

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
September 8, 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
Tracy Brown (proxy for David Byers)	Tippecanoe County Commissioners
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Perry Brown	President, Lafayette City Council
Shane Spears	INDOT

Absent Voting Members

Gary Henriott	President, Lafayette Board of Works
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette City Council
Kevin Underwood	President, County Council

Non-Voting Members Present

Tim Stroshine	APC
Doug Poad	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
Kristina Lamb	APC
David Hittle	APC
Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Jeffrey Kuhn	Project Engineer, City of West Lafayette

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

Tracy Brown moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting. Ben Murray seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. RESOLUTION T-22-12: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Doug Poad said he has received a request from the Indiana Department of Transportation to amend the TIP for two projects, one of which is currently in the TIP. That specific project is located on State Road 26 and Country Road 900 East, involving improvements at the intersection. The change to this project is the right of way phase moving from FY 2022 to FY 2023. The second project is a new project on State Road 52/Sagamore Parkway, involving the westbound bridge over the Wabash River. A few years ago, the bridge deck was replaced, and as noted in the staff report, there was maintenance needed to the superstructure. This project is being programmed to address those maintenance issues. Preliminary engineering is scheduled for FY 2023 and construction in 2024. The specific federal funding details and costs are in the staff report. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request at its last meeting and recommended approval. Likewise, APC staff is recommending approval.

Tony Roswarski conducted a roll call vote to approve **Resolution T-22-12**.

Yes-Votes

Ben Murray
Larry Leverenz
Tracy Brown
Perry Brown
Shane Spears
Tony Roswarski

No-Votes

(None)

Resolution T-22-12 has been approved by unanimous roll call vote.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO Update

i. SS4A Grant Application Update

Doug Poad said last year a new infrastructure bill was passed by Congress and signed into law, adding new funds to the legislation. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) specifically address fatalities and incapacitating injuries on thoroughfares. We had been in discussion with the local jurisdictions and other agencies, asking them to submit a proposed project list to us. We then looked at those projects and compared them to the guidance, to our crash data in the various crash reports, the long-range transportation plan and the bike/pedestrian walk safety program. The project that checked all the boxes was a trail submitted by WREC. This would entail constructing a new trail from where North Ninth Street stops in Lafayette, around the Sagamore Parkway Bridge, and up to Davis Ferry Park. However, we had additional discussions with WREC, the County Highway Department and DNR Prophetstown State Park to continue the trail further northward and northeastward, connecting it to Prophetstown State Park. David Hittle is currently working on the grant application, submitting a project for a hard trail from where the trail currently ends on the north side of Lafayette and connecting it to the state park.

ii. INDOT's eSTIP

Doug Poad said a few months ago, the Indiana Department of Transportation had their 2022 STIP approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. In looking at trying to prevent the lengthy review and then improvements, the Indiana Department of Transportation put together an idea of a new software package where our MPO, other MPO's and INDOT will be able to share project data, whether it be local or state projects. We will be able to directly submit amendments or modifications into this program and then INDOT can do their work. It pulls out the additional workload of a lot of people and the goal is to make our TIP and the state's STIP more exact and make amendments/modifications much more seamless. There are now weekly meetings with INDOT staff and other MPO's to develop the package. Next month we kick off the development of the 2024 TIP, with the hope in another two years, this process is set-up to make it much easier to develop the TIP and for INDOT to develop their STIP.

Tony Roswarski added that it all sounds very positive.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad said project 1 and 2, both on US 231 are thin deck overlays, and are on bid letting for September. No projects are listed for October letting, but several are in November. Project 4, on US 231, is for two auxiliary passing lanes, one around 800 South and one at the very south end of the county. Project 7, the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project shows a November bid letting, but earlier this week, the project was moved to a December bid letting. The issue with that was the completion of the right of way phase. Project 12, Yeager Road, was moved from an October bid letting to January, and that still looks to be a go. Project 15, on US 52, is the construction of auxiliary lanes, whether acceleration/deceleration or turn lanes, is on a March 2023 bid letting. There are five new projects. Two are on October 2023 bid letting: State Road 28 and State Road 25. Two are on December 2023 bid

letting: State Road 38 and State Road 26. Lastly, for January 2024, is the TIP amendment, the special 52 project. Doug apologized for the list shown on screen not matching the records he was referring to.

IV. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Tim Stroshine mentioned some of the information in the packet is out of date. For example, the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project has recently been moved back to December letting.

For Tippecanoe County, both Klondike Road and Lindberg Road projects are very close to the end of their life cycles. They are ready to be closed out and shouldn't be seen on many more quarterly reports. The River Road at 500 North project is anticipating construction to be completed by November. The Morehouse Road project started as one phase and has been split into two. Both phases are on track. We are working with the County Highway Department to sort out the funding for each phase. That process takes time, but we continue to monitor. As Doug pointed out, the Yeager Road project has been moved to January. The next cycle of bridge inspections has started, but there are some delays in the reporting at the state level. There may not be a lot of information available because of these delays, so the next quarterly report may not reflect information from these inspections.

For Lafayette, the right of way phase for South Ninth Street, presented some questions whether it would qualify as a historic neighborhood, and how it might affect some of the environmental reporting. Those issues have been sorted out and the project should be on track to let in FY 2026.

For West Lafayette, we expected ground to be broken after Labor Day for the Sagamore Parkway Trail project but haven't heard an exact date for that to take place. For more specific information, contact West Lafayette Engineering.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Perry Brown moved to adjourn. Ben Murray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David Hittle
Executive Director