

**GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY  
TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2019**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sallie Fahey	Area Plan Commission
Jeromy Grenard	Lafayette City Engineer
Kevin Jasinski	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Terry Ruley	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department
Ed Garrison	West Lafayette City Engineer
Jim Knapp (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University Airport
Jason Philhower (proxy for Troy Harris)	West Lafayette Police Department
Jon Fricker	JTRP
Bryce Gibson (proxy for Marty Sennett)	CityBus

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carpenter	Lafayette Police Department
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Cat Schoenherr	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway Dept.
David Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Bob Foley	Lafayette Engineer's Office
Mark Harlow	Dayton Town Manager
Colin Sullivan	BF&S
Melina Patton	INDOT
Robert Hainje	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Dept.

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ed Garrison moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bryce Gibson seconded. The minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. ACCESS PERMITS - none**

**III. AMEND THE FY 2018-2021 TIP:**

**a. Program a new statewide on-call consultant review project with funding in FY 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 in the amount of \$6,720,000 Federal STP funds and \$1,680,000 State match**

Doug Poad referred to the staff report in the agenda packet. He said there is a request from INDOT to add one statewide on call consulting review project. The request is for 2020-2023. The amounts for each year are shown in the packet and staff is recommending approval to the Policy Board.

Ed Garrison moved to recommend the TIP amendment for final vote by the Policy Board. Bryce Gibson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2018-2021 TIP**

- a. Transfer \$49,000 in FY 2019 STBG PYB funds from Twyckenham Blvd. ROW to Park East Blvd. PE, 1/24/2019**
- b. Remove \$218,283 in FY 2019 STBG funds and \$12,193 in FY 2019 STBG PYB funds from Yeager Rd. and add \$40,800 STBG funds to North River Rd. at River Bend to cover a change order and the balance of \$177,483 STBG and \$12,193 STBG PYB to Klondike Rd. for construction, 1/25/2019.**

Sallie Fahey said there were two modifications this month. The first, on January 24<sup>th</sup>, moved \$49,000 in STBG PYB funds from the ROW phase of Twyckenham Blvd. to the PE phase of the Park East Blvd. project. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of January we reallocated a little over \$218,000 in STBG funds and a little over \$12,000 in STBG PYB funds from Yeager Rd. A portion went for a change order on the North River Rd. at River Bend project, and the balance, which was a little over \$177,000 in STBG and \$12,000 in STBG PYB, went to the construction phase of Klondike Rd, as it is not yet at an 80%/20% split. Like most projects, the County is paying more than 20%.

**V. 2020-2024 TIP**

Doug Poad said that the draft document is complete and available on the website. He has a paper copy available if anyone would like to look at it. Doug said we met INDOT's deadline of having the TIP submitted by Friday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and now we are waiting for their comments, which should come within a month. In a couple weeks we will hold the public hearing for the new TIP, and that will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of next month. As we receive public comments, we will be adding them to the back of the document and any necessary changes can be made. We anticipate bringing the final document back to the Technical Transportation Committee to ask for a recommendation for approval in April and then will take it to the Policy Board in May for its adoption. All the recommendations and allocations of federal funds are in the TIP, along with information on the Red Flag Investigations, ADA, Title VI, Environmental Justice and Performance Measures.

Stu Kline moved to approve the draft project list be included in the draft TIP for INDOT review. Jeromy Grenard seconded. The list was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**VI. QUARTERLY PROJECT TRACKING**

Cat Schoenherr said APC doesn't have any comments or concerns about the projects, so we will go through the list, listen to any updates, and give INDOT a chance to ask any questions they may have.

**Klondike Rd.**

Stu Kline said construction is moving forward.

**Lindberg Rd.**

Cat Schoenherr pointed out that there was an error with 75% completion being marked in red, and that is not a concern for the APC.

Sallie Fahey pointed out the ROW funds shown in red under the 5-year plan heading do not match what was shown in the report for ROW.

Cat Schoenherr said that she did not have a chance to check the newest 5-year plan that was just completed and that may be old information from last quarter. She will double check on that figure and follow up.

**N. River Rd. at River Bend**

Cat Schoenherr said there is one change to the project this quarter and that is that the construction estimate went down.

Stu Kline said that the project was let, and that figure is what the final bid amount was. There is more money being moved into the project now to cover change orders.

