

**MPO POLICY BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**March 10, 2022**  
**2:00 pm**  
**Virtual/ Tippecanoe County Office**

*The meeting was held virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at <https://www.facebook.com/TippecanoeCountyIndiana> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJleeA9ZQo9E11GdZTdjurQ/featured>*

**Members Present**

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette Council
Travis Kohl (proxy for Shane Spears)	INDOT
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	City of Lafayette
David Byers	President, County Commissioners
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Kevin Underwood	President, County Council

**Absent Voting Members**

Perry Brown	President, Lafayette City Council
Gary Henriott	President, Lafayette Board of Works
Shane Spears	INDOT

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Michael Thompson	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Jennifer Ewen	APC
David Hittle	APC
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Dave Griffee	Lafayette City Engineer
Randy Anderson	Interim CityBus Manager
Jeff Kuhn	Interim Project Engineer City of West Lafayette
Tracy Brown	Tippecanoe County Commissioners

Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, and he conducted a roll call of the members present.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022 meeting. David Byers seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**II. RESOLUTION T-22-03: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Doug Poad said this is a project regarding bridge inspections. The County is required to inspect bridges on a fiscal basis, and the current inspection program we are in the last fiscal year. This is the new program, and it is for 2023, 2024, and 2025. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this last

month and recommended adoption, and the APC staff is also recommending adoption. He offered to answer any questions.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote to approve Resolution T-22-03.

**Yes-Votes**

John Dennis  
Larry Leverenz  
David Byers  
Peter Bunder  
Cindy Murray  
Kevin Underwood  
Travis Kohl  
Ben Murray

**No-Votes**

(None)

Tony Roswarski noted Resolution T-22-03 has been approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**III. RESOLUTION T-22-04: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TIP**

Doug Poad said this is an outcome of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that was passed last year. We will be receiving an estimated \$1,020,799 in additional federal funds to not only allocate to road projects this year but also for 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. At this time, we are only going to address the allocation of these funds for fiscal year 2022. We will probably look at the 2023 allocation in June and July and handle the other years when we develop the next TIP starting later this year. This process is following the same one that we used when we received the additional funding from COVID. Most of the federal funds for this year have been obligated; we have two projects left, and both of those projects need an additional amount of federal funds. In presenting the 2022 projects table to the Technical Transportation Committee, we did show how much additional funds each project would need, and we also went through and shown the performance measures, so we could get an idea based on those performance measures which projects should receive the funding first and so forth. Based on the shortfalls, there are two projects; the Sagamore Parkway Trail is going to construction, and it is on the April bid letting. The shortfall is \$640,311 in federal funds, and this is for construction and construction engineering. With these additional funds, it will fund construction engineering and construction at 80% of the estimate. Likewise, for the Morehouse Road Project, the project is now in the Right-of-Way Phase, and we have already obligated the federal money that is programmed in the TIP, but additional funds are needed, and the additional amount to that is \$262,675, and that comes up a pinch over \$900,000, so we have a balance of \$117,813. For this amount, there are a couple things we could do. Since we received this information so late in the fiscal year, we could just let it sit and address it later on. We have until the end of September to obligate the funds, or to be prepared as we know with project bid lettings in the past, projects are coming in a lot higher than what the engineers estimated, so what we are doing is also asking for a pre-authorization, so if the bids did come in higher for the Sagamore Parkway Trail, we could use up to that balance towards construction. We hope to use these funds later on, but just in case these bids do come in higher, we could go ahead and do a TIP modification and move these funds over to the project. We are asking for your pre-authorization. The Technical Transportation Committee did review this, and we went through all of the information. They did recommend the allocation of the funding to the two projects, and then as a backup plan in case the Sagamore Parkway Trail does need the additional funds, we can simply move that over. APC staff is asking for your approval of this amendment. He offered to answer any questions.

