

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

**MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2022**

Due to the public health emergency, the meeting was held partially virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting at:

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcus Smith (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University
Joshua Lee	City of West Lafayette
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Randy Anderson	CityBus
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Dept.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Baxmeyer	Purdue University
Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department
Scott J. Chandler	INDOT

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission
Ben Anderson	City of West Lafayette
David Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Dave Buck	BF&S
Colin Sullivan	BF&S

Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of Doctor John Fricker the longtime Chair of this committee who recently passed away.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Stroshine asked if any corrections needed to be made to the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes. There were none.

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting. Randy Anderson seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Tim Stroshine said since there is not a member from INDOT at this meeting, he will go over what INDOT sent prior to this meeting. There are a couple permit applications still in process. These are similar to what we have seen in the last couple of months. There is the Klondike Middle School permit and the fuel and convenience store permit, and we are still waiting on some revisions and approvals for those.

There are several active permits. The Newman Road Roundabout permit was completed, but it does need a final inspection. The Speedway permit no work has begun as of May 7th, and Anvil 38 the right-of-way portion is complete, but an inspection is needed. Yeager Road work has not begun with INDOT right-of-way at this time. Dominos the work is progressing, and Love's Travel Stop did get approval on July 11th.

III. AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TIP

INDOT: Update two projects, add four projects, remove one safety project

Doug Poad said we received another request to amend the TIP for several projects. Two of the projects are currently programmed in the TIP. One is on SR 38, and the other is on US 52. The SR 38 is a Scour Protection Project over the South Fork of Wildcat Creek, and they are programming federal and state funds for preliminary engineering, and then the right-of-way phase will be changed from 2022 to 2023. The US 52 project the construction year is changing from 2026 and moving up to 2023, and they are also changing the type of federal funds. They are going from STBG funds to HSIP funds. There are four new projects that are being requested to be programmed in the TIP, and they are on SR 26, SR 28, and US 52. The SR 26 project is the bridge over the South Fork of Wildcat Creek. This is a Thin Deck Overlay Project with PE in 2023, and the construction is outside of the TIP in 2027. The SR 28 project is a drainage ditch correction. This is located almost four miles east of the 25-east junction, and they are programming PE, right-of-way, and construction. The first US 52 project is a Pavement Patching Project, and it is located 0.8 miles north of SR 43; the other US 52 project is a HMA Overlay Minor Structural, and they are programming all three phases. The last project request is to eliminate a safety project on I65. This is a wind break project dealing with planting trees and shrubs. Staff internally had a significant discussion about this because it is a safety project and to eliminate a safety project, we would like to have more information on why they are doing this. The only information that was provided at this time was that the project has had some hurdles, and it has been modified multiple times, and it needs modified again. They are uncertain at this time as to the full extent of the scope of work for the new updated project and unsure when it can be programmed, so they opted to eliminate it and start fresh. We are recommending that this project not be part of this TIP amendment, but in the future, we would like the project manager from INDOT come to this body and give specific details about this, and the reason why is because this is a safety project on I65. At this time, we are asking for recommendation to the Policy Board for all of these projects except for the last project.

Randy Anderson moved to recommend approval of this TIP amendment to the Policy Board for all of these projects except for the I65 Natural Wind Break Project as outlined. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT MPO UPDATE

New Funds From the IIJA: SS4A Funds and Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Funds

Doug Poad said there are new funding categories that he will briefly go over. The first one is Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). The purpose of this is looking at improving road safety specifically reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. That is the main goal of these funds. These funds are available for two different things. One is to develop an action plan or supplement an action plan, and the second one is for implementing, and that is where you would go from projects that are programmed in the action plan to actual projects constructing them. Since this is fairly new within in the bill, there is an option that you can go through and do a self-certification and look at what documents you have in-house or what is already put together to see if those qualify for an action plan. About a month ago, we reviewed some documents. We reviewed the Bike Walk Greater Lafayette Safety Plan; we looked at the bicycle, pedestrian, and fatality crash reports, and we also looked at the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

After looking at those documents and the checklist, we discovered that these documents do qualify as action plan, so we could do a supplemental action plan and actually put together one specifically dealing with roadway fatalities and serious injuries, or we could go to directly implementation grants, and with the implementation grants those projects need to be either in the Bike Walk Greater Lafayette Safety Plan or are recommended in the comparison of the goals and objectives for safety. There is some interest in this, and we are more than willing to be the main lead. For the application itself, an MPO, cities, towns, and transit systems can apply for these funds, but if there is a desire to move forward with this, we are more than happy to be the main body to put everything together and submit it.

The next funding program is Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The primary goal is reconnecting communities harmed by transportation infrastructure. For example, construction of the interstate or construction of railroads that cut through neighborhoods or communities that were split, these funds target improvements to bring those communities together. The first thing he thought of was seeing how we could tap these funds to build a pedestrian bike crossing across Sagamore Parkway in West Lafayette, so the pedestrians and cyclists could cross Sagamore Parkway safely, but we will have to dig into the details to see if we can match that up with this program and with the census data itself.

INDOT 18-MONTH LETTING LIST

Doug Poad said there have been very few changes, and there is very little to report. Project #4, the Yeager Road Project is still on track for an October bid letting. Project #9, the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project is on a November letting. There are two new projects, and they are Project #17 and Project #20. Project #17 is a District Wide ITS Project, and it is on an April 2023 bid letting, and Project #20 is a Small Structure Replacement on SP 52, and that is on a July 2023 bid letting. Project #21 deals with institution roads at the Indiana Veterans' Home which is not programmed in the TIP currently, so we will probably see an amendment for that. Project #22 is the Morehouse Road Phase 1 Project. It is a county project, and it is on a November 2023 bid letting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Stroshine said as he as mentioned before, Doctor Fricker had served as the Chairperson of this committee for many years, and we are needing to replace him. We have been trying to approach this from a couple different avenues. One reason why we have had the representative from JTRP serve as the committee Chair is because it represents a neutral party. It is not favoring one of the jurisdictions, so we are still hopeful we can find someone from JTRP, but if that doesn't work out, we might have to look at having someone else be the Chair for this committee. He is open to any suggestions from the committee.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ben Anderson moved to adjourn. Stu Kline seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ewen
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Hittle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

David L. Hittle
Executive Director