Sallie Fahey pointed out that the date of the quarterly report needs to be updated to 2019.

**Concord Rd.**

Stu Kline said that ROW is clear, and the letting is coming up.

**River Rd. At 500 N.**

Stu Kline said that they are actively acquiring parcels and they have agreed with the water company that they are going to include the water line relocation as part of the project.

Cat Schoenherr asked if FY 2020 is still an accurate letting estimate.

Sallie Fahey said that will depend on whether we get HSIP money from other MPOs.

Stu Kline said that the letting year should actually be FY 2021.

**Morehouse Rd.**

Stu Kline said they are acquiring ROW and waiting for funding to be available for construction.

**Yeager Rd.**

Stu Kline said that like Morehouse Rd. there is ROW money but no funding for construction yet.

**McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety**

Stu Kline said that they are amending the project to extend the sidewalk to the church with the additional funds that were available.

Sallie Fahey asked if that would get the sidewalk past the mobile home park.

Stu Kline said no, they cannot extend it that far.

### **Twyckenham Blvd.**

Jeromy Grenard said that they are currently acquiring ROW and looking at the pedestrian crossing on 9<sup>th</sup> St. to see how it can be modified to not require railroad coordination.

### **Twyckenham Trail**

Cat Schoenherr said that this project looks like it should be complete.

Jeromy Grenard agreed that it is done.

### **Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program**

Cat Schoenherr said that this project is still moving forward.

Jeromy Grenard agreed and added that there is a meeting scheduled at Carnahan Hall on Saturday with the goal of pulling together all the different cycling groups and coordinating activities for the upcoming year to make sure there are no duplicate efforts or any missing pieces.

### **Park East Blvd.**

Jeromy Grenard said they received FMIS approval for PE and gave notice to proceed to the consultant.

### **Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail**

Ed Garrison said they had a successful letting in February and they are working to get INDOT funds for construction and set up the pre-construction meeting. The bid was favorable, so we'll have to talk about what to do with the extra money.

### **Cherry Lane Extension**

Ed Garrison said that this project also saw a favorable February letting and they are also working on getting INDOT matching funds so that project can move forward.

### **Soldiers Home Rd.**

Ed Garrison spoke recently with a concerned resident and let them know it would be a couple years still before they can begin working on the project design.

### **Sagamore Parkway Trail**

Ed Garrison said this project was just programmed for construction in the new TIP in FY 2023. The schedule will be updated for the next quarterly report. A portion of the scope may come out of this project and be added to the submittal for the Next Level Trails application to be submitted. This would allow some work to begin earlier than 2023 and would provide a trailhead on River Rd. This would reduce the total funding required for the Sagamore Parkway Trail project and free up funds for other projects.

### **County Bridge Inspections**

Stu Kline said that Phase 1 is complete, and 83 bridges are going to be submitted for the off-year cycle. That means that next year there will be 83 of 215 bridges that will not need to be inspected.

## **VII. APC PROGRESS Report**

### **a. MPO Update**

### **Newman Rd. Reclassification**

Tim Stroshine referred to the handouts and said that Newman Rd. needed to be reclassified due to development happening in the Purdue Aerospace District and a need to redo a railroad bridge. In order to receive federal funds for the project, the road must be classified as a minor collector or higher. Currently, Newman Rd.'s classification is a local road. We have gone through the process of securing the information INDOT needs for us to apply for a reclassification and have submitted all the information, including a signed resolution from the Policy Board. At this point, we are waiting to hear back from INDOT on whether they need any additional information or can approve the request.

Ed Garrison asked who the reclassification request was submitted to.

Tim Stroshine said it was submitted to Erik Larson.

Ed Garrison said there are several interested parties and asked Tim to please keep him in the loop of any new information.

Sallie Fahey said that she keeps hearing from Rich Michal at PRF and she has been keeping him updated. She also received a phone call from Kathy Eaton McKallip earlier in the day and Kathy was not aware the reclassification request had been submitted, so Sallie updated her. Kathy will contact Rich and the Mayor to discuss the MOUs that will be necessary as this is to be a federal exchange project where there is state money exchanged for federal money. It's expected to be a \$10 million project.

Ed Garrison said that he believes \$10 million is the federal amount and there will be a \$2.5 million match.

Sallie Fahey said she assumes that PRF will be providing the match.

