

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2026**

The March 4, 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
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Dirk Schmidt – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the February 4, 2026, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED BY DEREK
SPIER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Caitlin Stevens stated the January 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

Transportation Resolution 07-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 07-26
Des#: 2600007, 2600006 Add Project to TIP
Contract#: R-46547 **US 30 at King Rd; US 30 at Queen Road**
Other Intersection Improvement
Phase: PE Total: \$1,375,519 Federal: \$1,237,967 (HSIP) State: \$137,552 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$10,083,978 Miles: 0

B. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 07-26
Des#: 2500924 Add RW Phase
Contract#: R-46475 **US 20 at Tulip Rd, 5.06 mi W of US 31**
Other Intersection Improvement
Phase: RW Total: \$75,000 Federal: \$67,500 (HSIP) State: \$7,500 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$1,823,303 Miles: 0.5

C. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Resolution 07-26
Des#: 2500925 Add RW Phase
Contract#: R-46476 **US 20 at Smilax Rd, 5.8 mi W of US 31**
Other Intersection Improvement
Phase: RW Total: \$105,000 Federal: \$94,500 (HSIP) State: \$10,500 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,727,884 Miles: 0.5

Locally Initiated

D. Marshall County Amendment Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 07-26
Des#: 2501452 Add Project
Contract#: B-46611 **Bridge #254 on Michigan Road over CSX Railroad located .65 miles N. of US 6**
Replace Superstructure
Phase: PE Total: \$807,000 Federal: \$645,600 (Bridge) Local: \$161,400 SFY 2027
Phase: RR Total: \$433,000 Federal: \$346,400 (Bridge) Local: \$86,600 SFY 2032
Phase: CN/CE Total: \$10,110,000 Federal: \$8,088,000 (Bridge) Local: \$2,022,000 SFY 2032
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$11,350,000 Miles: 0.2

Exempt Project in Marshall County

Des#: 2501432

Add Project

Contract#: R-46620

Oak Dr. from SR 17 (Lake Ave) to US 30

Bike/Pedestrian Facilities

Phase: PE Total: \$841,300 Federal: \$673,040 (TA) Local: \$168,260 SFY 2027

Phase: RW	Total: \$246,000	Federal: \$196,800 (TA)	Local: \$49,200	SFY 2029
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Phase: RR Total: \$500,000 Federal: \$400,000 (TA) Local: \$100,000 SFY 2029

Phase: CN/CE Total: \$3,268,900 Federal: \$2,615,120 (TA) Local: \$653,780 SFY 2032

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$4,856,200 Miles: 1.63

F. City of Goshen
Resolution 07-26

Amendment

Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 07-26

Add Project

Contract#: R-43582

Blackport Dr from Monroe St to Lincoln Ave

HMA Overlay, Structural

Phase: RW Total: \$170,000 Federal: \$105,600 (STBG) Local: \$64,400 SFY 2028

Phase: CN Total: \$1,107,225 Federal: \$885,780 (STBG) Local: \$221,445 SFY 2029

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$2,048,650 Miles: 0.7

G. Elkhart County
Resolution 07-26

Amendment

Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Des#: 2501377

Add Project

Contract#: TBD

Bridge #252 carrying CR 1 over Baugo Creek 0.5 miles north of CR 32

Replace Superstructure

Phase: PE	Total: \$478,033	Federal: \$382,426 (Bridge)	Local: \$95,607	SFY 2027
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Phase: RW	Total: \$344,509	Federal: \$275,607 (Bridge)	Local: \$68,902	SFY 2029
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Phase: CN Total: \$2,959,711 Federal: \$2,367,769 (Bridge) Local: \$591,942 SFY 2031

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,782,213 Miles: 0.2

H. Kosciusko County
Resolution 07-26

Amendment

Exempt Project in Kosciusko County

Des#: 2501385

Add Project

Contract#: TBD

Bridge #145 on CR 600 W, 0.20 miles north of W Shilling Road

Replace Superstructure

Phase: PE	Total: \$467,000	Federal: \$373,600 (Bridge)	Local: \$93,400	SFY 2027
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Phase: RW	Total: \$40,000	Federal: \$32,000 (Bridge)	Local: \$8,000	SFY 2029
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Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,795,000 Miles: 0.15

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolutions 07-26. James noted that the MACOG region did well with the INDOT rural call, receiving approximately \$15 million worth of construction projects for Marshall, Kosciusko, Elkhart, and the City of Plymouth, with preliminary engineering for these projects expected to begin next fiscal year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREW LUND AND SECONDED BY CHRIS KUBASZAK TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 07-26. ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

Health by Design – Safe Routes to School Mini Grant

Dustin New said applications for the third round of mini-grants to support Safe Routes to School are due March 13, 2026. Individual schools, corporations, community organizations, and counties, cities, and towns are all encouraged to apply.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Kelsey Triebold announced that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) applications are due April 5, 2026. There is a maximum award of \$200,000 for projects that improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption.

Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act

Caitlin Stevens stated that the BASICS Act was proposed to Congress and focuses on bridges and safety infrastructure, aiming to strengthen local and regional priorities by continuing the popular Bridge Formula Program and incorporating it into core formula programs. The BASICS Act also delivers regional priority projects faster by increasing funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. There is also an increase in planning funds allocated for each fiscal year. Caitlin said MACOG will provide updates as the bill progresses.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking & Review Meeting

Kelsey reminded the Committee that the quarterly tracking and review meeting will be held virtually on April 2. She said quarterly tracking forms are due March 17.

Partners for Clean Air Award Luncheon

Kelsey stated the Partners for Clean Air Luncheon will be held on April 29 at the Matterhorn Conference Center in Elkhart. Award nominations will be accepted until March 20.

Interurban Trolley Service Adjustments

Aidan McHugh announced a plan to adjust the Interurban Trolley services due to a deficit in local funding. The plan involves an approximately 8% reduction in service, focused on eliminating the least cost-effective trips, primarily during early morning, evening, and Saturday services.

Go574 Bike Month Challenge

Aidan announced the return of the Go574 Bike Month Challenge for May 2026. Last year, there were 75 participants and over 1,600 miles biked. Aidan said the goal is to double participation this year with renewed efforts in community outreach, sponsorship, and prizes.

MACOG Calendar Year 2025 Annual Report

Zach Dripps said the Annual Review report will be presented at the Policy Board meeting next week. The report summarizes MACOG's value and impact in the region for the 2025 calendar year.

April TTAC Meeting Cancellation Reminder

James said the April TTAC and Policy Board meetings have been cancelled. The next TTAC meeting will be May 6.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the Committee.

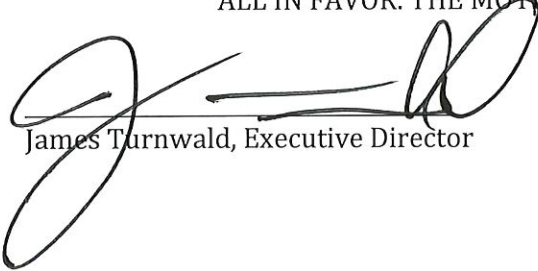
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 MIKE DAIGLE TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.



James Turnwald, Executive Director



Brent Warren, TTAC Chair