

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 3, 2016**

The August 3, 2016 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the MACOG Conference Room on the 11th Floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. It was noted a quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Clark – St. Joseph County Engineering
Mary Cripe – City of Goshen
Laurie Baker – Marshall County Highway Department
Ralph Booker – Marshall County Plan Commission
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Chris Godlewski – Elkhart County Planning
Larry Magliozzi – St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission
Roger Nawrot – City of South Bend
Scott Tilden – Kosciusko County Highway Department
Gary West – City of Mishawaka

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Cangany – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
Leslie Biek – City of Elkhart
Chris Dressel – South Bend Community Investment
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Tim O’Donnell – St. Joseph County Airport Authority
Ken Prince – City of Mishawaka
Ron Robinson – Kosciusko County Administrator
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Vacant – St. Joseph County Health Dept.
Jeff Taylor – Elkhart County Highway
Doug Burgess – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Lyndsay Quist – INDOT, LaPorte
Mary Enright – INDOT Central

OTHERS PRESENT: Joyce Newland – FHWA (by phone)
Jessica Miller – INDOT, Fort Wayne
Julie Ritzler – INDOT, LaPorte
Jeff Mitchell – INDOT, LaPorte
Brian Spaulding – Congresswoman Jackie Walorski’s Office
Jared Huss – Lawson Fisher
James Turnwald – MACOG
Zach Dripps – MACOG
Erin Roznik – MACOG
Caitlin Stevens – MACOG
Donny Ritsema – MACOG
Jeremy Reiman – MACOG
Shirley Czerna – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2016 MEETING

There were no corrections to the minutes of June 1, 2016.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY WEST AND
SECONDED BY MARY CRIPE TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2016. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

1. **TTAC CHAIRMAN** – No report.
2. **TTAC SECRETARY** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Fort Wayne District

INDOT Initiated – Resolution 32-16

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 32-16 Add Project Phase: CN
Des#: 1601214 **Location: SR 15, From SR 120 E. Jct to 3.23 Mi N of SR 120 E. Jct (Mich. State Line) HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance** SFY: 2017
Total: \$700,000 Federal: \$560,000 (ST STP) State: \$140,000

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 32-16 Add Project Phase: CN
Des#: 1383493 **Location: SR 13, From SR 114 to SR 14 HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance** SFY: 2017
Total: \$2,862,000 Federal: \$2,289,600 (ST STP) State: \$572,400

Erin Roznik presented Resolution 32-16 containing Fort Wayne District INDOT initiated TIP amendments. There were no questions on this resolution. Erin asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY LARRY MAGLIOZZI TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 32-16. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) Presentation – August 10, Policy Board Meeting

The next MACOG Policy Board meeting will be held in the conference room at the MACOG office

on August 10, 2016, at 10:00 AM. The ITRCC will provide updates on the Indiana Toll Road. All of the TTAC members were invited to attend.

Indiana Bike Walk Summit – August 29-31, Indianapolis

The Indiana Bike & Walk Summit will take place August 29-31, in Downtown Indianapolis. The Summit will feature speakers involved in active transportation infrastructure, programs, placemaking, and safety. MACOG is presenting on the process and summary of the recently completed Active Transportation Plan. To register for the Summit, visit the website: <http://inbikewalksummit.org/>.

Community Crossings Grant Program

INDOT received over 1,500 Community Crossings Matching Grant applications from 325 communities across Indiana. The program sought match grant funds to support local roads and bridge projects. Communities seeking to participate in the Community Crossings Program were required to develop and submit an Asset Management Plan. MACOG assisted many of the Local Public Agencies (LPAs), including towns, in developing their Road and Bridge Asset Management Plans. Within the MACOG planning region, 52 project applications were submitted to INDOT, which totaled \$16.8 million for road improvements.

Jessica Clark thanked MACOG, especially Donny Ritsema, MACOG Regional Planner, for assistance given to local cities and towns to help them develop an Asset Management Plan.

NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) Executive Directors Conference – September 18-20

NARC has selected South Bend as the location for this year's Executive Directors Conference. It will be held September 18-20, 2016, at the Double Tree in downtown South Bend. The conference will bring Executive Directors and their Senior Staff to South Bend for professional development.

Indiana MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Conference – September 20-22

James explained that the Indiana MPOs hold an annual conference in a different MPO location each year. The last time MACOG hosted the conference was in 2008 and was scheduled to host again in 2019. The 2016 conference was scheduled to be hosted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) in Michigan City, September 20-22. After receiving notification of the dates selected for the NARC conference, NIRPC and MACOG determined it would be a benefit to hold both conferences in South Bend. Executive Directors and Senior Staff would then be able to attend both conferences. Also, peers from other states who would be attending the NARC conference would be able to provide presentations at the MPO conference for a mix of national and state MPO presentations. James invited the TTAC members to participate in the conference.

Ralph Booker asked if the agenda is accessible on the website. James said the agenda will be posted next week, at which time it will be sent to the TTAC members.

USDOT (MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform-FHWA 2016-0016)

In July, the USDOT released a notice of proposed rulemaking, referred to as the MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform-FHWA 2016-0016. The FHWA and FTA propose revisions to the transportation planning regulation to promote more effective regional planning by states and metropolitan planning organizations (MPO). The revisions would result in MPOs either merging or developing a single metropolitan transportation plan, a single transportation improvement program (TIP), and a jointly established set of performance targets for the entire urbanized area and

contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the transportation plan.

The rule, if passed, would require MACOG to merge with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission or to produce joint work products. Since INDOT conducts the transportation planning process differently than MDOT, merging the 2 organizations would be counter intuitive. The 60 day public comment period is scheduled to close on August 26th, which does not give the MPOs enough time to think through the ramifications of merging organizations. Therefore, MACOG and Southwest Michigan Commission signed a joint letter requesting a 60 day extension to the comment period, along with the 14 Indiana MPOs, and the national organizations.

James thought it was important for the TTAC to be aware of the proposed rule, since it is a large issue that could have a great effect on regions and transportation. Ralph Booker asked what would happen to the non-metropolitan counties like Marshall County and Kosciusko County. James said MACOG would still exist as a Council of Governments and represent rural areas, with the possibility of forming a separate MPO board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joyce Newland, FHWA, thanked James and staff for their cooperation and teamwork in hosting FHWA and FTA during the Certification Review of MACOG's transportation planning process, in June. Joyce indicated that FHWA and FTA believe MACOGs planning documents are in order. The final report should be available in September.

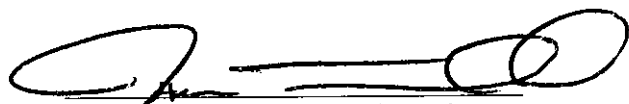
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

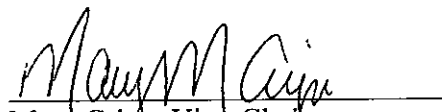
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the following action was taken.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY ROGER NAWROT TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Mary Cripe, Vice-Chair