Ed Garrison said that is accurate.

Doug Poad said that we will have to amend the TIP to show this project at the appropriate time.

### **US Bike Route Proposal**

Doug Poad said that like Interstates, there is also a national network of bicycle routes. It was started by AASHTO in 1978 and the first two routes were established in 1982. Not much happened for some time, then in 2009, AASHTO put together a task force and identified a national corridor plan. The map shows the most up to date version. Since developing the national corridor plan, 26 states now have bike routes in place. There are a little over 13,000 miles available to travel. In 2015, Indiana made official 3 routes, Route 36 along Lake Michigan, Route 35 which goes from Michigan to Kentucky and Route 50 which follows US 40, the Old National Road, which travels Central Indiana from east to west.

Back in 2017 when the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted, APC included US Bike Route Spurs. One connected Route 35 from Logansport to Lafayette and back to Indianapolis. Another went north to connect with the Northern Tier Trail. At a meeting with INDOT last December, they became interested in our bike/ped information. After the INDOT meeting, a representative from Adventure Cycling contacted the APC. Adventure Cycling is the group that has been charged by AASHTO to oversee the work on establishing the National Bike Routes. The representative who contacted APC proposed extending Route 37 that travels along the west side of Lake Michigan from the Upper Peninsula, through Wisconsin and into Illinois down to Indianapolis via Lafayette along the APCs proposed "spur." The discussion also included the other proposed spur going east through Delphi, which could become Route 137. Following that discussion, Richard Vonnegut, the co-chair of Hoosier Rails to Trails Council met with staff to offer assistance from the Council to help get the routes designated and approved. Last week, we brought these ideas to the Policy Board and asked for its endorsement to start working on the project. They endorsed the work, so staff will move forward to establish these routes. The bike routes that currently exist in Indiana do not have signage as there is no funding for signage. If signs are desired,

there are standard signs that can be placed on the routes; however, it is up to the municipalities to install and maintain the signs. Generally, the routes use county roads, but they can also use state roads and trails. Once the route is established, all jurisdictions through which the route travels will have to give their approval.

Ed Garrison asked if the standard signs are available to see on AASHTO's website.

Doug Poad said they are and that they can be green or black.

### **Multimodal Traffic Counts**

Tim Stroshine said that for the past couple years we have had a partnership with Bicycle Lafayette which we will continue this year. We will have some of their members take bicycle counts for APC to add to our data. He recently met with the group to begin discussing what data items to focus on this year. Also, Dr. Fricker has been working with Tim to plan for his students to collect data on e-scooters.

Jon Fricker said that once the weather is nicer they will move forward on that effort.

Ed Garrison said that West Lafayette is getting ready to have the second reading of its new ordinance related to e-scooters in March, then there will be 30 days between enactment and enforcement. It will ban scooters without proper permitting through the City.

Jon Fricker asked if that meant the scooters will be gone until April.

Ed Garrison said the scooters could be back in March, but the enforcement under the new ordinance will begin in April. Until April, enforcement would continue as it has been prior to the ordinance.

Tim Stroshine said that since e-scooters are here, we need data on usage, even though usage may change from before and after the ordinance.

### **Monthly Funding Report**

Doug Poad referred to the report in the packet and said the obligation at the top shows that in the last month or so there have been two projects let for construction and several FMIS requests have been submitted. Next month will see even more movement in regard to funds obligated. Doug said he added color codes to easily identify funds that have not been obligated because now is the time to plan where they will be spent so they are not lost. For the Cherry Lane Extension, the funds are available and INDOT is waiting for the local match to be submitted. The yellow highlights show the excess funds from Cherry Lane and Happy Hollow that we need to start thinking about how to allocate. For River Road at River Bend, the funding shown was for a change order. For Concord Rd. the \$55,000 amendment was done and it's going through the process of getting to a FMIS request. Looking at the specific numbers, we do have quite a bit of funding remaining to obligate from the leftover funds on Cherry Lane and Happy Hollow, despite allocating funds to Klondike Rd. Due to residual STBG funds and TA funds we have almost \$1.6 million. Doug said he has received confirmation from INDOT Central Office that we can use these funds to bring Klondike and North River Road at River Bend up to 80/20 funding, but we need to act on that now. We need to do a TIP amendment and submit it to Central Office. For Park East PE, which was not funded at 80/20, we can bring that funding up as well with a modification. We will process FMIS soon for Concord and 430S. But we will still have \$1.2 million that will need to be allocated to projects. Doug said Stu Kline has been looking at additional funding for needs for the McCutcheon Rd. Safety Project. He asked whether there may be additional funding needs for ROW for River Rd. at 500 N or Twyckenham, or additional PE funding for Sagamore Pkwy Trail. Another option used by MPOs is to flex funding to transit if there are no other projects that can use it. They can use the funds for van, bus or engine replacement. We will continue to look at this and will have monthly updates from here on.

