

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

**MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Phillip S. Dunston | Joint Transportation Research Program |
| 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 |
| Scott Anderson | Lafayette Police Department |
| Stu Kline | Tippecanoe County Highway |

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Jason Philhower | West Lafayette Police Department |
| John "Woody" Ricks | Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department |
| Randy Anderson | CityBus |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 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 |

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Philip Dunston entertained a motion to approve the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes.

Stu Kline moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting. Ben Anderson seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT Permits

Scott Chandler said INDOT is working with the Gothra Family Companies minor commercial permit. They are working through comments with the permit team and answering questions with the applicant to move forward with the permit. The Newman Road roundabout had comments sent back from the final inspection. Scott has not heard questions or comments from this inspection, so he assumes all is moving forward, but he will keep track to ensure it is clear in getting finalized. The Speedway at Veterans Parkway is delayed, with no new information. Anvil 38's field inspection is scheduled for October 20th. Yeager Road is progressing with no issues or concerns. Dominos in Lafayette has a field review October 20th, to see if there are items to help with or report on. The Love's truck stop is approved and will be removed from the list next month. Work continues with no issues at Klondike Middle School.

III. AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. Tippecanoe County: Program two new bridge replacement projects for Bridges #80 (on CR 700 W) and #83 (on CR 510 S) over Flint Creek

Doug Poad said the Tippecanoe County Highway Department requested an amendment to the TIP for two bridge replacement projects. They are bridges #80 and #83 with the first bridge located on CR 700 W and the second bridge located on CR 510 S. Both bridges cross Flint Creek. Doug explained that the federal funds for the projects are from INDOT and not from our annual allocation. He pointed out that specific details about the projects are in the staff report. Staff recommends approval of this amendment to the Policy Board and asked if there were any questions.

Jeromy Grenard moved to recommend approval of this TIP amendment. Adam Keyster seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. Federal Funding Changes

Doug Poad said APC received INDOT's month obligation report and added that there was no new information for project obligations. There have been changes in the federal funding programs and especially the amount of federal funds for each program. Doug Poad then explained the Carbon Reduction program and read the program purpose. Federal funding for this program increased from \$111,792 to \$886,965. He then mentioned that non-added capacity roundabouts maybe eligible for these funds.

The new program that was added is the PROTECT program. The PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost saving Transportation) program's purpose is to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate changes, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilient improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. One thought would be Soldiers Home Road project, with the Veterans Home just north of the project. If something were to happen, Soldiers Home Road would probably be an evacuation route. We now have \$165,510 in federal funds for these types of projects.

Doug Poad discussed the funding change to STBG funds. Our allocation was \$4,610,235 and that decreased to \$3,669,552. The amount of the decrease was moved to the PROTECT and Carbon Reduction programs.

Jeromy Grenard asked for clarification that these are not new funds. The funds have just been diverted into different categories.

Doug Poad said that is correct.

ii. Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP, link)

Doug Poad said the annual listing of projects has a requirement to be focused on federal funding, however, we take it a step further and include both federal and local funded projects and include projects that you see discussed and brought to the Board of Works meetings and at County Commissioner meetings. In addition to the summary, there are individual project sheets that include information about the road, where it is located, the agency, the state ID number (des number), contract number, and pedestrian or bicycle accommodations. Details are included about what transpired during the state fiscal year. Photos and timelines are presented to show the project start to end. Before and after photographs are included of each project. At the end is the completed project section, showing the projects that were

completed during the year. This allows the reader to see the estimated completion date versus the actual completion date and whether it met its target date. Requirements were to have the annual list completed by September 30, 2022. Our project listing was posted to the website on September 15, 2022.

iii. US Bike Route 37

Doug Poad said the hopes were to submit an application to AASHTO for their review and approval, but that did not happen. Unlike other routes that have been approved (Bicycle Route 35, 35A, 36 and 50), the Central office wants more information for this route approval than they have in the past. The Central office wants feedback from the district offices. The request for feedback was sent out three to four weeks ago, and the only office that has commented is the Greenfield district. They also want a cyclist to ride a portion of the route, or the entire route, to get a viewpoint from a cyclist. How they will get this information is unclear. They also want a very robust public outreach of information for this route. In other cases, a press release was issued, but this time they want it in multiple media outlets, newspapers, televisions, etc. At some point, we may have requests for letters of support from this body and from other local governments. The plan is to have a meeting with the office that handles the application to pinpoint what is needed. We will be the ones to start gathering information, and to put it out there, so we can get the application, or at least what the INDOT Central office wants to have to move forward on the application.

