

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2026**

The August 5, 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
Justin Bowers – Elkhart County Highway
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Carlos Jiminez (for Sky Medors) – St. Joseph County Public Works
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Brad Minnick – 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)** Dustin Dillon – City of Warsaw
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Dirk Schmidt – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning

MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2026, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the July 1, 2026, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the June 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

Transportation Resolution 20-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 20-26		
Des#: 2100013	Add RW Phase	
Contract#: R-46123	SR 19 Intersection at CR 28, 1.55 miles South of US 20	
	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	
Phase: RW	Total: \$25,000	Federal: \$20,000 (HSIP) State: \$5,000 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$4,463,000	Miles: 0.49	

B. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 20-26		
Des#: 2300698	Move CN funding from FY26 and FY29 to FY30, Increase Federal	
Contract#: R-45095	Funding by \$467,585	
	SR 19 at CR 6, 8.2 miles north of US 20 (2.49 miles south of	
	Indiana/Michigan Line)	
	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	
Phase: CN	Total: \$1,632,000	Federal: \$1,305,600 (STBG) State: \$326,400 SFY 2030
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$2,390,000	Miles: 0.26	

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 20-26. Kelsey confirmed that the SR 19 Intersection improvement at CR 28 includes a traffic signal, with construction scheduled for 2028. James said construction for the SR 19 at CR 6 intersection improvement would most likely occur in calendar year 2031.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUSTIN BOWERS AND SECONDED
BY DEREK SPIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-26.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

South Bend Urbanized Area 5310 Grant Awards

Gauri Mhatre provided an update on MACOG's Section 5310 program. Five organizations submitted applications requesting nine vehicles. Applications are under review, with awards expected in September. The application process uses an online form and the 2025 Regional Safety Action Plan as supporting documentation.

MACOG Call for Projects

Kelsey announced the MACOG Call for Projects will open on August 26 for urbanized areas including South Bend, Mishawaka, St. Joseph County, Elkhart, Goshen, and urban portions of Elkhart County. Applications are due October 12. James clarified that the MACOG funding is restricted to urbanized areas and because the project development cycle takes four or five years, staff is focusing on programming projects for the 2031-2033 timeline.

Community Crossings Matching Grant Program

Caitlin Stevens said the next round of the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program opens September 1 and closes September 30. James said this has become a competitive program and advised participants to ensure that all technical requirements, such as closing out old purchase orders and having documents signed, are met.

INDOT Rural Call for Projects

INDOT announced a notice of funding for rural federal aid, covering regions outside of the urbanized areas. Applications will open on November 2 and close December 4. MACOG can assist with applications if needed.

Plans and Programs

Michiana on the Move: 2055 Transportation Plan Update

Caitlin provided an update on the Michiana on the Move: 2055 Transportation Plan. Public engagement efforts include pop-up events at locations such as the Elkhart County Fair, an online comments map, and a survey. The public comment period will remain active through early November.

Data Bike Update

Dustin New said trail data collection is underway in Elkhart County. The data bike program collects data on trail quality to justify maintenance funding, similarly to how PASER ratings are used for roads. Dustin said software was also developed to process 360-degree footage from the data bike for integration into Google Street View, with the goal of maintaining a two-year cycle for all regional trails.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

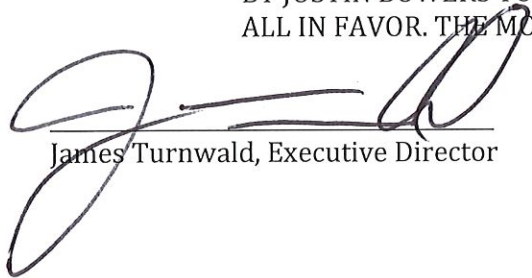
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 TY ADLEY AND SECONDED
BY JUSTIN BOWERS TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Brent Warren, TTAC Chair