

# MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes

August 17, 2022

2:00 PM

Virtual/ Tippecanoe County Office Building

The meeting was held virtually. Members of the public may watch the livestream of the meeting.

## **Members Present**

Tony Roswarski  
Ben Murray  
Dave Griffiee  
Perry Brown  
Larry Leverenz  
Peter Bunder  
Stu Kline  
Cindy Murray  
Tracy Brown  
Randy Anderson

## **Affiliation**

Mayor, City of Lafayette  
Chair, GLPTC  
City of Lafayette  
President, Lafayette City Council  
President, Area Plan Commission  
President, West Lafayette Council  
Tippecanoe County Highway  
City of Lafayette  
Commissioner, Tippecanoe County

## **Absent Voting Members**

John Dennis  
David Byers  
Shane Spears  
Kevin Underwood

Mayor, City of West Lafayette  
President, Tippecanoe County Commissioners  
INDOT  
President, County Council

## **Non-voting Members Present**

Tim Stroshine  
Doug Poad  
Aria Staiger  
Jennifer Ewen  
Michael J Burnett Thompson

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Mayor Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order. He also took a roll call of the members present.

## **I. Approval of Minutes**

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the July 14th, 2022, meeting, Perry Brown seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **II. Resolution T22-11 TIP Amendment**

Doug Poad explained that a request was submitted by IDOT to amend the TIP. Two of the projects are already programmed into the TIP, and this resolution would make changes to both.

The first is SR 38 and it is a scour project located at the south fork of the Wildcat Creek. Federal funds will be added to the preliminary engineering phase. The date of the right-of-way phase will be changed to FY 2022 to 2023.

The US 52 project will be changing the construction year from 2026 to 2023 and changing the type of federal funds. Right now the project is programmed with SBG funds and will be changed to HSIP safety funds, which will pay for 90 percent of the construction costs.

Four of the new projects are located on SR 26, SR 28 and two on US 52. The project on SR 26 is over the bridge over the south fork of the Wildcat Creek and is a thin deck overlay project.

The project on SR 28 is a drainage ditch correction project which is located in the western part of the county.

One of the US 52 projects is in the southern part of the county and is a pavement patching project. The other one is the western county and is a minor overlay project. The information for these projects is included in the staff report.

The seventh project that was included in the request was the elimination of a project. It is a plant and shrub windbreak project. This is located on I 65 between US 24 in Jasper County to US to CR 100 W in Tippecanoe County.

When the information was received staff requested further reasoning of why the project is to be eliminated. The staffing report indicates that there have been scoping changes and another one is needed. The request is to start over.

Internal discussion determined further review of the project was needed. Specifically, due to the project being a safety project on the interstate which is in line with the passage of the IIJA. Staff requested a meeting with the safety asset group for further details. Staff would like a project programmed while this project is eliminated.

Staff would like this to be excluded from this TIP amendment to allow for further discussion of a follow up project. Staff is concerned the project may slip through the cracks and not be programmed for years. Staff is recommending, along with the Technical Transportation Committee recommendation, to update the two projects and program the four new projects.

Travis Kohl offered comments. INDOT has eliminated the project from its program already. Project 1902678 will be entertained by the asset management programming and will not likely result in an authorization before two years based on call authorization. Our asset management strategy and funding opportunity it may not be authorized in two years; that is the earliest it is expected to be entertained.

Mayor Roswarski asked where that left the matter as the Committee is not on the same page as INDOT. He asked for confirmation of whether the writing of the resolution automatically left out the project and not amending someone else's project.

Travis Kohl added further comment that INDOT would be happy to support the amendment as provided. Also, the organization looks forward to entertaining the removal of the project from the MPO's TIP in the future prior to the review and consideration of approval of the FY 2024 - 2028 TIP.

Travis Kohl made a motion to accept the amendment as proposed by the staff. Mayor John Dennis seconded the motion.

Mayor Roswarski asked for any further discussion on the matter. Hearing none he conducted a roll call vote.

The resolution was approved.

### **III. Administrative modification of the FY 2022 - 2026 TIP dated July 2022**

Doug Poad explained recent modifications that were processed by APC staff. The first was processed on July 08, 2022, and involved two Tippecanoe County bridge projects regarding bridge #64 and bridge #65. It is straightforward as the designation numbers were programmed backward. This was incorrect. It was recognized about one month ago. The numbers were subsequently switched between the two projects and currently shows correctly.

Cindy Murray asked for clarification on where bridge #64 and bridge #65 are located.

Doug Poad explained that they are county road bridges located west of the Evonik plant on Lilly Rd.

Mayor Roswarski indicated that no vote was necessary as the matter was simply informational.

### **IV. APC Progress Report**

#### **MPO Update**

Doug Poad provided an update on making US bike route 37 official. Local agencies did approve of the routing. It was provided to INDOT where it has begun to move.

AASHTO has two calls for applications, in the fall and in the spring. The time required to get the FY 2022 - 2026 STIP approved paired with staff shortages pushed this project to the back burner. INDOT has indicated intention of conducting public outreach this fall. Due to this it appears the AASHTO application will not meet the fall deadline.

Completion of public outreach, potential modifications and updates and submittal is hoped to be completed for the spring deadline.

#### **18 Month Letting List**

Project #3 the Yeager Rd project was originally scheduled for an October 2022 letting. However, it has been pushed back to January 2023 due to right of way issues. Next month it will be further down the list. Project #12- Traffic signal modernization (county wide), has moved from an October 2022 to December 2022 letting. Bridge 527 on Old US 231 is a bridge replacement project over Wea Creek. Most projects are moving forward as expected.

### **V. Adjournment**

Mayor Roswarski stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Cindy Murray made the motion. It was seconded by Perry Brown. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J Burnett Thompson  
Area Plan Commission