

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

MEETING MINUTES

Aug 18, 2021

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TippecanoeCountyIndiana> or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ML2Ev6HmOY>

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott J. Chandler	INDOT
Colin Sullivan	BFS
Marcus Smith	Purdue University
Marty Sennett	CityBus
Mitch Lankford	City of West Lafayette
Jon Fricker	JTRP
Stewart (Stu) Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer
Jeromy Grenard	City of Lafayette City
Bill Smith	INDOT

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway Department
David Griffee	City of Lafayette
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Doug Poad	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission
Michael Thompson	Area Plan Commission

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order and called the roll to establish members present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the Jul 21st, 2021 meeting as submitted. Marty Sennett seconded and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

Scott Chandler reviewed access permit 136579 for the Speedway on US 52. The permit was approved and issued the previous week. There were no updates to the work being done across from the Subaru plant. The project is still in the conceptual design phase. There is no action required at this time.

III. APC Progress Report

Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Draft

Doug Poad said all meetings regarding the plan draft were held and the report has been drafted. It is available on the APC website. The format follows that of the previous two reports. The original was completed in 2008 and the first update was completed in 2015. The report includes a listing of all transportation providers which allowed for the creation of a new resource guide. The resource guide is now available as well. The demographic analysis contained within the report is more extensive than previously provided. The draft report is now undergoing the public information notification process and adoption. It will be presented to the Citizens Participation Committee on September 8, 2021. If approved, it will be presented to the MPO Policy Board on September 9, 2021.

Doug Poad asked for a recommendation to the MPO Policy Board.

Stu Kline moved to recommend the report to the MPO Policy Board for approval. Marty Sennett seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

TIP Interactive Map

Doug Poad said GIS Specialists Maureen McNamara and Daelen Ogas created the TIP interactive map. It includes local, INDOT and informational projects. It is located on the APC Transportation Improvement Program website. It is a way for individual to see where their gas tax is going.

Mitch Lankford asked if this would be part of the public GIS portal.

Doug Poad answered that it is not but could be.

Stu Kline answered that it would be a good idea if it was included. Multiple departments have included their data as part of the portal.

No action was required or requested.

INDOT FY '22 – '26 STIP AND TIP Update

Doug Poad said that a draft STIP has been submitted to Federal Highway for review. It has been reviewed and numerous comments were made. The most challenging comment is that projects listed in the MPO TIPs do not match those listed within the STIP. Meetings were held to address how to move forward. The decision was to take the draft STIP and to respond to all Federal comments and all MPOs are working with INDOT Central Office to ensure all projects are in the STIP document. Central Office estimates this should be done in six months.

The new TIP has been approved by the Governor. All new TIPs will be included in the STIP. Projects through FY '23 are good and anything further will be for informational purposes only. It is not known at this time when Tippecanoe County's TIP will be amended into the STIP.

MPO Conference Update

David Hittle said the MPO conference was held last year and hosted by the Tippecanoe County MPO virtually. It was intended to return to multi-day in-person attendance in 2021. It has been determined that the event will again occur virtually and be held on October 28, 2021. Tippecanoe MPO will host. It is currently in the planning phase.

INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said the first project is described as pavement maintenance but is instead pavement patching. Two bids were submitted for the project. There was an issue with the lower bid and the higher bid was over the engineer's estimates. Both bids were rejected. It has been placed for October 8, 2021 bid letting. September projects relate to bridge maintenance and 7-18 all relate to the I-65 widening project and are still on track for a November letting. Project 19 is a district wide bridge maintenance project. Project 24 is the Sagamore Parkway Trail which is still on track for a January bid letting. Projects 38 and 43 are new projects. Projects 39 and 40 have changed. They were originally scheduled for a July 2022 bid letting but have more to an October 2022 letting. Two local projects – Yeager Road and the McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety Project- are included near the end of the letting list.

IV. Quarterly Reports

Klondike Road

Tim Stroshine said the purchase orders have closed on the Klondike Road project.

Stu Kline stated the project should not show up in the next quarterly report and had no additional comments.

Lindberg Road

Tim Stroshine said construction has started on the Lindberg Road project.

Stu Kline stated current work is on-track regarding scheduling.

