

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2026**

The July 1, 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
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Brad Minnick – City of Goshen
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Dustin Dillon – City of Warsaw
Melody Panos (for Lisa Shrader) – INDOT, LaPorte District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Dirk Schmidt – INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2026, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the June 3, 2026, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 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 17-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 17-26		
Des#: 2000027	Modify Termini, Add RW Phase	
Contract#: R-45088	US 33 from 6.42 Miles North of US 6 West Jct. (CR 31) to 0.31 Miles West of SR 15 (Elkhart River Br)	
	Added Travel Lanes	
Phase: RW	Total: \$1,200,000	Federal: \$960,000 (NHS) State: \$240,000 SFY 2028
	Estimated Cost to Complete = \$58,801,000	Miles: 6.7

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 17-26. Hearing no questions or comments, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 17-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED
BY MIKE DAIGLE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-26.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transportation Resolution 18-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 18-26		
Des#: 2600301	Add Project	
Contract#: R-46667	SR 106 from the West Jct. of US 6 to the East Jct. of US 6	
	Construct ADA Approved Sidewalk Ramps	
Phase: PE	Total: \$151,500	Federal: \$136,350 (HSIP) State: \$15,150 SFY 2027
Phase: CN	Total: \$500,000	Federal: \$450,000 (HSIP) State: \$50,000 SFY 2030
	Estimated Cost to Complete = \$651,500	

Kelsey presented Resolution 18-26. Nicholas Witwer asked for the locations of the ADA approved sidewalk ramps. Melody Panos will verify the specific locations and will follow up. Hearing no further questions or comments, Kelsey asked for an endorsement of Resolution 18-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED
BY MIKE DAIGLE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-26.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 19-26

A. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-26-030	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fare Boxes Transit Operating Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$80,000 SFY 2026
B. Transpo County Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-26-031	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Bus Route Signage Transit Operating Federal: \$100,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph Local: \$25,000 SFY 2026
C. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-27-024	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fare Boxes Transit Operating Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$80,000 SFY 2027
D. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-27-025	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Bus Route Signage Transit Operating Federal: \$100,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$25,000 SFY 2027
E. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-27-026	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating Federal: \$160,000 (5339)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$40,000 SFY 2027
F. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-27-027	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$80,000 SFY 2027
G. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-28-019	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fare Boxes Transit Operating Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County Local: \$80,000 SFY 2028
H. Transpo	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County

Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-28-020	Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating		
Total: \$200,000	Federal: \$160,000 (5339)	Local: \$40,000	SFY 2028
I. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-28-021	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County	
Total: \$400,000	Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Local: \$80,000	SFY 2028
J. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-29-020	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County	
Total: \$200,000	Federal: \$160,000 (5339)	Local: \$40,000	SFY 2029
K. Transpo Resolution 19-26 Des#: MAC-29-021	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Fixed Route Bus Replacement Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County	
Total: \$400,000	Federal: \$320,000 (5307)	Local: \$80,000	SFY 2029

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 19-26. Chris Kubaszak provided details regarding the fare box replacement project, noting that the existing GFI system is no longer serviced, necessitating a transition to new, technology-based fare boxes. Transpo will issue an RFP to replace the equipment and coordinate with the Interurban Trolley to ensure system compatibility since they share transit routes. Chris explained that the implementation will be phased over several years to manage costs. Jeremiah then clarified that the funding amounts of \$200,000 and \$400,000 for the bus replacements represent annual 5339 and 5307 funding allocations rather than the total cost of a single bus. Because individual bus costs often exceed the annual 5339 fund allocation, these line items serve as partial purchases to be combined for a full bus acquisition.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-26.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

INDOT FTA 5310 Call for Project Awards

Gauri Mhatre announced three organizations in the MACOG region that were awarded Section 5310 funding: the Elkhart Council on Aging, Greencroft Communities, and the Marshall Starke Development Center. Applications for MACOG's Section 5310 Call for Projects for the South Bend urbanized area will be due July 10, 2026.

Plans and Programs

Quarterly Tracking and Review – July 9

Kelsey reminded the Committee that Quarterly Tracking and Review will be held virtually on July 9. A reminder and meeting schedule will be emailed later today.

Michiana on the Move: 2055 Transportation Plan

Kelsey provided an update on the Michiana on the Move 2055 Transportation Plan. Public input is currently being collected through online surveys and a comment map, which is available at www.engage.macog.com.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

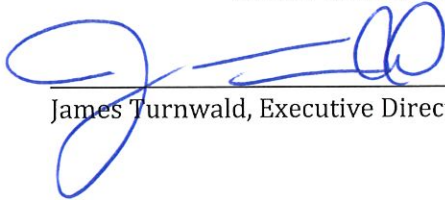
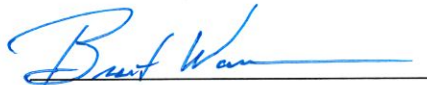
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring provided comments regarding transit route experiences and statistical information regarding Clay County infrastructure.

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 SHAWN KLEIN TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Brent Warren, TTAC Chair