

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES  
March 16, 2016**

The March meeting of the Michiana Area Council of Governments' Policy Board was held on March 16, 2016, in the MACOG Conference Room, on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. Joseph Thallemer, Chair of the Policy Board, called the meeting to order. It was noted there was a quorum present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
**(Policy Board)**

- Joseph Thallemer, Mayor, City of Warsaw
- Jo M. Broden, South Bend Common Council
- Joe Canarecci, Mishawaka City Council
- Dwight Fish, Elkhart City Council
- Phil Jenkins, Mayor, City of Nappanee
- Todd Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, INDOT Fort Wayne
- Tim Neese, Mayor, City of Elkhart
- Kevin Overmyer, Marshall County Commissioner
- Rick Powers, Deputy Commissioner, INDOT LaPorte
- Mark Root, St. Joseph County Council
- Judy Stone, Marshall County Council
- David Wood, Mayor, City of Mishawaka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
**(Policy Board)**

- Pete Buttigieg, Mayor, City of South Bend
- Deborah Fleming, St. Joseph County Commissioner
- John Letherman, Elkhart County Council
- Frank Lucchese, Elkhart County Commissioner
- Robert Sanders, Kosciusko County Council
- Mark Senter, Mayor, City of Plymouth
- Jeremy Stutsman, Mayor, City of Goshen
- Ron Truex, Kosciusko County Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- George Herendeen, MACOG Attorney
- Richard Chapman, Lawson Fisher Associates
- Alex Depompolo, Transportation for America (On the phone)
- Ken Herceg, St. Joseph County Chamber
- Vicki Kitchen, Town of North Liberty
- Jeff Mitchell, INDOT LaPorte District
- Joyce Newland, FHWA (On the phone)
- Jamie Poczekay, DLZ
- Brian Smith, DLZ
- Jim Weingart, IDEM
- James Turnwald, MACOG
- Zach Dripps, MACOG
- Debbie Gardner, MACOG
- Tierra Harris, MACOG
- Carla Keirnan, MACOG
- Jeremy Reiman, MACOG
- Donny Ritsema, MACOG
- Erin Roznik, MACOG

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING**

There were no additions or corrections to the January 13, 2016 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID WOOD AND  
SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE THE  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 2016. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN**

There was no report.

**FINANCIAL**

Debbie Gardner presented budget revisions for fiscal year 2016. The revisions include increasing the amounts for Audit and Insurance / Bonding and decreasing the amounts for Postage and ADA / Drug. Debbie explained the Audit amount increased from \$4,500 to \$11,000 because the invoice from the last audit was received in this fiscal year, the St. Joseph River Basin Commission was audited for a five year period, and there is an increase in the billing rate from the State Board of Accounts. Todd Johnson asked for information regarding the reduction in the ADA / Drug amount. James explained that previously, MACOG directly contracted the drug and alcohol testing services for safety sensitive employees who were employed by our transit services vender. The vendor is now responsible to directly provide the testing services with oversight from MACOG.

Debbie asked if there were additional questions, there being none, she asked for the Policy Board's approval of the FY 2016 Budget Revisions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL JENKINS AND SECONDED  
BY TODD JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE FY 2016 BUDGET  
REVISIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Debbie presented the January and February 2016 MACOG Financial Reports and asked for any questions. Rick Powers asked what is included in the Equipment budget. James indicated the largest portion of the equipment amount was for the procurement of seven new trolley buses during the fiscal year. There being no additional questions, Debbie asked for the Policy Board's approval of the Financial Reports.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TODD JOHNSON AND SECONDED  
BY KEVIN OVERMYER TO APPROVE THE JANUARY AND  
FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**SECRETARY**

There was no report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Items recommended from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and electronically endorsed by the Policy Board in February.**

**Transit Advertising Policy**

James briefly reviewed the Transit Advertising Policy and explained the importance of MACOG’s position of neutrality for advertising that is displayed on the Interurban Trolley. He reviewed advertising items that would be prohibited. There being no additional discussion, the Chair asked for the Policy Boards approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK POWERS AND SECONDED BY DAVID WOOD TO APPROVE THE TRANSIT ADVERTISING POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Fort Wayne District**

