

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

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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

Phillip S. Dunston	JTRP
Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette
Ben Anderson	City of West Lafayette
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
Bill Smith	INDOT
Randy Anderson	CityBus
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

David Hittle	Area Plan Commission
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission
Carla Sheets	INDOT, Crawfordsville District
Joshua Lee	City of West Lafayette
David Griffiee	City of Lafayette
Dave Buck	BF&S
Colin Sullivan	BF&S

Philip Dunston called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Philip Dunston asked if any corrections needed to be made to the July 20, 2022 meeting minutes. There were none.

Jeromy Grenard moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting. Ben Anderson seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT permits

No representative at the table, but audience member, Carla Sheets, spoke on updates for permits. Speedway permit on 52, project is delayed and now scheduled to start March 2023. Love's Truck Stop at

Schuyler and I-65 has been approved and pre-con meeting took place July 27, 2022. Klondike Middle School, permit was approved July 21, 2022 and work has started.

There were no questions from the Board.

III. AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TIP

INDOT: Update the superstructure repair and rehab on Sagamore Pkwy bridge over the Wabash, and changing ROW phase from FY 22 to FY 23 for signal project at SR 26 and 900 E.

Doug Poad stated they have another request from the Central office, due to the switch from the District Office to the Central Office in terms of requesting TIP amendments for INDOT projects. They have requested two changes, one for a new project, on US52, specifically the westbound bridge over the Wabash River. Not many years ago, they had placed a new deck over it, but found some issues with the superstructure. This project is going to address those issues. Construction is targeted for 2024. The other request is for intersection improvements at SR 26 and CR 900E. Six or seven years ago a new traffic signal was installed and now they will do additional work there. The right-a-way in the TIP is shown for fiscal year 2022, but that has not started yet so they're moving it to 2023 (current year). Staff recommends approval of this amendment to the Policy Board.

Philip Dunston asked if the US52 project was for both east and west directions.

Doug Poad clarified that it is only for the westbound bridge.

Jeremy Grenard moved to recommend approval of this TIP amendment to the Policy Board for this project as outlined. Ben Anderson seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. US Bike Route 37 Status Update

Doug Poad stated a status update on the proposed US Bike Route 37 that will run from Indianapolis to Chicago and does go through this area. It has been some time since all the local jurisdictions have approved this by letter or resolution. It now sits in INDOT's hands for their next step, which is making the formal recommendation to AASHTO. We found out yesterday that the proposed route has been submitted to the Crawfordsville and LaPorte district offices to review for safety issues and concerns. That information is to be reported back to the INDOT Central office sometime next week. They do have some issues or questions regarding four (4) of those resolutions. Specifics are unknown, but they were seeking follow-up by this coming Friday. The goal is to start public outreach regarding the route and have asked us to get the information out, but we have not yet seen any press releases or notices for this. Deadline to submit it to AASHTO is in early September, around Labor Day, however, even if they have not yet fulfilled the public information time, it can be considered by AASHTO, as their meeting is in mid-October. We will follow up in a couple of weeks to make sure it's still on track.

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

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad indicated there are a lot of projects that are indicated as staying the same with no changes, meaning they are on track. One change to point out is the Yeager Road project showing here as October letting. It has unfortunately been moved back to January due to right-a-way issues, especially going to condemnation. The McCutcheon pedestrian safety project is still on track for a November bid

letting. Project 12, a turn signal modernization throughout the district, was bumped from October to December. Project 22, Morehouse Road is on a November 15, 2023 bid letting. A new project for December is Bridge 527 on Old US 231 and is a county project.

Regarding our fiscal 2022 funding, we had a little over \$300,000 to obligate and we moved forward on that. A FMIS request for the Morehouse Road right-of-way project has been sent to the district office to be processed. When that is concluded, all fiscal year 2022 federal funds will have been officially obligated.

Paperwork has been submitted for the payback of \$300,000+ funds that were used to help pay for the Sagamore Parkway Trail Project. These funds were borrowed from the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Several FMIS requests have been processed for Stu for the Old US 231 Safety Project, or McCutcheon projects, so we are already underway in terms of obligating our 2023 federal funds.

We had a meeting to discuss new federal funding, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) and asked that proposed projects be submitted to us. We received those last Friday and reviewed those over the past couple of days. Stu submitted a trail project along a portion of the County Farm Road and 600 N. Stan from WREC sent proposed trails along North River Road, North Ninth Street and in that area. In reviewing those with our information, since we don't have the actual document that is required for the funds, we had to use what we have in hand. The one project that did meet all those qualifications, was the trail project along North Ninth Street. The question we're now thinking is, do we build the trail when we apply these funds up to the Davis Ferry Park, or do we go further for a trail connection up to the state park? We are leaning towards the full trail to the state park. We will be reaching out to discuss that project soon.

Tim Stroshine added that this program will not only be in this fiscal year, but that there will be the same funding mechanisms available in future years. We are planning to do a more formal plan that looks more in depth with documentation ready for future years for other projects that may qualify. We're going to want to leverage some of this funding if we can. Tim will be in touch with the three city engineers about this.

V. QUARTERLY REPORT

A. Quarterly Progress Report Summary

Tim Stroshine started with the County review. The Klondike Road project was a bit unusual in that they had to submit a report last minute and the project is almost closed out or right at the end. Since this has been submitted, Tim questioned progress on final closeout or purchase orders.

Stu Kline stated it should be closed out before next quarter. It's all certified and should be the last report.

Tim Stroshine moved to the Lindberg Road project. The NOT. is in process, so very close to being finished. There was a small cost increase, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Stu Kline stated it was final construction records. Locally there were some hiccups with the NOT because the permit was taken out of the records. The NOT is complete and certified now and final construction records should be going in.

