

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES
March 15, 2016**

The March meeting of the Michiana Area Council of Governments' (MACOG) Policy Board was held on March 15, 2017, in The MACOG Conference Room, on the 11th floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. Kevin Overmyer, Chair of the Policy Board, called the meeting to order. It was noted there was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
(Policy Board) Kevin Overmyer, Marshall County Commissioner
Phil Jenkins, Mayor, City of Nappanee
Todd Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, INDOT Fort Wayne
Rick Powers, Deputy Commissioner, INDOT LaPorte
Joseph Thallemer, City of Warsaw
Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County Commissioner
Ernest Wiggins, Kosciusko County Council
David Wood, Mayor, City of Mishawaka

MEMBERS ABSENT:
(Policy Board) Jo M. Broden, South Bend Common Council
Pete Buttigieg, Mayor, City of South Bend
Joe Canarecci, Mishawaka City Council
Deborah Fleming, St. Joseph County Commissioner
John Letherman, Elkhart County Council
Tim Neese, Mayor, City of Elkhart
Mark Root, St. Joseph County Council
Mark Senter, Mayor, City of Plymouth
Judy Stone, Marshall County Council
Jeremy Stutsman, Mayor, City of Goshen
Brian Thomas, Elkhart City Council
Ron Truex, Kosciusko County Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: George Herendeen, MACOG Attorney
Richard Chapman II, Lawson Fisher Associates
Ken Herceg, South Bend Regional Chamber
Ron Mangus, Indiana Bond Bank
Lauren Varga, Senator Donnelly's Office
Leah Thill, Solsmart
Lauren Varga, Senator Donnelly's Office
Jim Weingart, IDEM
James Turnwald, MACOG
Zach Dripps, MACOG
Debbie Gardner, MACOG
Tierra Harris, MACOG
Carla Keirnan, MACOG
Donny Ritsema, MACOG
Erin Roznik, MACOG
Caitlin Stevens, MACOG

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017 MEETING

The minutes from February 8, 2017, were distributed for review prior to the meeting. Kevin Overmyer asked the Policy Board if there were any additions or corrections. There being none, the Chair asked for the Policy Boards approval of the minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL JENKINS AND
SECONDED BY DAVID WOOD TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Debbie Gardner presented the February 2017 MACOG Financial Report and reviewed the amounts for total current assets, total February expenditures, and the cash balance. She then asked the Policy Board for any questions. There being no questions, Debbie asked for the Policy Board's approval of the Financial Report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ERNEST WIGGINS AND
SECONDED BY SUZANNE WEIRICK TO APPROVE THE
FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ernest Wiggins indicated there were four Administrative Modifications processed by the MACOG staff for the month of February. A Modifications report was provided to the Policy Board prior to the meeting and is also available for review on the MACOG website. There were no questions or concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Add Addendum to the Agenda

James Turnwald requested the Policy Board's approval to add an addendum to the agenda. The request adds Resolution 15-17, endorsing MACOG's annual application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Suzanne Weirick asked if the amount for the 50% local match was already included in the budget. James confirmed the funds were already planned. There being no additional questions, the Chair requested the Policy Board's approval to add Resolution 15-17 to the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL JENKINS AND SECONDED BY SUZANNE WEIRICK TO APPROVE ADDING RESOLUTION 15-17 TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Fort Wayne

Locally Initiated – Resolution 11-17

A. Kosciusko County Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 11-17 Add Project Phase: PE
Des#: 1592891 **Location: Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle
Years 2018-2021 Bridge Inspections**
Total: \$77,956 Federal: \$62,365 (Bridge) Local: \$15,591 SFY: 2018
Total: \$9,172 Federal: \$7,338 (Bridge) Local: \$1,834 SFY: 2019

Erin Roznik presented Resolution 11-17 containing a locally initiated amendment and asked for any questions. There being none, Erin requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE JOSEPH THALLEMER AND SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INDOT Initiated – Resolution 12-17

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 12-17 Change in Scope and Increase Federal Funds by \$80,000 Phase: PE
Des#: 1500183 **Location: ST 1001, Main Street at NS RR DOT #533570K in Warsaw, also
533571S; 533569R; 533568J; 533566V Railroad Protection SFY: 2018**
Total: \$100,000 Federal: \$100,000 (HSIP) State: \$0