**INDOT Initiated – Resolution 05-16**

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592967 **Location: SR 13 Over Tippecanoe River, 8.02 Miles North of US 30, RP 101+63** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$63,000 Federal: \$50,400 (ST STP) State: \$12,600

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1500831 **Location: US 20, Pipe Liner on Ramp from SR 19 to WB US 20 (NW Ramp)** **Pipe Lining** SFY: 2018

Total: \$90,163 Federal: \$72,130 (NHPP) State: \$18,033

C. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592921 **Location: US 20 over Little Elkhart River, 1.8 Miles East of SR 13, RP** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$55,650 Federal: \$44,520 (ST STP) State: \$11,130

D. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592922 **Location: US 20 over CR 45, EB Lane, 0.13 Miles East of US 33, RP 93+20** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$18,730 Federal: \$14,984 (ST STP) State: \$3,746

E. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592924 **Location: US 20 over CR 45, WB Lane, 0.13 Miles East of US 33, RP 93+20** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$18,730          Federal: \$14,984 (ST STP)          State: \$3,746

F. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592925 **Location: US 20 EB/WB, WB Ramp, 2.74 Miles east of US 33, RP 95+24**

**Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$21,400          Federal: \$17,120 (ST STP)          State: \$4,280

G. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1592970 **Location: SR 13 Over Dry Run, 1.56 Miles North of US 33, RP 118+04**

**Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2018

Total: \$64,200          Federal: \$51,360 (ST STP)          State: \$12,840

H. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1500839 **Location: US 20, From 2.81 Miles West of SR 19 to 3.18 Miles West of SR 15**

**Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)** SFY: 2018

Total: \$547,784          Federal: \$438,227 (NHPP)          State: \$109,557

I. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 05-16 Add Project Phase: PE,CN

Des#: 1296424 **Location: Various Intersections in the Fort Wayne District**

**Traffic Signal Modernization**

**PE:** Total: \$7,000          Federal: \$7,000 (Safety)          State: \$0          SFY: 2017

**CN:** Total: \$184,230          Federal: \$184,230 (Safety)          State: \$0          SFY: 2017

Erin Roznik presented Resolution 05-16 containing INDOT initiated amendments. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Erin requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL JENKINS AND  
SECONDED BY TODD JOHNSON TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 05-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### LaPorte District

#### **INDOT Initiated – Resolution 06-16**

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: CE, CN

Des#: 1600022 **Location: Various routes within St. Joseph County**

**Traffic Signals, New or Modernized**

**CE :** Total: \$100,000          Federal: \$100,000(HSIP)          State: \$0          SFY:2018

**CN:** Total: \$1,010,000          Federal: \$1,010,000 (HSIP)          State: \$0          SFY:2018

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600093 **Location: US 31, 0.86 N of Shively Rd**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$4,161	Federal: \$3,329 (NHS)	State: \$832	SFY: 2016
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$4,334	Federal: \$3,467 (NHS)	State: \$867	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$37,671	Federal: \$30,137 (NHS)	State: \$7,534	SFY: 2018

C. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600189 **Location: US 31, NB over SR 4**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$5,706	Federal: \$4,565 (NHS)	State: \$1,141	SFY: 2017
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$5,944	Federal: \$4,755 (NHS)	State: \$1,189	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$47,549	Federal: \$38,039(NHS)	State: \$9,510	SFY: 2018

D. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600190 **Location: US 31, SB over SR 4**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$5,705	Federal: \$4,564 (NHS)	State: \$1,141	SFY: 2017
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$5,944	Federal: \$4,755 (NHS)	State: \$1,189	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$47,549	Federal: \$38,039(NHS)	State: \$9,510	SFY: 2018

E. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600191 **Location: US 31, Under Miller Road**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$6,174	Federal: \$4,393 (NHS)	State: \$1,781	SFY: 2017
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$6,432	Federal: \$5,146 (NHS)	State: \$1,286	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$51,453	Federal: \$41,162 (NHS)	State: \$10,291	SFY: 2018

F. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600192 **Location: US 31, Under New Road**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$6,102	Federal: \$4,882 (NHS)	State: \$1,220	SFY: 2017
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$6,356	Federal: \$5,085 (NHS)	State: \$1,271	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$50,847	Federal: \$40,678 (NHS)	State: \$10,169	SFY: 2018

G. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Marshall County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1600193 **Location: US 31, 6<sup>th</sup> Road**

**Bridge Deck Sealing**

<b>PE:</b>	Total: \$7,064	Federal: \$5,651 (NHS)	State: \$1,413	SFY: 2017
<b>CE:</b>	Total: \$7,358	Federal: \$5,887 (NHS)	State: \$1,471	SFY: 2018
<b>CN:</b>	Total: \$58,866	Federal: \$47,093 (NHS)	State: \$11,773	SFY: 2018

H. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1593080 **Location: US 20, 6.12mi E of US 31 – Slope-wall Voiding & Repair Drains on East End Only, EBL** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair**  
**PE:** Total: \$9,000 Federal: \$7,200 (NHS) State: \$1,800 SFY: 2017  
**CE:** Total: \$9,375 Federal: \$7,500 (NHS) State: \$1,875 SFY: 2018  
**CN:** Total: \$75,000 Federal: \$60,000 (NHS) State: \$15,000 SFY: 2018

I. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1593081 **Location: US 20, 6.12mi E of US 31 – Slope-wall Voiding & Repair Drains on East End Only, WBL** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2016  
**PE:** Total: \$9,000 Federal: \$7,200 (NHS) State: \$1,800 SFY: 2016  
**CE:** Total: \$9,375 Federal: \$7,500 (NHS) State: \$1,875 SFY: 2018  
**CN:** Total: \$75,000 Federal: \$60,000 (NHS) State: \$15,000 SFY: 2018

J. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1593082 **Location: US 20, 6.12mi E of US 31 – Slope-wall Voiding & Repair Drains on East End Only, DRE** **Bridge Maintenance and Repair** SFY: 2016  
**PE:** Total: \$9,000 Federal: \$7,200 (NHS) State: \$1,800 SFY: 2016  
**CE:** Total: \$9,375 Federal: \$7,500 (NHS) State: \$1,875 SFY: 2018  
**CN:** Total: \$75,000 Federal: \$60,000 (NHS) State: \$15,000 SFY: 2018

K. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Marshall County

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1383703 **Location: SR 17, from SR 8 to 3.29 mi. S to US 30 (Olive Trail/Plymouth Corp. Line)** **HMA Overlay, Functional** SFY: 2016  
**PE:** Total: \$150,000 Federal: \$120,000 (STP) State: \$30,000 SFY: 2016  
**CE:** Total: \$350,000 Federal: \$280,000 (STP) State: \$70,000 SFY: 2017  
**CN:** Total: \$3,650,000 Federal: \$2,920,000 (STP) State: \$730,000 SFY: 2017

L. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Various Counties

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: PE, CE, CN

Des#: 1592719 **Location: VA VARI, Patching Locations Throughout the LaPorte District**  
**Patch and Rehab Pavement**  
**PE:** Total: \$220,000 Federal: \$176,000 (STP) State: \$44,000 SFY: 2016  
**CE:** Total: \$200,000 Federal: \$160,000 (STP) State: \$40,000 SFY: 2017  
**CN:** Total: \$2,000,000 Federal: \$1,600,000 (STP) State: \$400,000 SFY: 2017

M. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Various Counties

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1600305 **Location: VA VARI, Patching Locations Throughout the LaPorte District**  
**Patch and Rehab Pavement** SFY: 2017  
Total: \$1,211,000 Federal: \$968,800 (STP) State: \$242,200

N. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Various Counties

Resolution 06-16 Add Project Phase: CN

Des#: 1600250 **Location: Various locations within the LaPorte District**  
**Lighting Maintenance** SFY: 2017

Total: \$500,000

Federal: \$0

State: \$500,000 (ST STP)

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 06-16 containing INDOT initiated amendments. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Caitlin requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN OVERMYER  
AND SECONDED BY RICK POWERS TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 06-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **TRANSIT**

The Executive Director informed the Policy Board that the MV-1, produced by AM General, is now available as an additional transit vehicle option for purchase on a state qualified purchase agreement.

