

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2026**

The January 7, 2026, meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Mishawaka City Hall and virtually through YouTube and Google Meet. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ty Adley – City of Plymouth
Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Carlos Jiminez (for Sky Medors) – St. Joseph County Public Works
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Aaron Ott – City of Warsaw Planning
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the December 3, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED BY
TIM JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee, consisting of Andrew Lund, Ty Adley, and Chris Dressell, nominated Brent Warren for Chair, Steve Moriarty for First Vice Chair, and Ty Adley for Second Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Brent asked for a motion to close the

nominations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED BY
CHRIS KUBASZAK TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

With nominations closed, Brent asked for a motion to approve the Calendar Year 2026 officers as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHAWN KLEIN AND SECONDED BY
DEREK SPIER TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the December Administrative Modifications were included in the meeting packet as well as available on the MACOG website. The list consists of modifications that have been made since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Resolution 01-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 01-26		
Des#: 2500049	Add Project and PE Phase to Contract	
Contract#: R-45065	SR 13, from 3.53 miles S of US 6 West Jct. (Orchard Hill) to 1.00 Miles South of US 6 West Jct. (CR 1400 N)	
	ADA Sidewalk Ramp Construction	
Phase: PE	Total: \$94,300	Federal: \$75,440 (STBG) State: \$18,860 SFY 2026
Phase: CN	Total: \$5,603,476	Federal: \$4,482,781 (STBG) State: \$1,120,695 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,637,064		Miles: 1.01

Contract also includes: Lead DES: 2001854 (HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance); 1900073 (Small Structure Replacement); 2100203 (HMA Overlay Minor Structural)

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 01-26. Hearing no questions or comments, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 01-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED BY
NICHOLAS WITWER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-26.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

INDOT Calendar Year (CY) 2026 FTA Section 5310 Grant Applications

Gauri Mhatre provided an update on the Section 5310 program, which supports transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Grant applications for CY 26 for Elkhart, Kosciusko, and Marshall Counties are due by March 6. MACOG administers the 5310 program for the South Bend urbanized area and the Call for Projects is anticipated by the end of the first quarter of 2026, pending the finalization of a new State Qualified Purchasing Agreement (QPA) for accessible vehicles.

FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program

Caitlin Stevens stated that the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program is now open, and applications are due by February 24. The BUILD grant program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, TRIBAL governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

Plans and Programs

Railroad Corridor Overpass and Improvements Study Request for Proposals Update

Caitlin announced the selection process for the Rail Crossing Elimination grant study at Ash Road has concluded, with DLZ, supported by Lochmueller Group, being chosen to identify preferred alternatives for grade separation and other improvements over the next year and a half.

Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting

Kelsey reminded the Committee that the Quarterly Tracking and Review meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Electric Vehicle Test Drive

Kelsey announced an electric vehicle test drive event at Tire Rack on January 21, 2026. The event is designed exclusively for local governments. All departments are welcome to attend. The backup date is January 28, 2026.

Purdue Road School

James announced Purdue Road School is March 17-18. He noted the transportation staff at MACOG will be limited during those days as they will be attending.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring raised concerns regarding Senate Bill 1 and property taxes and felt county income taxes would be preferable.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or items of business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND
SECONDED BY ANDREW LUND TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Caitlin Stevens, Director of Transportation

Brent Warren, TTAC Chair