

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

**MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

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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
Scott Chandler (proxy for Bill Smith)	INDOT
Mike Spencer	Tippecanoe County Highway
John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department
Randy Anderson	CityBus

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department
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
Joshua Lee	City of West Lafayette
Colin Sullivan	BF&S

Philip Dunston called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Philip Dunston entertained a motion to approve the August 17, 2022 meeting minutes.

Ben Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting. Jeromy Grenard seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT Permits

Scott Chandler referred to the listing appearing on screen. A new permit has shown up for State Road 38 in Lafayette. The plans have come in and comments were made and being worked on regarding some of the access and turn lanes that have been asked for. These are not major concerns, just details that are being worked out with the permit team and design consultant.

Jeromy Grenard asked where this project was on 38.

Scott Chandler said he would ask and get an answer back to Jeromy, as he did not want to guess. Scott moved down the list with permits that have been seen. Progress has been made on the Newman Road

roundabout and has had a recent field review. All traffic items are good to go, but there are a few items that are ancillary regarding ditch and inlet and clean-up. Those will be given to the Permits Manager and we will send out details very quickly so it can be finished. Project delays are unknown for the Speedway on US 52. The Anvil 38 field inspection is to be held over the next two weeks so that we can move that on for approval. There is nothing new to report for the Yeager Road project. Dominoes is progressing nicely. The Love's truck stop has been approved on Schuyler Avenue and I-65. Klondike Middle School is progressing nicely with concrete work. Scott asked if there were any questions. There were none.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. INDOT'S eSTIP

Doug Poad began by reminding everyone that INDOT had a challenge when getting the FY 2022 STIP approved by the Federal Highway Administration. There were several issues, but one issue was related to the projects that are shown in all the MPO TIPS versus what is shown in the STIP. To address those differences, INDOT is putting together a database program to make it more efficient in terms of looking at projects, either local or state based. We will have one database with all the information in it. If we wanted to do an amendment to our TIP, we will have access to that and could put the information in, so it is correctly inputted into the STIP. They are holding weekly meetings to begin this process. We are working with INDOT Central's office and District office, and all other MPO's to develop this database and program. It is mostly being ran through INDOT's Central office.

ii. FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Timeline

Doug Poad referred to the listing shown on screen. Tomorrow we will begin to develop a new transportation improvement program for fiscal years 2024-2028. 2028 is listed for informational purposes only, so officially the TIP will be for four years. The official call for projects will go out at next month's Tech meeting, October 19th. Fillable PDF's will be sent out to complete and send back, like the 2022 TIP. This is where you begin thinking about the projects you would like to do and then update the phases, whether they be right of way or construction for existing projects. We will need funding information and what federal funds are being sought. We would like to have those PDF's back by December 9th. A list will be created, and the information will be rolled out on December 14th to the Citizens Participation Committee. The January Tech Committee meeting is where we will begin to decide which projects get funded with which funds and by how much. That meeting is important because we will financially constrain the requests and prioritize the projects. The target date to have the drafted document completed is February 24th and we plan to send it to INDOT on that day. The official public hearing period will begin with the March 8th meeting. The hope is to have this entire process done and the TIP adopted by the Policy Board on May 11th and send it off to INDOT and Federal Highway on May 12th. We are hoping to receive the funding information this Friday. We have an idea of what it might be, at least for the Federal Highway side.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad started with projects one and two on US 231. Looking at INDOT's website, these projects were combined with four other projects (bundled) and there were three bidders. The low bid was Pacific Painting at \$635,000. The Engineer's estimate was almost \$941,000. Detailed information for these will be included in next month's report. Project four is construction of auxiliary passing lanes on US 231, one around 800 South and the other just north of the county line. Project seven, the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project, has been moved to a December bid letting. This one-month change was due to finishing up right of way acquisition. December has four projects. Yeager Road is on for a January 19th bid letting. Another auxiliary acceleration and deceleration turn lane project on US 52 is on a March bid

letting. Five new projects, all related to bridges, are listed for late 2023 bid letting. There are two local projects: Morehouse Road phase one and bridge 527 on Old US 231.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Philip Dunston asked if anyone had other business to bring before the Committee.

Tim Stroshine wanted to add information that was not included in the agenda. For a while, there has been a study occurring in conjunction with INDOT called the Greater Lafayette Northern Connectivity Study. This started as an environmental linkages study, and after some review, it was determined that this study would not be an appropriate type of study to pursue for this corridor. Other types of studies were considered, including a corridor and feasibility study. INDOT determined they are not willing to commit funding to this project, in this corridor, for the next five years. Due to this, there is no practical reason for INDOT to pursue a corridor or feasibility study. However, this decision does not preclude us locally from doing our own study if we were to want to advance this project. If the intention is to extend US 231, being INDOT's route, we would want to make sure they are partners in anything we would do.

Randy Anderson voiced concern with this update. The planned developments on 231, like the Discovery Park area, what will be happening within the next five years and the semiconductor plant potentially being operational by then, it is concerning that we would not be seeing any interest in a study.

Tim Stroshine said economic development aspects were part of our thinking on the project, especially around Discovery Park, however, INDOT did not necessarily see it the same way.

Philip Dunston asked if there was any other new business.

Doug Poad made an introduction of Bryan Smith, the new CEO at City Bus. Bryan comes to us from Michigan and is looking forward to being part of the committee.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be October 19, 2022.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David L. Hittle
Executive Director