

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2025**

The June 4, 2025, 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
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak - Transpo
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Melody Panos (for Lisa Shrader) – INDOT, LaPorte District
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2025. TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the May 7, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED BY
NICHOLAS WITWER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

There was no Chairman’s report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the May 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) 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Resolution 19-25

Locally Initiated

A. Elkhart County	Amendment	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 19-25		
Des#: 2401829	Add Project	
Contract#: B-46207	Bridge #143 carrying CR 3 over Baugo Creek, 0.9 miles North of CR 28	
	Bridge Replacement	
Phase: PE	Total: \$978,290	Federal: \$0
Phase: RW	Total: \$81,034	Federal: \$64,827 (Bridge)
		Local: \$978,290
		Local: \$16,207
		SFY 2029
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,407,000		

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 19-25. Hearing no questions or comments, Kelsey asked for an endorsement of Resolution 19-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM JACKSON AND SECONDED
BY LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 20-25

Transit Initiated

A. MACOG Transit	Amendment	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 20-25	Add Project	
Des#: MAC-26-020	Buy New 35' Transit Bus	
	Transit Purchase Vehicles	
Total: \$625,000	Federal: \$500,000 (5339)	Local: \$125,000
		SFY 2026

Aidan McHugh presented Resolution 20-25. Hearing no questions or comments, Aidan asked for an endorsement of Resolution 20-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED
BY CHRIS JAMROSE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 21-25

Endorsement of the Move Safe Michiana: Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan
Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 21-25, the Move Safe Michiana: Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan, highlighting the need to reduce serious injuries and fatalities, and the utilization of a safe

systems approach considering people, vehicles, speeds, roads, and post-crash care. She discussed the community engagement efforts for the plan, which included online tools and pop-up events, as well as an overview of the crash data and the goals, actions, and strategies within the plan. Caitlin also shared the public comments received regarding the plan.

Hearing no questions or comments, Caitlin asked for an endorsement of Resolution 21-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS JAMROSE AND SECONDED
BY LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Funding Program

Caitlin stated that communities in the MACOG region will be eligible for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program with the adoption of the Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. There is currently a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), with applications due June 26. Chris Jamrose asked if there was a limit to project cost. Caitlin and Ty said the grant has a maximum award of \$5 million.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review

Caitlin said Quarterly Tracking and Review will be on July 10. She said MACOG is transitioning to a Google platform for the tracking and review process.

MACOG Safe Streets Toolkit

Dustin New reminded the Committee that MACOG has a Safe Streets Toolkit that includes materials for trying temporary safety improvement projects prior to making permanent investments. He shared a project from the City of South Bend, where a portion of the street was painted that effectively reduced speeds.

Mobile Bike and Pedestrian Counting Program

Dustin said mobile bike and pedestrian counters are available to track trail usage. He asked Committee members to reach out if interested.

Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Training Workshops

Caitlin announced the upcoming Indiana LTAP PASER training workshops and highlighted updates to the PASER program, including new quality control and validation procedures to be fully implemented next year.

Go574 Usage

Aidan shared an update on the Go574 bike challenge, noting the participation numbers, miles logged, and positive impact on reducing car travel and emissions. He said the grand prize e-bike will be announced next week.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Kelly Wenger stated that the South Shore Line is updating their 20-year strategic plan. A public survey will be available from June 5 to June 9 to gather community input. Kelly will email their flyer with more information to be distributed among the TTAC and Policy Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 CHRIS JAMROSE TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Brent Warren, TTAC Chair