

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2025**

The December 3, 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
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Carlos Jiminez (for Sky Medors) – St. Joseph County Public Works
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Charles McKenzie (for Tim Jackson) – Elkhart County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the November 5, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREW LUND AND SECONDED BY
TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Selection of Nominating Committee for 2026 TTAC Officers

Brent Warren and James Turnwald requested volunteers for the 2026 TTAC Officers nominating committee. Ty Adley, Andrew Lund, and Chris Dressel volunteered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the November 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.

The meeting schedule for calendar year 2026 was also included in the meeting packet.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Resolution 33-25

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT County Resolution 33-25 Des#: 2100013 Contract#: B-46123	<u>Amendment</u> Add PE Phase SR 19 Intersection at CR 28, 1.55 miles South of US 20 Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes	Exempt Project in Elkhart
Phase: PE	Total: \$46,900	Federal: \$37,520 (STBG) State: \$9,380 SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$4,543,419		Miles: 0.49

Contract Also Includes: 2400765 – Small Structure Replacement, 1.55 miles South of US 20

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 33-25. Hearing no questions or comments, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 33-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED BY
DEREK SPIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 33-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 34-25

A. MACOG Transit County Resolution 35-25 Des#: MAC-26-023	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project Operating Assistance for the Interurban Trolley Operating Assistance	Exempt Project in Elkhart
Total: \$1,000,000	Federal: \$800,000 (CMAQ)	Local: \$200,000 SFY 2026

Aidan McHugh presented Transit Resolution 34-25. James explained that this item is a placeholder

item to secure additional funding if it becomes available, continuing support for the existing yellow line operations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF SHAFFER AND
SECONDED BY LESLIE BIEK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 34-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Resolution 35-25

A Resolution to Support the Calendar Year 2026 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the State of Indiana.

Safety Target Performance Measures

Number of fatalities – 794.7

Rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled – 0.992

Number of serious injuries – 2,965.5

Rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled – 3.702

Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries – 462.96

James presented Resolution 35-25. He explained that MACOG has the option to either support the State target, which is developed in collaboration with MPOs, or develop their own target. Historically, MACOG has supported the State target. After a brief discussion, James asked for an endorsement of Resolution 35-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE BIEK AND SECONDED
BY ANDREW LUND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 35-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Plans and Programs

Relocation of the Interurban Trolley Transfer Center

Aidan announced that the main transfer center for the Interurban Trolley in Elkhart will be relocated to Second Street, in front of the Amtrak depot, starting December 8. The relocation will include minor route adjustments and plans for new canopy shelters. James thanked Jeff Shaffer and the City of Elkhart for their partnership.

Quarter 3 Crash Data Update

David Harker reviewed Quarter 3 crash data from July through September, which showed 142 applicable crashes, including 21 fatal collisions resulting in 22 fatalities. He noted an increase in fatalities, which was linked to a rise in vulnerable road user incidents, particularly motorcycle collisions. David said staff will begin differentiating between multiple-car and single-car collisions in the data going forward for planning purposes. James noted the decrease in crashes from 2021 to 2022 was largely due to the State's change in the definition of serious injury.

Travel Demand Model

Caitlin Stevens and Raj Parikh reported on the development of a travel demand model in conjunction with Cambridge Systematics. Caitlin said community input is needed for population and employment forecasts in the area. Raj showcased a new tool that will be shared to visualize growth trends, allowing users to select filters like population and different types of employment, and compare base years with forecasts.

Quarterly Tracking and Review Meeting

Kelsey stated the Quarterly Tracking and Review meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Quarterly tracking forms are due December 30, 2025.

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. Brent said the event is a great event for anyone interested in electric vehicles for their department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring raised concerns about the Interurban Trolley transfer center moving and the resulting confusion. He also mentioned various dedications and statues in the region, and brought up the redistricting map for Elkhart, pointing out the shape of District One.

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 MIKE DAIGLE AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Brent Warren, TTAC Chair