### **Resolution 07-16**

**Endorsement of Kosciusko Community Senior Services, Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:**

One (1) Low-Floor Mini Van – Section 5310

Calendar Year – 02/2016      Total: \$38,000      Federal: \$30,400      Local: \$7,600

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 07-16 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Tierra requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID WOOD  
AND SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 07-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Resolution 08-16**

**Endorsement of Elkhart County Council on Aging, Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:**

Three (3) Low-Floor Mini Vans – Section 5310

Calendar Year – 02/2016      Total: \$114,000      Federal: \$91,200      Local: \$22,800

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 08-16 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Tierra requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN OVERMYER  
AND SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 08-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Resolution 09-16**

**Endorsement of MDC Goldenrod, Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:**

Three (3) Low-Floor Mini Vans and One (1) Eight-passenger Small Transit Vehicle and One (1) 16-passenger Large Transit Vehicle with Lift – Section 5310

Calendar Year – 02/2016      Total: \$219,000      Federal: \$175,200      Local: \$43,800

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 09-16 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Tierra requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DWIGHT FISH  
AND SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 09-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 10-16**

**Endorsement of Marshall-Starke Development Center, Inc., Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:**

One (1) Eight-passenger Small Transit Vehicle and One (1) Low-Floor Mini Van – Section 5310  
Calendar Year – 02/2016      Total: \$88,000      Federal: \$70,400      Local: \$17,600

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 10-16 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Tierra requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN OVERMYER  
AND SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 10-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Administrative Modifications, Amendments, Major Amendments to the FY 2016-2019  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Fort Wayne District**

**INDOT Initiated – Resolution 11-16**

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16      Add Project      Phase: PE  
Des#: 1383500      **Location: US 33, From US 6 West Jct. to 6.42 Miles North of US 6 (CR 31)**  
   **HMA Overlay, Functional**      SFY: 2016  
Total: \$330,000      Federal: \$264,000 (NHPP)      State: \$66,000

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16      Add Project      Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592494      **Location: SR 13, 2.55 Miles North of US 20 to I-80/90 Toll Road**  
   **HMA Overlay, Functional**      SFY: 2016  
Total: \$110,000      Federal: \$88,000 (NHPP)      State: \$22,000

C. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16      Add Project      Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592497      **Location: SR 19, Over St. Joseph River, 3.39 Miles North of US 20, RP**  
   **Scour Protection (Erosion)**      SFY: 2016  
Total: \$46,000      Federal: \$36,800 (NHPP)      State: \$9,200

D. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County



Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592650 **Location: US 20, CR 115 Bridge over US 20, 1.47 miles East of US 33**  
**Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$33,000 Federal: \$26,400 (NHPP) State: \$6,600

E. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592673 **Location: US 20, Bridge at US 20 NW Connector over CR 17 NW Ramp, 2.88**  
**Miles east of US 33 Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$12,000 Federal: \$9,600 (NHPP) State: \$2,400

F. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592674 **Location: US 20, Bridge at US 20 EB Ramp over CR 17 NB/SB Ramp, 3.10**  
**Miles east of US 33 Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$36,000 Federal: \$28,800 (NHPP) State: \$7,200

G. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592675 **Location: US 20, US 20 Eastbound over CR 17 NB/SB, 3.10 miles east of US**  
**33 Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$36,000 Federal: \$28,800 (NHPP) State: \$7,200

H. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592676 **Location: US 20, Bridge US 20 Westbound over CR 17 NB/SB, 3.10 Miles**  
**east of US 33 Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$42,000 Federal: \$33,600 (NHPP) State: \$8,400

I. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592652 **Location: US 20, CR 18 Bridge over US 20, 2.06 Miles east of US 33**  
**Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$56,000 Federal: \$44,800 (NHPP) State: \$11,200

J. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County  
Resolution 11-16 Add Project Phase: PE  
Des#: 1592502 **Location: US 20, Bridge Painting; US 20 Eastbound Ramp, 2.74 Miles east of**  
**US 33 Bridge Painting** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$80,000 Federal: \$64,000 (NHPP) State: \$16,000

K. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County  
Resolution 11-16 Delete Project Phase: RW  
Des#: 1296151 **Location: SR 25, Small Structure Over Branch Bierce Ditch, 9.60 Miles East**  
**of SR 19 Small Structure Replacement** SFY: 2016  
Total: \$20,000 Federal: \$16,000 (NHPP) State: \$4,000

L. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County

Resolution 11-16      Add Project      Phase: PE  
 Des#: 1592636      **Location: SR 15, 0.50 Miles South of US 30 to 4.63 Miles North of US 30**  
    **HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance**      SFY: 2016  
 Total: \$42,000      Federal: \$33,600 (NHPP)      State: \$8,400

Erin Roznik presented Resolution 11-16 containing INDOT initiated amendments. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Erin requested the Policy Board’s approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE JUDY STONE AND  
 SECONDED BY DWIGHT FISH TO APPROVE  
 RESOLUTION 11-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Jo M. Broden asked what leads to the deletion of a project phase. James responded that in Item K, they may have programmed funds to acquire right-of-way and then found right-of-way acquisition was not necessary.

**LaPorte District**

**Locally Initiated – Resolution 12-16**

A. Plymouth Amendment      Exempt Project in Marshall County  
 Resolution 12-16      Increase Federal Funds by \$7,642      Phase: PE  
 Des#: 1383475      **Location: Greenway Trail Phase II between Jefferson & Garro St. near the**  
**Yellow River**      **Bike/Pedestrian Facilities**      SFY: 2016  
 Total: \$9,553      Federal: \$7,642 (INDOT TAP)      Local: \$1,911

B. Plymouth Amendment      Exempt Project in Marshall County  
 Resolution 12-16      Add Project      Phase: RW  
 Des#: 1383475      **Location: Greenway Trail Phase II between Jefferson & Garro St. near the**  
**Yellow River**      **Bike/Pedestrian Facilities**      SFY: 2016  
 Total: \$8,600      Federal: \$6,880 (INDOT TAP)      Local: \$1,720

C. Plymouth Amendment      Exempt Project in Marshall County  
 Resolution 12-16      Increase Federal Funds by \$593,287 and Change FY      Phase: CN  
 Des#: 1383475      **Location: Greenway Trail Phase II between Jefferson & Garro St. near the**  
**Yellow River**      **Bike/Pedestrian Facilities**      SFY: 2018  
 Total: \$1,198,435      Federal: \$958,748 (INDOT TAP)      Local: \$239,687

D. St. Joseph Amendment      Exempt Project in St. Joseph County  
 Resolution 12-16      Add Project      Phase: PE  
 Des#: 1592165      **Location: Bridge Inspections 2016 - 2019 Cycle Years**  
    **Bridge Inspections**  
 Total: \$178,800      Federal: \$143,040 (Bridge)      Local: \$35,760      SFY: 2017  
 Total: \$29,441      Federal: \$23,553 (Bridge)      Local: \$5,888      SFY: 2018  
 Total: \$311,160      Federal: \$248,928 (Bridge)      Local: \$62,232      SFY: 2019

