

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

**MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2023**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Phillip S. Dunston	Joint Transportation Research Program
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Ben Anderson	City of West Lafayette
Mike Eubank	INDOT
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Marcus Smith	Purdue University Airport
Bryan Smith	GLPTC

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department
David VanVactor	West Lafayette Police Department
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Colin Sullivan	BF&S
David Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission

Phillip Dunston called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting. Ben Anderson seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT Permits

Mike Eubank referred to the report in the meeting packet and reviewed three commercial driveway permits. The first, Gothra Family Companies, is a permit on SR 38, west of Creasy Lane, and is an empty lot on the south side. The latest update is revised plans were received by INDOT on April 12, 2023 and the revisions should be reviewed within the next week. The second permit is a major commercial permit for Mann Brothers Holding, LLC at US 52 and SR 28. Comments from INDOT were sent out on November 15, 2022 and the designer is still working on the revisions. The third permit is for a major road approach at US 52 and CR 450 S. INDOT received revised plans on April 3, 2023. INDOT is reviewing the plans and will get comments back to the consultant.

III. ADOPT THE 2024-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Doug Poad said this is an exciting time, as the process of drafting the FY 2024-2028 TIP is nearing completion. A draft copy is available on the APC website for review. A brief history of the process was reviewed. In October 2022 the call for projects went out and in early December 2022, the list of local and INDOT projects was compiled. In January 2023 this committee discussed funding allocations and allocated the federal funds for the five fiscal years. Following that meeting, the draft document was created and posted to the APC website. The draft was also shared with INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration for their review. In early March, a public hearing was held. Staff continue to review and make small changes to the comments from Federal Highway and INDOT. Federal Highway wanted to

see additional information regarding the new federal funds, PROTECT and Carbon Reduction, and how projects applied to those two specific funding sources. Staff provided a detailed explanation of the funding and how the projects address the goals and objectives of those funds. A phone call is scheduled with INDOT to get the comments worked out by the end of the week. There is one section of the TIP that highlights projects that this community believes are important for INDOT to consider. The wording that was used in this section was not favored by INDOT and therefore, instead of calling them projects, the wording has been revised to read as an *unmet need*. Public participation will begin the first of May and will involve posting notices throughout the community, in English and Spanish. Notices will be sent on social media and mailed to various individuals, groups, homeowner associations and organizations. Over one-hundred letters are mailed. Staff hopes to present the draft document to the Policy Board at the May 18th meeting, after this body recommends approval to do so.

Bryan Smith moved to recommend approval to the MPO Policy Board Committee for the adoption of the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. Teal Road Update

Tim Stroshine said that staff have been communicating with INDOT to get updates out to the community regarding the Teal Road project. One comment that came up during a previous meeting was regarding work taking place during the scheduled week of the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair. Jessica Miller, project manager for INDOT, provided an email response that said contractors will not be working at the 9th Street or 18th Street intersections during the week of the fair. They will phase their work so that those intersections with Teal Road are open during that time.

ii. Permanent Traffic Count Stations

Doug Poad began with an update to US Bike Route 37 that connects Chicago to Indianapolis. INDOT has submitted the application to AASHTO. INDOT needs to hold a public information session to go through their process and then afterwards, have the commissioner sign off on it. It is then up to AASHTO for review. The process is moving closer to the finish line and staff wanted to bring attention to the progress.

Doug Poad continued by explaining that INDOT provides two traffic count locations in Tippecanoe County and one on I-65 in White County. Counts are available from 2018 – 2023, however, the graphs presented at this meeting only show data for 2021 through April of 2023. The graphs help illustrate weather events, holidays, and crash events with dips or spikes in the counts. It appears that traffic is at or even a bit higher than pre-pandemic on I-65. Classification counts are also tracked, which count 18-wheelers versus cars and trucks. At the next meeting, staff hopes to present a table showing the counts for each type of vehicle and how those counts have occurred over the years. The graph for US 231 illustrates an increasing amount of traffic when compared to the 2021 counts. The counts for Sagamore Parkway, west of Paramount Drive, also shows snow events and holidays with peaks and dips. At the end of 2022, this counter stopped working but has been fixed and has tracked counts from early 2023. The green line (2023) shows some days peaking at more than 25,000 vehicles a day. In early April there was a count that registered over 27,000 vehicles. Counts on this part of Sagamore Parkway are increasing.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad presented the current 18-month letting list. Project 1 is the Yeager Road reconstruction. The engineer's estimate for the project was a bit over \$9.6 million. Two bids were submitted, and the project was awarded to Atlas Excavating for \$8,725,390 with an anticipated contract completion date of May 30, 2024. The amount of federal funds we have for the project is \$5.63 million, so this will not be funded at the typical 80/20 split. Two projects on US 52 were on an April 12 bid letting, but both projects were over the engineer's estimate. There are three projects scheduled for May, one being traffic signal modernization that was moved up from a July letting date. The project at the Indiana Veterans Home is no longer shown on the list and has been moved to a future year. Morehouse Road Phase 1, project 14, is showing for a November 2023 letting. Project 15, concrete pavement restoration on I-65 at the SR 38

interchange, is now showing for a November letting instead of the previously listed July 2023 letting. Bridge 527 has moved from a December 2023 letting to fiscal year 2025. Four new projects are now showing, one of which is a new traffic signal installation at SR 26 and McCarty Lane. Truss reconstruction and repair on SR 225 and two projects on US 52 are also showing for a July 2024 letting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be May 17, 2023.

Bryan Smith moved to adjourn. Mike Eubank seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hittle". The signature is stylized with a horizontal line under the first name and a vertical line under the last name.

David L. Hittle
Executive Director