

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

The February 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
Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
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
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2026, TTAC MEETING

Andrew Lund noted the year needed to be corrected from 2025 to 2026 for the January 7, 2026, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREW LUND AND SECONDED BY TIM JACKSON
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTED YEAR FOR JANUARY 7, 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

Caitlin requested an addendum to the agenda to add Transit Resolution 04-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY CHRIS JAMROSE TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF RESOLUTION 04-26. ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transit

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 02-26

Endorsement of the Greencroft Communities Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

Two (2) Low Floor Mini Vans with ramp			
Calendar Year 2026	Total: \$180,000	Federal: \$153,000	Local: \$27,000

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 03-26

Endorsement of the Marshall-Starke Development Center Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

Two (2) Low Floor Mini Vans with ramp			
Calendar Year 2026	Total: \$180,000	Federal: \$153,000	Local: \$27,000
Two (2) Medium Transit Vehicles with lift			
Calendar Year 2026	Total: \$310,000	Federal: \$263,500	Local: \$46,500

FTA Section 5310 – Resolution 04-26

Endorsement of the Council on Aging of Elkhart County Section 5310 Grant Application for the procurement of the following:

Two (2) Low Floor Mini Vans with ramp			
Calendar Year 2026	Total: \$180,000	Federal: \$153,000	Local: \$27,000

Gauri Mhatre presented Resolutions 02-26 through 04-26. Gauri confirmed that the vehicles will be purchased through the State contract. Zach added that the grant applications are part of INDOT's Section 5310 Rural and Small Urban Call for Projects.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY ANDREW LUND TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 02-26 THROUGH 04-26. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

New Staff

Caitlin introduced Christina Camp, an AmeriCorps member who will be serving at MACOG on the Safe Routes to School plans and assisting with the data bike program to assess trails. Christina will also be working with the South Bend Bike Garage.

Grants and Funding

Indiana Department of Health – Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Projects Supporting Active Transportation

Caitlin announced that the Indiana Department of Health Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Projects Grant Supporting Active Transportation applications are due February 26, 2026.

Health by Design – Safe Routes to School Mini Grant

Caitlin 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.

Plans and Programs

Interurban Trolley Service Adjustments

Jermiah Cox shared that the Interurban Trolley is currently studying potential service adjustments. He said the adjustments will likely involve small cuts to morning and evening service due to rising operating costs that are not keeping pace with current funding.

PASER/PCI Dashboard

Raj Parikh presented the new public-facing PASER/PCI dashboard, which aggregates historical pavement condition data from 2021 to 2025 across all cities and counties in the MACOG region. The dashboard allows filtering by county, city, year, function class, surface type, and condition rating, and includes treatment filters for prior years, serving as a useful tool for decision-making. The dashboard is live and will be added to the MACOG website today.

Bike and Pedestrian Count Dashboard Calendar Year 2025

Raj provided an update on the Bike and Pedestrian Count Dashboard for calendar year 2025. Historical data from 2020-2024 is available to download if more data is needed.

Crash Data Review Calendar Year 2025

David Harker reviewed the crash data for calendar year 2025. David provided a breakdown of the top three LPAs in the region where crashes occur, the top three manners of collision, and the top three primary factors of collisions. David explained that low numbers for factors like cell phone usage are due to reporting officers needing witness statements and being unable to report suspected usage.

He said ARIES is not a perfect system, and MACOG plans to use new software this year, along with AI, to clean up the crash data.

Purdue Road School

Caitlin stated Purdue Road School will take place March 17-18.

April TTAC Meeting

Caitlin announced that the April TTAC meeting is cancelled.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Leslie Biek introduced Abby Magas as a new engineer for the City of South Bend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring voiced opposition to adding city and town income taxes, adding that a county-level tax would be preferable.

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 ANDREW LUND TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Brent Warren, TTAC Chair