

MPO POLICY BOARD
Minutes
October 13, 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
John Dennis	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
David Byers	Tippecanoe County Commissioners
Larry Leverenz	President, Area Plan Commission
Perry Brown	President, Lafayette City Council
Peter Bunder	President, West Lafayette City Council
Cindy Murray (proxy for Gary Henriott)	Lafayette Board of Works
Ben Murray	Chair, GLPTC
Shane Spears	INDOT

Absent Voting Members

Kevin Underwood	President, County Council
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Non-Voting Members Present

Stu Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway
Josh Lee	City of West Lafayette
Bryan Walek	City Bus
Tim Stroshine	APC
Aria Staiger	APC
David Hittle	APC
Michael Thompson	APC
Kristina Lamb	APC

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

John Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting. Perry Brown seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION FOR THE FY 2022-2026 TIP

A. September 20, 2022

Tim Stroshine said this administrative modification pertains to the county bridge inspection project. These are done on an annual cycle, which has recently restarted. This information includes the new des numbers in the TIP and corrects funding amounts. These are detailed in the packet.

B. September 29, 2022

Tim Stroshine explained the modification for the West Lafayette Soldiers Home Road project. This project was split into two phases to accommodate the finances, so new des numbers were needed. There are a couple of roundabouts that needed separate des numbers. Details are included in the packet.

III. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO Update

i. Greater Lafayette Northern Connectivity Study Update

Tim Stroshine explained that this was started as a PEL study. As this study was looked at, it was determined that it might be more appropriate to do as another type of study. INDOT was approached, and after some consideration, INDOT Central office decided to put the study on hold. Tim explained that options are being evaluated in terms of how to proceed and he will stay in communication about the project as updates are available.

ii. US Bike Route 37

Tim Stroshine said this bike route runs through Tippecanoe County and several others. This has been in the works for many years and is at the very last stage. The route has approval from the counties involved, but still has a few items to be checked off by INDOT before it can be approved. INDOT wants to solicit public comment and they would like to find a cyclist to ride the route to test it and provide feedback on the routing. There was a Fall 2022 deadline that will not be met to get it approved. The plan is to discuss a Spring 2023 approval with INDOT.

Shane Spears joined the meeting.

iii. 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program development schedule

Tim Stroshine referred to the schedule included in the packet. Next Wednesday will be the project kickoff and the project programming sheets will be distributed to the jurisdictions. Those are to be returned by early December. There have been some preliminary conversations with the local government engineers, especially with West Lafayette, as they have had some staff turnover. The team is committed to helping them through the process. At various points, coordination with INDOT will take place, making sure we get their projects in our TIP, and that the TIP agrees with what the state has in their document in the STIP. Making sure both documents are clearly formatted, to show things in the same way, has been an issue in the past. Doug Poad has been working with the central office on how to show this information, so that it is clear to everyone, especially Federal Highway. We anticipate adopting the TIP by May 12, 2023.

John Dennis thanked Tim and the team for their assistance and information.

Tim Stroshine said they are happy to help and want West Lafayette to have a fair chance of submitting their projects.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine referred to the letting list on the screen. There were two projects on US 231 with letting dates in September, so those should have already let. There are a couple coming up in November. Additionally, one project was found that was not listed in the information that was received from INDOT, an I-65 concrete pavement restoration project at the SR 38 interchange. Tim asked Shane Spears if he had any information.

Shane Spears said he did not have any information, but he would look in his inbox and let the group know before the meeting ends.

Tim Stroshine continued to projects slated for December letting, including the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project that was pushed back a month to ensure all environmental information clears properly. A traffic signal modernization project is a district wide project that moved back to January. Project 17, a State Road 28 project was moved back to an April letting, from a February letting. A new project, #18, is listed as 'other type of project (miscellaneous)' by INDOT. Tim did not have details on this project.

Shane Spears explained the new project, #18, is a dynamic wireless charging site that INDOT and Purdue are working on. A study is being done to test pavement that charges electric vehicles. Shane also followed up on the I-65 concrete restoration work in question. He said there may be an error, as the letting date should have been moved from November 2022 to July 2023 due to some conflicts.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Cindy Murray asked for an update on the Teal Road progress.

Shane Spears said he would send a project update to the group.

Tony Roswarski confirmed Shane's phone number. He will call him after this meeting.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

John Dennis moved to adjourn. Cindy Murray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hittle". The signature is stylized with a horizontal line under the first name and a vertical line under the last name.

David Hittle
Executive Director