E. North Liberty      Administrative Modification      Exempt Project in St. Joseph County  
Resolution 12-16      Change FYs      Phase: RW, CN  
Des#: 1383396      **Location: Tamarack Multi-Use Trail from VFW Youth Ball Park on Quinn  
Rd to Wabash Avenue      Bike/Pedestrian Facilities**  
**RW:** Total: \$33,000      Federal: \$26,400 (INDOT TAP)      Local: \$6,600      SFY: 2017  
**CN:** Total: \$543,038      Federal: \$444,070 (INDOT TAP)      Local: \$98,968      SFY: 2018

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 12-16 containing INDOT initiated amendments and an administrative modification. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Caitlin requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE DAVID WOOD AND  
SECONDED BY DWIGHT FISH TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 12-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## **TRANSIT**

### **Resolution 13-16**

Endorsement of the City of Nappanee as the coordinator of transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in the Nappanee area.

James explained that typically, 5310 grants are provided to non-profit entities. Local governments are allow to apply for 5310 funds if they are deemed the coordinator of transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities within the community. Elder Haus Senior Center is a department of the City of Nappanee. In order for Elder Haus to apply for 5310 funds, the Policy Board must recognize and designate the City of Nappanee as the coordinator of transportation services.

There being no question or additional discussion, Joseph Thallemer called for the Policy Board's endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TODD JOHNSON AND SECONDED  
BY JO M. BRODEN TO ENDORSE RESOLUTION 13-16, RECOGNIZING  
THE CITY OF NAPPANEE AS THE COORDINATOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES FOR ELDER HAUS SENIOR CENTER. PHIL JENKINS  
ABSTAINED, ALL OTHERS IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Resolution 14-16**

**Endorsement of Elder Haus Senior Center, Section 5310 Grant Application to procure the following:**

One (1) Medium Transit Vehicle with lift – Section 5310  
Calendar Year – 03/2016      Total: \$52,000      Federal: \$41,600      Local: \$10,400

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 14-16 containing a Federal Transit Administration 5310 Grant Application. She asked if there were any questions, there being none regarding this resolution, Tierra requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DWIGHT FISH AND  
SECONDED BY TODD JOHNSON TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 14-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Presentations**

#### **Potato Creek Trail, Town of North Liberty**

Brian Smith, a consultant with DLZ, explained the Potato Creek Trail project that would connect the Town of North Liberty to Potato Creek State Park. This project is in the early stages and possible routes are being discussed. The State Park would like to connect to the Town's water and sewer to reduce their operations cost. The total project cost is estimated at \$4.8 million; excluding the water connection to the park.

James informed the Board that the Town of North Liberty has been designated by OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) as a Stellar Community. The Stellar Communities Designation Program is a multi-agency partnership designed to recognize Indiana's smaller communities that have identified comprehensive community and economic development projects and activities, as well as next steps and key partnerships. Numerous projects are planned for the town including a Main Street façade program, a water spray pad in the park, marketing and tourism, and the second phase of senior housing. In the future, the Board may be asked to assist with funding this regionally significant trail project that will potentially let in 2020.

#### **What is an MPO?**

A YouTube video, produced by the Broward MPO, was shown for the Policy Board. The video provided a brief and creative explanation of what a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is and what it does.

#### **Transportation for America (T4A)**

James indicated that the South Bend area has been selected as one of seven groups of metropolitan leaders to participate in a yearlong leadership training academy. Alex Depompolo from T4A joined the meeting, via phone, and explained the focus of the academy will be on performance measures and final rules coming out of MAP-21. Other areas selected to participate include Boston, Cleveland, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Seattle, and Lee County in Florida.

### **Staff Update**

#### **Active Transportation Plan**

MACOG is in the planning process for a regional Active Transportation Plan. This plan will identify opportunities to enhance active transportation within the Michiana area and connect bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the region. The public engagement process began on March 3. If you are interested in participating in the planning process you may contact Zach Dripps at [zdripps@macog.com](mailto:zdripps@macog.com) or Caitlin Stevens at [cstevens@macog.com](mailto:cstevens@macog.com). A survey and interactive map are available at [www.macog.com/activetransportation](http://www.macog.com/activetransportation) through April. A draft plan will be completed in May; the plan will be out for public comment in June; and the final plan will be presented to the Policy Board in July.