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 12-17 Change in Scope and Increase Federal Funds by \$1,240,000 Phase: CN
Des#: 1500183 **Location: ST 1001, Main Street at NS RR DOT #533570K in Warsaw, also
533571S; 533569R; 533568J; 533566V Railroad Protection SFY: 2018**
Total: \$1,560,000 Federal: \$1,560,000 (HSIP) State: \$0

Erin Roznik presented Resolution 12-17 containing INDOT initiated amendments and asked for any questions. There being none, Erin requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ERNEST WIGGINS AND SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LaPorte District

Locally Initiated – Resolution 13-17

A. St. Joseph County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-17 Change FY Phase: CN
Des#: 1401807 **Location: LaSalle Trail Extension from Auten Rd to Michigan State Line**
Bike/Pedestrian Facilities SFY: 2018
Total: \$1,117,500 Federal: \$894,000 (TAP) Local: \$223,500

B. South Bend Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-17 Increase Federal Funds by \$160,000 Phase: PE
Des#: 1400634 **Location: Bendix Dr from Lathrop St to the I-80 bridge (Nimtzy Pkwy)**
Road Reconstruction SFY: 2017
Total: \$200,000 Federal: \$160,000 (Grp I STP) Local: \$40,000

C. South Bend Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 13-17 Increase Federal Funds by \$224,000 Phase: PE
Des#: 1400637 **Location: Olive St from south of Delaware St to RR South of Tucker Dr**
Road Reconstruction SFY: 2017
Total: \$280,000 Federal: \$224,000 (Grp I STP) Local: \$56,000

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 13-17 containing locally initiated administrative modifications. Suzanne Weirick wanted to know if the increase in funds was for a new funding request. Caitlin responded the change was made in response to MACOG’s call for projects; the projects in items “B” and “C” had changes in scope that require additional funding. No projects were dropped to accommodate for the increase.

There being no additional questions, Caitlin requested the Policy Board’s approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUZANNE WEIRICK
AND SECONDED BY TODD JOHNSON TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 13-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit

Resolution 14-17

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

Two (2) 12 Passenger Medium Duty Transit Vehicles with lift – Section 5310
Calendar Year – 2017 Total: \$142,000 Federal: \$113,600 Local: \$28,400

Tierra Harris presented Resolution 14-17 containing a request from Marshall-Starke Development Center to endorse their application to INDOT for FTA Section 5310 transit funds. Todd Johnson asked if the funding amount was part of a planned budget for vehicle purchases. The Executive

Director explained that this is an application for Section 5310 funds through the INDOT Transit office and the funds have not yet been awarded.

Tierra asked if there were any additional questions, there being none, she requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK POWERS AND
SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 14-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 15-17 - Endorsing an Economic Development Administration Application

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments Regional Economic Development District (MREDD) was designated an Economic Development District for Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, and St. Joseph Counties by the U.S. Economic Development Administration on August 6th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the MREDD being the designated Economic Development District in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the region, prepared a 2015-2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies which consists of improvements recommended in the region; and

WHEREAS, the MREDD has applied for an Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning grant for up to \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand dollars) in federal funds to assist with the MREDD scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Economic Development District qualifies the counties and area communities located with the region for federal grant and aid assistance available through the Economic Development Administration upon approval of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that if awarded an EDA grant under the Partnership Planning Program as authorized under section 203 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. section 3121 et seq.) the Board authorizes:

- a) The MACOG to apply for and administer this EDA award
- b) The MACOG Executive Director to sign related documents on behalf of the organization
- c) The MACOG to commit up to \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand dollars) in local matching funds

James Turnwald presented Resolution 15-17. He explained this is an annual endorsement request for MACOGs application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for federal planning funds. The funding allows MACOG to assist communities in the development of infrastructure projects.

James asked if there were any questions. Suzanne Weirick wanted to know if there were planned projects for the funds. James described that the scope of work is included in the Comprehensive Development Strategies document; a five-year document that discusses the items that need to be

addressed in the region to improve economic development. Within the document is a listing of prioritized projects that is updated annually. The overall scope of work includes the MACOG Regional Economic Development District (MREDD) meetings and allows for MACOG to be involved with communities to help facilitate community and economic development through infrastructure projects.

