

RESOLUTION No. 2017-20-CM

**A Resolution to Amend the Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County  
to include the  
2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County pursuant to IC 36-7-4-511, has adopted the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County* at a public meeting held on July 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the meeting notices and hearings required by IC 36-7-4-507 were held and complied with; and

**WHEREAS**, a certified copy of the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* has been filed with the Tippecanoe County Auditor and the Board of County Commissioners, and is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this Resolution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:**

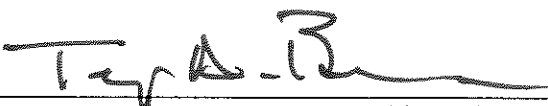
**THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR TIPPECANOE COUNTY IS HEREBY AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PRESENTED TO THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND APPROVED ON THIS 7 DAY OF August, 2017 BY THE VOTE OF:

VOTE:


yes

  
Tracy Brown, President

yes

  
Thomas Murtaugh, Vice President

yes

  
David Byers, Member

ATTEST:

  
Robert Plantenga, Auditor



THE

# Area Plan Commission

of TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 20, 2017  
Ref. No.: 17-220

Tippecanoe County Commissioners  
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## CERTIFICATION

**RE: RESOLUTION 2017-01—  
THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

The APC is required to update the long range transportation plan every five years to maintain the community's eligibility to receive federal transportation funds. This plan is a capital budgeting tool that documents the transportation needs for the next 26 years. The plan was developed in cooperation with participating jurisdictions, and has been approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Dear Commissioners:

As Secretary to the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, I do hereby certify that at a public hearing held July 19, 2017, the Plan Commission, by a vote of 14 yes – 0 no, approved Resolution 2017-01, adopting the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County*, and thus recommended it for APPROVAL by the Tippecanoe County Commissioners.

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment with our staff report as certified by me to the Commissioners, and copies, with a staff report for each Commissioner.

For the Commissioners to adopt this Comprehensive Plan amendment, they will need to pass the enclosed Resolution and return it to me. At that time I will file the signed Resolution and the plan amendment with the County Recorder as per statute.

If there are questions concerning the above, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Sallie Dell Fahey  
Executive Director

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**2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**STAFF REPORT**  
July 13, 2017

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## **2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN** **Amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County***

**Staff Report**  
**July 13, 2017**

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The *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045MTP)* was adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Board on June 8, 2017 to meet the US Department of Transportation's requirements for our transportation planning certification. It now needs to be adopted by the APC as an element of the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County*. The *2045MTP* is the 7th long range transportation plan for the community since 1978. It has been a major work activity for APC for the last two years and is required to be done every 5 years. It is a guide for investing in and budgeting for our transportation needs over the next 26 years. It is also a prerequisite to receive infrastructure funding from INDOT and the US Department of Transportation, which averages approximately 16 million dollars annually into the community.

Over the last two years staff has collected and analyzed a significant amount of information about the community. Staff forecasted where new dwelling units, jobs and people will live and work by the year 2045. This was done in cooperation with the Lafayette and West Lafayette Development Departments and Greater Lafayette Commerce. That information was used to forecast future traffic volumes which then allowed staff to identify solutions to future congestion.

The projects listed in the *Plan* were generated from the information collected above, previous long range transportation plans, other community plans (such as Lafayette's Trail Plan and Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan and the US 52 Corridor study). The list also includes extensive input by the Technical and Citizen Participation Committees and from individuals at several public meetings. The end result is a more inclusive transportation plan with growing emphasis on bicycling, walking and transit as legitimate transportation modes.

The *Plan* identifies 175 highway projects, 94 sidewalk projects, 128 trail projects and 57 bike lane and shared lane bikeways. The *Plan* acknowledges that the community cannot build its way out of congestion, but encourages better management of existing assets, such as traffic signals which will be an integral component of improved safety and traffic flow in the future. It also continues to acknowledge the important role Active Transportation (bicycling, walking and use of transit) has in improving mobility and its contribution to the quality of life in our community.

The *2045MTP* continues the adopted Complete Street Policy that requires federally funded projects to be designed for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in addition to motor vehicles. It also continues a policy to use 10% of our conventional federal aid funding for bicycle facilities, trails and sidewalks that are constructed independently of a larger highway project. The *Plan* now includes a recommendation that the MPO develop a basic tree replacement policy for Federal-Aid projects and that the community identify a reoccurring source of funding for safety education and awareness programs as well as establishes a multijurisdictional bicycle/pedestrian coordinator position.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Adopt the *2045MTP* as an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County* by Resolution 2017-1.

**RESOLUTION 2017-01**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the *Comprehensive Plan* was adopted in 1981 and has been updated and amended as needed, including the long-range transportation plan every five years in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County is the governor designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lafayette Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO's Policy Board adopted the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* on June 8, 2017 in compliance with *CFR 23*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County also seeks to update the transportation plan element of the *Comprehensive Plan* and derives authority to approve amendments to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan* from *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-511*; and

**WHEREAS**, the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* provides the update to the transportation plan element; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County did hold public hearings following proper publication of meeting notices under *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-507*, to inform and hear discussion on this amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, THAT:**

After due consideration and finding it to be in accord with its own goals does hereby adopt the *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as an element of the adopted *Comprehensive Plan* and recommends this amendment to Tippecanoe County, the City of Lafayette, the City of West Lafayette, and the Towns of Battle Ground, Clarks Hill, and Dayton.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

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Gerry Keen, President

Attest:

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Sallie Dell Fahey, Secretary