#### **USDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Assessment**

FHWA will be working with the City of South Bend and MACOG to conduct a bicycle and pedestrian assessment in South Bend on April 14. The assessment will focus on five preselected

areas of the City. Joyce Newland (on the phone) remarked that FHWA is looking forward to working on the assessment and invited members of the Policy Board to participate.

### **Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon**

The Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon will be held on April 26 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Matterhorn Conference Center in Elkhart. The luncheon provides an opportunity to learn about air quality initiatives. Speakers at the event will include participants from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Air Quality, the University of Notre Dame, and South Shore Clean Cities.

### **INDOT Rural Call for Projects**

INDOT will be having a Call for Projects for rural areas. Rural areas include non-urbanized areas of St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties, as well as all of Marshall and Kosciusko Counties. \$5 million will be set aside from the call for INDOT's Common Paths program.

### **Road Funding Updates**

James review two bill legislative bills; House Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 67.

### **Senate Bill 67**

SB67 is a Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) distribution, which is the release of LOIT money held in reserve by the state. The state is reducing the reserve from 50% to 15%. Communities will receive a onetime distribution in May 2016. 75% of the money that is distributed back to local communities is to be used for road, bridge, or airport improvements, or deposited in a rainy day fund to be used later for those transportation projects. The additional 25% can be used for any purpose of the community.

### **House Bill 1001**

At the end of fiscal year 2016, the state will transfer reserves that exceed 11.5% of general revenue appropriations as follows: 55% to the state highway fund and 45% to the local road and bridge matching grant fund.

The bill provides that use tax collected on gasoline sales gets distributed differently than ordinary use tax collections. It allows a county that uses an INDOT approved transportation asset management plan to impose county motor vehicle license excise surtax and higher county wheel tax rates. It authorizes an eligible municipality to impose a municipal motor vehicle license excise surtax and municipal wheel tax.

Also, it provides for the deposit of certain excise taxes and local taxes collected under the tax amnesty program, including for a third regional cities project, thirteen pension checks in 2016, and next generation Hoosier education scholarships.

HB1001 requires a transfer of \$100,000,000 from the state general fund to the state highway fund instead of to the major moves 2020 trust fund in state fiscal year 2017, and provides that the money transferred must be used only for preservation and reconstruction of existing road and bridges.

The bill establishes the local road and bridge dollar for dollar matching grant fund. INDOT will decide how to implement this grant.

HB1001 established the funding for Indiana’s Roads for a Stronger, Safer Tomorrow (FIRSST) Task Force and requires the task force to develop a long term plan for state highway and major bridge needs, including sustainable funding mechanisms for the various components of the plan.

Also, the bill provides \$500,000 for the local technical assistance program to assist with the development and operation of local government transportation asset and pavement management plans.

**Earmarks**

In the 2016 Omnibus Spending Bill there is language that allows for unused earmarks to be used on any other federal-aid project within 50 miles. The cities of Mishawaka and Plymouth have earmarks that can be repurposed. There is a three year “use it or lose it” provision for the funds.

**FHWA Certification Review**

Joyce Newland notified the Policy Board that MACOG will have a Certification Review of MACOGs planning process on June 7 and 8. There will be a session to allow members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Board to meet with the review committee (FHWA and FTA) to address any questions they may have. Public comments will be received on June 7.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dwight Fish thanked the Executive Director for his time meeting to discuss the MACOG and items specific to Elkhart and the proposed Trolley Transfer Center.

Jo M. Broden indicated her interest in participating in the Active Transportation Plan planning process and getting involved with any of MACOG’s bicycle and pedestrian activities. She also asked if MACOG could provide the project presentation slides for review prior to the Policy Board meeting. James indicated that MACOG would be able to provide the TTAC presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the following action was taken:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN OVERMYER  
AND SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO ADJOURN  
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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James Turnwald, Executive Director

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Joseph Thallemer, Chair