## **End of FAST ACT and New Funding Allocations for TIP**

Sallie Fahey said that MPO directors received an email Monday notifying of the new FY 2020 funding estimates which will have to be adjusted in the TIP. We will probably hear a comment back from INDOT that we need to make that change since this came after the TIP was submitted. The STBG fund allocation increases from \$3,931,000 to \$4,115,000, TA goes from \$214,412 to \$218,565, and HSIP, which also includes penalty funds since they have to be used on safety projects, increases from \$727,117 to roughly \$754,000. That gives us slightly more funding as we program the new TIP. We still do not yet have the final FY 19 figures so those may go up or down. The FAST Act also calls for a rescission of \$7.5 billion on July 1, 2020. This always happens at the end of an Act, so FHWA will be looking at balances on September 30 of this year to determine impacts on states and what Fiscal Year 2020 apportionments will be needed. It's too early to tell how we will be impacted and no estimate of this was included in the FY 2020 numbers just provided. The FAST Act expires at the end of FY 2020, so unless congress has a new Transportation Bill we will likely have a continuing resolution at the same dollar amount.

### **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS INDOT 18-month Letting List**

Doug Poad said the Cherry Lane and Happy Hollow projects received favorable bids. Cherry Lane was estimated at \$2.8 million and the low bid from Reith Riley was \$2.14 million. For Happy Hollow Neighborhood Trail the engineers estimate was \$900,000 and the low bid from Milestone was \$689,000. Looking ahead to March there are several projects scheduled to let including Concord at 430S and a few INDOT projects, including one on Veterans Memorial for concrete patching. For April's letting, we have Teal Rd, then not much for the rest of this fiscal year.

Ed Garrison asked if we had received any information about other MPOs willing to trade HSIP funds.

Sallie Fahey said we have not, but she will bring it up again at next week's directors meeting.

Kevin Jacinski asked if Kathy Eaton McCallip assists in facilitating the conversations with other MPOs or is there someone else he can reach out to for assistance with the issue.

Sallie Fahey said it's mainly a conversation between other MPO Directors. She has tried via email and will now try again in person at the next meeting.

Kevin Jacinski asked if there is anything else INDOT could do to help.

Sallie Fahey said if there aren't any MPOs who can swap, there are only two other options. One would be to drop out projects in FY 2021 since we aren't required to stick to yearly fund apportionments by category, and use both STBG and HSIP for the project, but then we'd have to figure out what money to substitute in FY 20 and FY 22.

Stu Kline asked what split would apply if the funds were mixed, 80/20 or 90/10.

Sallie Fahey said she'd have to find out that answer. The other option would be if Kathy gave the project state funds in FY 2021 and we repay them to her program in FY 2020 and FY 2022. When we started the process, we spoke with her first and she suggested to try working with other MPOs. The funds would have to come from Group III or IV since that is what she manages, so it depends on how her funds are currently allocated. There is still a chance that we can work with other MPOs as they might not have been far enough along in planning their programs to know if they could make the trade or not.

Stu Kline said there is always the possibility that in FY 2021 there may be MPOs who realize they cannot spend all their HSIP and will trade it to us at that point.

Sallie Fahey said that option would require us to spend our FY 2020 allocation and we currently don't have a project to spend it on. We cannot bank that funding to use in FY 2021.

#### **IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bob Foley said that he is the current proxy vote for the City of Lafayette, but this will be his last meeting, so he needs to relinquish that vote. He introduced Dave Griffie who is the new Assistant Director of Public Works and will be the new proxy voter. He has been with the City for several years and is a licensed PE.

Jon Fricker said that the next Technical Transportation Committee meeting will be March 20, 2019.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Jon Fricker adjourned the meeting at 2:55.

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

Sallie Dell Fahey  
Secretary