Tim Stroshine questioned if this project should be closed and not seen again next quarter.

Stu Kline confirmed it should be closed.

Tim Stroshine moved to the North Ninth Street Road bridge project and noted some of the milestone dates were shuffled around. Tim questioned if we anticipate the information in this report being closer to the final schedule or if there may be more date shuffling.

Stu Kline stated he believes we have a schedule now more in line with the letting dates. We are not able to eliminate some of the items that don't apply, like right-of-way, etc.

Tim Stroshine moved to the River Road at CR 500 N project. He noted a significant cost decrease from the last quarter in construction costs, a decrease from 6.98 million down to 4.28 million. Tim questioned if this was correct or maybe an error in transcribing some of the numbers.

Stu Kline stated he believes that may be an error. He will have to look it up.

Tim Stroshine questioned when construction would be finished, and the road be re-opened.

Stu Kline stated they are still on track for a November completion; all the walls are in, and sub-grade in. His crews are in West Lafayette on the Salisbury work, but on track and should be on schedule as soon as cement is down.

Tim Stroshine moved to the Morehouse Road Phase 1 project. He noted that we would be in touch with FMIS for the right-of-way and there were a few changes in milestones and costs as the phasing for this project was worked out. Tim anticipates the numbers shift was due to the project being split into two phases.

Stu Kline stated Phase 1 plans should be here in the next week or two, so we'll see the actual split.

Tim Stroshine moved to the Morehouse Road Phase 2 project. He noted changes in milestones and costs that will be monitored as details for the project are finalized.

Stu Kline stated right-of-way and environmental is still a single package and moving along nicely.

Tim Stroshine moved to the Yeager Road project. He noted a slight cost increase. Doug noted earlier the letting has been moved to January. For the record, an email was received on August 1, 2022 from County Highway and documentation is on hand should it be needed.

Stu Kline noted no real changes, other than one parcel that ended in condemnation.

Tim Stroshine moved to the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project. A slight change in cost estimates was noted. Ready for Contract date is September and letting is in November. That's only two months, whereas usually we see a three-month gap. Tim questioned Stu if these dates would be achieved.

Stu Kline confirmed Tim was referring to the CE contract. A CE contract is in place and trying to get notice to proceed. It's one of the first ones where we submitted, and Doug did FMIS, for an early start on CE because they are covering utilities and monitoring and inspecting utility relocations. FMIS was set aside as if it would start at letting and now, we are looking for a notice to proceed.

Tim Stroshine asked if we can anticipate hitting the November letting date.

Stu Kline confirmed, and stated CE should be ahead of it. All the right-of-way is accepted.

Tim Stroshine moved to Bridge #64 project. A shuffling of schedules and costs was noted, and monitoring will continue.

Stu Kline stated this was moved back for state funding and still a work in progress.

Tim Stroshine stated Bridge #65 project is a companion to project to Bridge #64 and is in the same state.

Stu Kline confirmed same letting, single project.

Tim Stroshine moved to Bridge #527 project. Concerns noted regarding milestones for Stage 2 Design and the Environment Report; percentages on those are low, based on what's in the report as compared to looking for a December letting, but an October milestone. Tim asked Stu if he anticipates hitting all those or any hiccups.

Stu Kline stated there have been no issues yet. Early coordination and environmental should follow fast.

Tim Stroshine moved to Bridge #80 and #83. It was noted that an amendment will be needed to get Bridge #80 into the TIP, and although a new TIP is being developed, an amendment will be done to get Bridge #83 into the current TIP. Doug will be working with Stu.

Tim Stroshine moved to the last project for the county, the county bridge inspections. A FIMUS is in the works. Typically, these inspections begin in the fall, so we won't see much in terms of the reports until the next quarterly reporting cycle.

Stu Kline confirmed the FIMUS is in. Bridge inventories statewide are behind schedule. Brenda Fox is retiring, and the coordinator is moving over. We heard today at the quarterly, September and October are our compliance months, and normally there's a one month ahead of that to start paperwork. Stu is prepared to be at least a month behind schedule, so there will be a shift, but it won't affect the ongoing schedule. Next year will still be September/October.

Tim Stroshine confirmed the financial part will be in place, but we won't see much information in the quarterly report.

Tim Stroshine then moved to City of Lafayette projects. First is the Park East Boulevard extension. Jeromy Grenard had noted that he is working on finalizing the documentation and closing out the PO's.

Tim Stroshine moved to the South Ninth Street project. It was noted that this projected has been tracked in the past with questions regarding whether the Norma Jean subdivision was historically significant or not. That issue appears to have been resolved and should be able to stick to a firm schedule now. Jeromy Grenard has extensive notes if anyone would like to read them.

Jeromy Grenard stated he believes they will stay on the construction schedule that had been planned but will have to move right-of-way acquisition back.

Tim Stroshine then moved to the City of West Lafayette projects. The Soldiers Home Road Phase 1 project had internal conversations regarding changing some of the scope of this project.

Ben Anderson stated they were not planning to change any milestones but would possibly split this project into two parts to fund the project. Some roundabouts at the southern end of the project are trying to be added. Ben is aware there is information they need to provide and should have it shortly.

Tim Stroshine noted there was no completion date listed for the project. The Environmental Report was anticipated to be completed in December of 2023 and will not be impacted by the roundabout discussions.

Tim Stroshine moved to the last project, the West Lafayette Sagamore Parkway Trail. Funding challenges have been worked out through previous quarters and should be smooth from this point on.

Ben Anderson stated they are supposed to break ground after Labor Day.

Tim Stroshine paused for questions from the Committee. There were no comments.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Philip Dunston asked if anyone had other business to bring before the Committee. There were no comments.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Hittle". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David L. Hittle
Executive Director