Tony Roswarski asked for any questions. There were none. He said the construction of the Sagamore Parkway Trail is a big project, and it is something we have all wanted to get finished for quite some time to build a linkage between the communities, and the Morehouse Road Project is an important project to people also, and this seems appropriate to him.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote to approve Resolution T-22-04.

**Yes-Votes**

John Dennis  
Larry Leverenz  
David Byers  
Peter Bunder  
Cindy Murray  
Kevin Underwood  
Travis Kohl  
Ben Murray

**No-Votes**

(None)

Tony Roswarski noted Resolution T-22-04 has been approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION FOR THE FY 2022-2026 TIP**

Doug Poad said this is following a previous protocol in terms of what we have presented to this Board regarding TIP modifications. There is no action needed, but we wanted to make sure you were aware of this action. Regarding this modification, we had \$200 in residual funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA). The remaining balance was going to the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Sagamore Parkway Trail, so we moved the \$200 from the PE Phase to the Construction Phase to help make sure that is fully funded or at least the 80/20 percent. He just wanted to make sure that you were aware of that modification. He offered to answer any questions.

**V. APC PROGRESS REPORT  
MPO Update**

**MTP Update**

Tim Stroshine said this is something we are trying to keep you updated on in terms of what our progress is as we are approaching the June deadline for adopting the 2050 MTP. One big thing that is going on right now is we are trying to sort out the project lists in the TIP. They have been having some challenges trying to figure out what we are going to do about INDOT projects. He said they have been in constant communication with INDOT staff, and they are expecting to receive something from them this week. They are also working on some of the technical sections of the MTP. They have finished the Transit Section; the draft of that has been completed, and it is in the plan. They are almost finished with Environmental Resilience and Sustainability Section. They are anticipating a draft for that to be completed by next week, so that should be reviewed quickly after that and be able to be incorporated into the plan. They are also working on a Safety Section. Not only are they looking at crashes just on the road but all types of crashes, and that is moving along pretty well. They are anticipating that to be completed soon and be able to get that in the report as well. He said they are also looking at how they can get some public meetings setup. They have been trying to gather public feedback primarily through surveys throughout this process which has been pretty good, but they do want to have the opportunity to host a public Q&A session, so that people can come and get some of their questions answered. They are looking at holding some public meetings near the end of April. Currently they are trying to secure sites for those; they have at least two in the works right now that he thinks looks promising. They are trying to make sure to get some different sites in different parts of the community and perhaps at different times of the day just to make sure that a lot of different people get the opportunity to come and ask us questions. He said things are progressing well, and he offered to answer any questions.

## **Teal Road Update**

Doug Poad said earlier this week he reached out to the INDOT Project Manager and asked about the current status, and construction will begin next month. Rieth Riley will begin construction at the western portion of the project's limits, basically the storm sewer installation from Old Romney Road to 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Tony Roswarski said he thought the first year they were going to be working on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection; is that part of this year also.

Doug Poad said the information he has is that they are going to be working on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and doing a partial closure with that, and next year they are going to be working on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and then the 4<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Tony Roswarski said if they are going to be starting that in 30 days, we need to start having some public meetings within the city to start letting people know this is coming. He said we stressed the last time that we wanted a lot of communication to get this information out, so we are going to need to jump on that if they are going to start construction. He asked Doug if the storm sewer installation will impede traffic or will they reroute traffic.

Doug Poad said that information was not included, but he could ask and try to find out. He said the work on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street intersections will occur during the summer months to miss the schools.

Tony Roswarski said his team will start and try to work with INDOT to make sure the meeting information is getting out in a timely manner and people have an idea of what is going on.

Doug Poad said he could reach out to her and ask for some additional information, so it could get pushed out by different means, so the public is aware of what is coming.

Cindy Murray asked if their website is up and going to tell people what the closures are and where they are going to be.

Dave Griffee said they have been told that they are going to work on getting the website up to date. Regarding the storm sewer installation, he thinks it is going to be deep enough where they are going to have to do a closure.

