

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2025**

The November 5, 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
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
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
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the October 1, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED BY
TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2025
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the October 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

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

Transportation Resolution 31-25

Locally Initiated

A. St. Joseph County Resolution 31-25 Des#: 1702832 Contract#: R-41176	<u>Amendment</u> Modify Termini (Changing termini from Miami Hwy to Juniper Rd) Pierce Road from US 31 to Juniper Road Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Phase: CN	Total: \$6,076,000	Federal: \$4,860,800 (STBG) Local: \$1,215,200 SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$7,650,731		Miles: 0.7

INDOT Initiated

B. INDOT Resolution 31-25 Des#: 2000024 Contract#: B-44526	<u>Amendment</u> Add PE Phase SR 15 3.06 miles North of US 6 (SR 15 at CR 146) Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Phase: PE	Total: \$193,600	Federal: \$154,880 (STBG) State: \$38,720 SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$8,999,800		

Contract Also Includes: 2200557 – Bridge Deck Overlay, 2200558 – Bridge Replacement over CSX RR, 1.45 miles S of US 6 and over Whitehead Ditch, 2.80 miles N of US 6

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 31-25. Hearing no questions or comments, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 31-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE DAIGLE AND SECONDED
BY CHRIS JAMROSE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 31-25.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 32-25

A. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-26-021	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Buy Fixed Route Vehicle Transit Vehicle	Exempt Project in St. Joseph
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Total: \$200,000	Federal: \$160,000 (5307)	Local: \$40,000	SFY 2026
B. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-26-021	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Rehab/Renovate Facilities Transit Facilities	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$82,000	Federal: \$65,233 (5307)	Local: \$16,767	SFY 2026
C. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-27-022	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Buy Fixed Route Vehicle Transit Vehicle	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$70,000	Federal: \$55,232 (5307)	Local: \$14,768	SFY 2027
D. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-27-023	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Rehab/Renovate Facilities Transit Facilities	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$200,000	Federal: \$160,000 (5307)	Local: \$40,000	SFY 2027
E. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-012	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Rehab/Renovate Facilities Transit Facilities	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$300,000	Federal: \$240,000 (5307)	Local: \$60,000	SFY 2028
F. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-013	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Buy Fixed Route Vehicle Transit Vehicle	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$600,000	Federal: \$480,000 (5307)	Local: \$120,000	SFY 2028
G. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-014	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Tire Lease Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$25,000	Federal: \$20,000 (5307)	Local: \$5,000	SFY 2028
H. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-015	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Acquire – ADP Software Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$30,000	Federal: \$24,000 (5307)	Local: \$6,000	SFY 2028
I. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-016	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Preventive Maintenance Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph	
Total: \$1,300,000	Federal: \$1,040,000 (5307)	Local: \$260,000	SFY 2028

J. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-017	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Operating Assistance – Paratransit Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph
Total: \$625,000	Federal: \$500,000 (5307)	Local: \$125,000 SFY 2028
K. Transpo Resolution 32-25 Des#: MAC-28-018	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project to TIP Operating Assistance – Fixed Route Transit Operating	Exempt Project in St. Joseph
Total: \$2,500,000	Federal: \$1,250,000 (5307)	Local: \$1,250,000 SFY 2028

Jeremiah Cox presented Resolution 32-25. During a brief discussion, James explained that the resolution allows Transpo to anticipate line items in advance of the fiscal year, making the grant process easier. Hearing no further questions or comments, he asked for an endorsement of Resolution 32-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREW LUND AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 32-25.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants

Dustin New notified the Committee of the IDOH Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant due on November 14. Communities under a population of 5,000 are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 in funding with no matching funds required.

INDOT Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Rural Federal-Aid Projects

Caitlin Stevens informed the Committee that INDOT will be accepting applications for federal funds for local rural projects. The funds are available for LPAs interested in any type of project, such as bridges, roads, safety improvements, sidewalks, or any project eligible under the federal transportation highway bill. It does not include requesting additional funding for existing projects. The application period is from November 3 to December 5. Applications in the Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs) should be submitted by November 22, 2025, due to the required review by the MPOs for projects in their planning areas.

Plans and Programs

Rail Crossing Elimination Study Request for Proposals (RFP)

Caitlin notified the Committee of MACOG's Rail Crossing Elimination Study Request for Proposals. The deadline for pre-submission questions is November 10, 2025. The pre-submission meeting, if requested, will be held on November 17, 2025, and the RFP submission deadline is December 4 by 3:00 pm (ET).

INDOT Long Range Transportation Plan

Caitlin announced that INDOT has a public involvement opportunity for their 20-year policy-based long-range transportation plan via a virtual room and a public involvement comment form. The public comment period will close on December 20, 2025.

Brownfields Update

Olivia Nix provided an update on the EPA-funded Regional Brownfields Coalition, which covers assessment of sites with perceived or known contamination across the four-county MACOG region. She encouraged communities to submit an interest form for potential brownfield sites, emphasizing that MACOG's funds are only for assessment, not cleanup. Olivia also noted the Indiana Brownfields Program offers financial and legal assistance, including the low-barrier Petroleum Orphan Sites Initiative (POSI), a program for removing underground storage tanks at vacant gas stations. James added that there is a Brownfields inventory online and that Olivia is available for any questions or further information.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Andrew Lund introduced Brad Minnick, Goshen's new city civil engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring provided comments related to federal highways and the area's significance as the "crossroads of America".

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

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