Joseph Thallemer asked how Kosciusko County is considered in the planning portion of the MREDD due to Kosciusko's involvement with Northeast Regional Development Authority (RDA) rather than the North Central RDA. James explained that RDAs focus on business development and the private sector. MACOGs function is to work with and serve local governments. Kosciusko County's involvement in the Northeast RDA does not affect the services provided to the County by MACOG and the MREDD.

There being no additional questions or concerns, the Chair asked for the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID WOOD AND
SECONDED BY TODD JOHNSON TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 15-17. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation – Indiana Bond Bank, Ron Mangus, Executive Director

Ron Mangus, Executive Director of the Indiana Bond Bank provided the Policy Board with a presentation on financing options for various needs of local government and qualified entities. For information on opportunities you can go to: www.in.gov/bond/ or contact the Bond Bank at: 10 West Market Street, Suite 2410, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or by phone: (800) 535-6974. Also, please feel free to reach Ron by email at: rmangus@inbondbank.com.

Staff Updates

MPO Coordination Rule

U.S. Senator Duckworth introduced Senate Bill 496 along with three co-sponsors, including Senator Todd Young, to repeal the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration entitled "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform. It passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on March 8, 2017. The same repeal was introduced to the House by Representative Lipinski, along with 29 co-sponsors including Representative Jackie Walorski, in H.R. 1346 and has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Federal Road Funding Update

The initial focus for the new administration is health care reform, tax reform and the budget before they can address funding for infrastructure.

State Road Funding Update

House Bill 1002, contains the recommendations from the FIRSST Task Force that was set up to find a long-term funding plan to fix the state's roads and bridges. In February, the State House passed the Bill with some modifications. The primary modification of the bill is to take a portion of the current gasoline sales tax from general operations and apply it entirely to road funding in FY 2018.

However, that would leave a \$380 million deficit in the FY 2018 state budget. A cigarette tax was proposed to alleviate the deficit.

The Bill is currently in the Senate. Contrary to the House proposal, there is more support for tolling, rather than using sales tax for funding roads and bridges. Sales tax has long been used as a general fund operation and in the future the House/Senate might deviate those sales tax funds back to general funds.

Build Indiana Council will be holding a second Road Funding Day on March 21 to target road funding discussions with Indiana Senators.

Argos Comprehensive Plan Update

MACOG is entering the final stages of the Argos Comprehensive Plan. Last month the Steering Committee was presented the draft Plan and organized a schedule for the 30-day public engagement period that concluded on March 6. MACOG will be presenting the Plan to the Town's Plan Commission for endorsement and the Town Council for adoption.

Bourbon Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town of Bourbon held their second Steering Committee meeting in February. At the meeting, MACOG explained how Bourbon fared in the region based on OCRA's Community Vitality Indicators. Committee members also worked together on establishing a vision statement and strategize how to best engage the community through the planning process. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in April to discuss the strengths and challenges, and begin developing the action strategies.

Quarterly Tracking and Review

The next Quarterly Tracking and Review meeting will be held on April 5 beginning at 9:30 AM following the MACOG TTAC meeting. Forms are due to MACOG by March 17.

April 12 Policy Board Meeting

Zach Hurst and Alyssa Staley from the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) will be providing a presentation at the April 12 Policy Board meeting.

INDOT STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) Public Meetings

INDOT is updating and developing the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 STIP. Public meetings are being held in March and April for each District. STIP open houses for the two Districts in the MACOG region will be held at the LaPorte District Office on April 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM (EST) and the Fort Wayne District Office on April 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

MACOG TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Public Meeting

MACOG is updating its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the region and will be providing the SFY 2018-2021 TIP for public comment from March 27 through April 26. An open house is scheduled at the MACOG office on April 20 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The TIP and any comments received will be provided to the Policy Board for consideration on May 10.

Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon

The Annual Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon will be held on April 25, 2017 at the Matterhorn in Elkhart. Lunch will be provided.

MACOG Regional Economic Development District (MREDD) Meeting

The next MREDD meeting will be held on May 10 at Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth. Commissioner Steve Braun or the Indiana Department of Workforce Development will be offering a presentation along with updates from the regions Local Economic Development Organizations.

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There were not comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK DAVID WOOD
AND SECONDED BY PHIL JENKINS TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Kevin Overmyer, Policy Board Chair