Tony Roswaraski asked if it will be the whole road or just one lane.

Dave Griffee said they spoke to the engineer this morning and it sounds like it is deep enough where it would have to be a full closure.

Tony Roswarski asked Dave if he could get with Lisa and sometime next week to sit down and go over anything he may know. He asked for any other questions. There were none.

## **Federal Funding Obligation**

Doug Poad said at the top of the page is the information from INDOT, and there has been no change, but a lot of little pieces have been moved. The funding transfer from Safety Funds to STBG Funds, the request was approved and that did happen. Moving the \$200 that we spoke about earlier, that did happen. Basically, we had two pieces left at the Morehouse Road Right-of-Way where we did a FMIS request to obligate those funds, and the last project that is left is the construction of the Sagamore Parkway Trail, and the new additional funds have been added to the report on the far right to keep track of those as well.

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

Doug Poad said this list is appearing shorter because of the I65 Projects being let for construction. There were three projects on the February 9<sup>th</sup> bid letting, one contract on SR 38 had three projects. The information specific for each one is shown, and all the projects were awarded. The Bridge Maintenance Project was awarded to Rieth Riley, and Rieth Riley was awarded the projects on SR 38, and the District Wide Project was awarded to Surface Preparation Technologies LLC. There are a few projects on the March 9<sup>th</sup> bid letting. A small structure replacement on SR 26, and one bid was submitted from Milestone, and the bid that they submitted was under the engineer's estimate. Scour protection on SR 25 there were five bids. The engineer's estimate was about \$385,000, and the low bid was from Five Star Company for roughly \$10,000 less. Project 8, Sagamore Parkway Trail is on an April letting, and it is confirmed that it is on INDOT's bid letting. Project 9 and Project 10 moved from an April bid letting to a June bid letting. The remaining projects are all on track except for the District Wide ITS Program that has been pushed out, and that is the last one on SR 26. He asked for any questions.

Tony Roswarski asked Doug about the Auxiliary Lanes, Accel & Decel, Turn Lanes on US 52.

Doug Poad said the acceleration and deceleration lanes on US 52 South. These are at various intersections where you will have turning lanes installed. Basically, improving the safety of these various intersections.

Tony Roswarski said that is a good thing. Is that something we weren't anticipating.

Doug Poad said it has been on the radar for a while. It is not going to be a reconstruction of the intersections; it is just adding the additional turn lanes.

Travis Kohl said it is uncommon to have a June letting, but to help balance the overall year they found that to be necessary with the size of their current program.

## **VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Tim Stroshine said he is going to go over some of the highlights. The NOT for the Klondike Road Project has been submitted, and this project should be closed out by next quarter. The NOT for the Lindberg Road Project is about to be submitted as well. He said he is glad to hear those are in their final stages. The North 9<sup>th</sup> Street Road Bridge Project a consultant has been selected, and the schedule will be adjusted in the next quarterly report to reflect some of that. River Road at 500 North, construction will be resuming soon once the weather allows, and that should be wrapped-up this construction season. The Environmental Report for the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project should be complete by the next quarter, and the next cycle for the County Bridge Inspection Program has started.

For Lafayette, the Twyckenham Boulevard Project is being closed out, so that won't be on any future quarterly reports. The Park East Boulevard Project has reached substantial completion, and the Concord Road Trail Lighting Project has been closed out, and it will not appear in future quarterly reports.

For West Lafayette, the Soldiers Home Road Phase 1 Project the schedule has been updated to more accurately reflect current plans and what we are looking to do with that in the TIP. This one is still a few years out, so we may see some more adjustments before it finally does get to construction.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim Stroshine said they found out earlier today that INDOT should be getting their coverage counts which are their traffic counts that they do every three years later this month, so you may see some tube counters out.

## **VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There was a one-minute pause to allow for public comments. There were none.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

John Dennis moved to adjourn. Cindy Murray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Ewen  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hittle", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Hittle  
Executive Director