North Ninth Street Road Bridge

Tim said the project is early on in the process. Consultant selection is underway, and updates will be available next quarter.

Stu Kline stated consultant selection is in and approved and the project is in contract negotiation.

River Road at CR 500N

Tim said the project has been reported on for a while. There are no substantial changes.

Stu Kline said utilities have moved out to the location as well as the contractor. The wall has been put up so that utilities can complete their relocation this year (2021) and will be closed next year (2022). Water line materials are supposedly in and getting ready to be completed.

Morehouse Road – Sagamore to Mason Dixon

Tim Stroshine stated there have been changes to the finances. Those changes are attempts to match TIP and STIP values and to ensure the project split is documented properly.

Morehouse Road – Sagamore to CR 350 N

Stu Kline stated the second report is largely blank as it is a work in progress.

Tim Stroshine said this was listed as phase two but may be completed before the first phase. INDOT will be contacted to ensure everything is documented correctly. Things have proceeded which is good overall for the project.

Stu Kline said right of way acquisition is underway.

Yeager Road Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine said there was a small cost increase within the project which caused a small total cost increase.

Stu Kline said the north terminal was a quarter mile off from 150. It is intended to line up 150 and go through to 600N.

Tim Stroshine asked if the cost was to redo the engineering.

Stu Kline confirmed that this was correct.

McCutcheon Pedestrian Safety

Tim Stroshine asked what caused the need for an AI.

Stu Kline answered it was the utility coordination on the trail side and the west side of Old 231 along the subdivisions. Going through utility coordination required some shifting. It has not impacted the right of way.

Bridge #64

Tim Stroshine stated the project is progressing and on track to hit its milestones.

Stu Kline said both #64 and #65 will let as a pair.

Tim Stroshine said #65 had a small construction cost change.

Stu Kline answered it was due to design rather than construction. There is a difference of opinion between parties as to whether it is a design or construction cost.

Bridge #527

Tim Stroshine asked if the project was on track to hit the phase one design milestone.

Stu Kline answered affirmatively. He had followed up and received assurances before the quarterly review with INDOT. The project is on track.

County Bridge Inspections

Tim Stroshine said this project is one that would normally receive a quarterly report. However, it did not show up in the LQR system.

Stu Kline stated he would follow up on the issue. There is a new ERC for this project, so that ERC is still getting up to speed with everything. The project is in phase 2A. The last phase is expected to be complete in September. Proposals have been received and selection is underway.

Twyckenham Boulevard Reconstruction

Tim Stroshine said the project has largely been the same since it is down to the punch list. It is expected to be out of the quarterly report cycle soon.

Jeromy Genard said the remaining punch list item was completed and everything should be closed out shortly.

Park East Blvd, Extension

Tim Stroshine said Jeromy Genard previously noted there were cost adjustments. The city will pay 100% of pending change orders.

Jeromy Genard stated the project was going well and there were no additional comments to add.

Concord Road Trail Lighting

Tim Stroshine said the project listed one punch list item remaining and was expected to be out of the quarterly report cycle soon.

Jeromy Genard said the item was still remaining. The skirts for the lights are not consistent and new ones have been ordered. The new items have been delayed in arriving.

South Ninth Street

Tim Stroshine noted a cost change and asked if the cost will continue to fluctuate or remain.

Jeromy Genard replied that the CE fell out of the report. The amount difference was stated on the CE line and needs to be put back in; it has not actually changed.

Soldiers Home Road Phase 1

Tim Stroshine said this is waiting for a project schedule update. There have been project cost increases, especially in the right of way.

Tim Stroshine asked if the reasoning for these changes was known.

Mitch Lankford answered there were more parcels than expected after consulting the PE. This contributed to increased cost regarding right of way engineering and services.

Sagamore Parkway Trail

Tim said a close eye is being kept on the milestones. The concern is for federal funding within the fiscal year it is being requested. Tim Stroshine and Mitch Lankford have been coordinating. Mitch has been sharing any necessary updates with APC before he fills out quarterly reports. Doug Poad tracks the TIP funding and these updates are important for the work he does.

Mitch Lankford said that the project stage three submittal is on track. A joint use agreement with INDOT is still routing for signatures.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J Burnett Thompson
GIS Specialist – Addressing and Transportation

Reviewed By,

David L. Hittle
Executive Director