Scott Chandler asked Doug Poad if he had a contact in the district that he is working with.

Doug Poad said Brandon, the bike and pedestrian coordinator, under Jay Mitchell's office. Brandon told Doug several weeks ago that he had reached out to Bill and Tim and asked them for their review. Brandon did not say if they had reviewed it or if they did, what their comments were. Doug wants to ask the INDOT staff if they need to set a meeting with the district offices to discuss the route and to discuss the comments and questions, because we have a lot of information in our office already.

iv. FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Timeline and Call for Projects

Doug Poad sent out the call for projects earlier today, specifically for road projects. If there are any issues filing out the forms, please contact him. Doug sat with the City Bus staff today and discussed their projects. There will need to be a discussion for airport projects. This is a tight deadline because the Central office requests a draft TIP by mid-February, so they can review it along with FHWA. INDOT wants to develop a new STIP by July, to do that, we must have our TIPs approved in May. December 9th is the deadline for all project information to be back so the public notification process can begin.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Doug Poad stated the first two projects, on September 14, 2022 bid letting, were awarded to Pacific Painting for a little over \$600,000. The engineer's estimate was a little over \$940,000. Project completion date is October 2023. Projects 3 and 6 have a November 16th bid letting. Some in-depth investigating will be done for project 6, as it dropped off the letting list. Project 10, the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project, was moved from November to December letting. District-wide traffic signal modernization moved from December to January letting. Yeager Road is a January letting. The State Road 28 repair/replace joints was moved from February to April letting. One new project, with not much information, is not currently programmed in the TIP and will need to be added. Project 25 and 26 are two local projects: Phase 1 of Morehouse Road and Bridge 527, the replacement project.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Stroshine said at last week's Policy Board meeting, there was a request of the Crawfordsville District to provide an update on the Teal Road project. Tim read the following, as supplied by the District Deputy Commissioner:

“The goal for this construction year is to complete our current temporary traffic phasing and shift traffic over to the new pavement before winter. Utilities are in the right of way, and delaying us, east of Fourth Street. There are multiple utility conflicts at 22nd Street and 26th Street that should be resolved next year. The contractor will add temporary pavement to the northern approaches at these intersections, so they are usable over the winter. The current schedule has us resurfacing this week, with asphalt between 18th Street and 30th Street within our closure. Miller Pipeline is currently relocating Center Points gas main between 9th Street and 18th Street. It should be completed in two weeks. After that, we have full depth patching, subgrade work, pavement widening, culvert installation and curbs to install from the Fairgrounds to 9th Street before we can complete the paving between 18th and 9th Street this season. The contractor is currently working to complete the Northern Pipe Company pipes between 9th Street and 4th Street. Once these are finished, sidewalk installation and re-grading work will start. Both retaining walls have been constructed and the heavy-duty shoulder work should be completed soon. The shoulder pavement currently being used between 4th Street and the railroad bridge near Windy Hill is deteriorated, and it won't last through this winter without patching. The plan is to shift traffic to the west, once the heavy-duty shoulder work and handrail work at the retaining wall is complete so that traffic doesn't cause further deterioration to the pavement coming down the hill towards 4th Street. South of the railroad on Old US 231 and west toward State Road 25, the contractor is working to complete the sidewalks, ADA ramps, grading and reseeding. This area is closest to being phase one complete. When completed traffic can swap to phase two of the maintenance of traffic. The original schedule for this year had the contractor continuing their work into phase two for this section at the tail end of the year and they are on target to do so. The contractor should have all their drainage pipes, pavement widening and curbs in toward the end of the year on the west end of the job. The 4th Street intersection work as planned to start June 2023 with a closure period of up to 60 days.”

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be November 16, 2022.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



David L. Hittle
Executive Director