

Debbie Lowe said it is a pretty busy intersection. She said she thinks drivers are interested to know about closures. She said she saw three contractor trucks sitting next to the median for two weeks.

Jackie Hockaday said she gets construction updates.

Debbie Lowe asked if she got a status update to say that this is getting shut today.

Jackie Hockaday said no she did not. She said the last update was for foundations for the sign posts that were installed last week and that the construction crews were starting to place signs which will take most of the week. Once the signs are up, the contractor will then begin removing the crossover. The updates do not give specific dates.

Debbie Lowe asked if she could have a copy of the updates in the future.

Tobe Leazenby asked if there are multiple companies involved in the project.

Jackie Hockaday said there is a primary contractor that has subcontractors for different parts of the project.

Paul Coutts asked when the project will be finished and opened.

Jackie Hockaday said it is estimated to be done for mid-September.

Paul Coutts asked why it would take so long to finish.

Jackie Hockaday said there was a delay with the signage.

Tobe Leazenby said there is too much signage.

Jackie Hockaday said she understands that there may be too much signage.

Debbie Lowe said the people that are using the intersection will mostly already know how to get to County Road 18. For those that do not know, it is confusing.

Tope Leazenby said there was an inquiry about the larger sign that says "North 25" once the U-Turn is taken. The individual interpreted it as the signs were backwards; Dayton Road heads south to 800W. He said it is a directional sign giving two pieces of information; if the U-Turn is taken you can continue south on 800W and if the U-Turn is taken, you will be going north on State Road 25.

Tim Hoffa said typically when there are signs with two different directionals, the signs are on top of one another not side by side. He recommends that the signs be listed on top of one another not to combine the directionals. These signs are not typically side by side unless there are two specific state roads that go in two different directions.

Tobe Leazenby asked if the contractor for the signage was different from previous projects.

Jackie Hockaday said it was the normal contractor for signage.

Debbie Lowe asked if the project will be completed in September.

Jackie Hockaday said that has not been confirmed but she will follow up once the completion date is confirmed.

Tim Hoffa said mid-September is the anticipated completion date. A weather day or two is built into the anticipated date.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Coutts said on the last page of the minutes says that Delphi implemented a \$500 fine. He said he thought it was Carroll County that implemented the fine. This has been corrected.

Tobe Leazenby moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting. Aaron Lyons seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

Paul Coutts said he would like to discuss the idea of doing a traffic study on the hog facilities. He said he does not know if it is possible for him to be able to look at all the confinement facilities in the county to find the roads that need improvement. He said he is unsure if there is a pattern that can be developed or if APC can facilitate and analyze the information. He said there are over 100 confinement facilities but, he does not know where they are all located. He said he would like help from the APC to find out if there is a pattern to the locations, or if they are scattered, in order to make the roads sturdier.

Tim Stroshine said the first step of this would be to identify where these are located. He asked who a good source would be to find each location.

Dale Seward said that Carroll County APC would have this information.

Tobe Leazenby asked if this is speaking to bigger trucks coming and going from these facilities.

Paul Coutts said in his opinion, this would be like when a traffic plan is being done. Like in Tippecanoe County there are apartment projects in one area and a mall in another area; by certain engineering standards and studies it is known how much traffic is generated. There is a count of how many cars every day during certain hours are using the road. He said this same type of study can be done for confinement facilities. Based on the number of pigs, it can be determined how many semis must come down the road and on what days the most traffic occurs. He said if the committee could work on this type of project, it would be helpful.

Tobe Leazenby said some of these facilities have load in and out dates for the livestock. There are several trucks that come in on any given day.

Paul Coutts said there is a quick turn over of livestock which causes a higher need for feed. There is a considerable amount of traffic that comes in and out of the facilities.

Debbie Lowe said that does not take into consideration the manure hauled at least twice a year for each facility.

Tim Stroshine said APC staff will work on collecting that data. He said after some initial data, there should be a meeting.

Paul Coutts asked if there were any other items to discuss.

Debbie Lowe asked about State Road 18 between US 421 and Brookston. She said she received a call from a resident asking why it had not been worked on in a few weeks.

Jackie Hockaday said the full depth reclamation failed which means the road failed in certain portions due to drainage issues. INDOT is trying to make it the best possible road it can be; sometimes there are delays.

Debbie Lowe asked if the anticipated completion date is still November.

Jackie Hockaday said yes, but that may change due to the two-week delay and the full depth reclamation failure.

Debbie Lowe asked what INDOT's stance is on people using the road although it is closed.

Jackie Hockaday said people should not be using it unless they live on the road. Through traffic should not be using it because there is no guard rail up.

Tim Hoffa said with the full depth reclamation failure, the road is being compromised by having people driving on it.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Tobe Leazenby moved to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Lyons seconded.

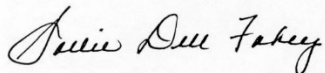
The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Chyna Lynch

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dell Fahey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Sallie Dell Fahey
Secretary