

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026**

The May 6, 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
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Brad Minnick (for Andrew Lund) – City of Goshen
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Dustin Dillon – City of Warsaw
Melody Panos (for Lisa Shrader) – INDOT LaPorte District
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway
Dirk Schmidt – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Lisa Shrader – INDOT, LaPorte District
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2026, TTAC MEETING

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED
BY TY ADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the March and April 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 10-26

Locally Initiated

A. Marshall County Resolution 10-26 Des#: 2101698 Contract#: B-44305	<u>Amendment</u> Change in scope, Move RW phase from FY 26 to FY 28, Move CN from FY 28 to FY 30 Bridge No. 231 Carrying Center St. over Armey Ditch in Bremen Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair	Exempt Project in Marshall County		
Phase: RW	Total: \$275,000	Federal: \$220,000 (STBG)	State: \$55,000	SFY 2028
Phase: CN	Total: \$2,365,000	Federal: \$1,892,000 (STBG)	State: \$473,000	SFY 2030
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,100,560		Miles: 0.06		

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 10-26. Hearing no questions or comments, she asked for an endorsement of Resolution 10-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED BY
TY ADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 10-26. ALL IN FAVOR.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transportation Resolution 11-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT Resolution 11-26 Des#: 2600063 Contract#:	<u>Amendment</u> Add Project US 30 at SR 19 Intersection Improvement, Median U-Turn	Exempt Project in Kosciusko County		
Phase: PE	Total: \$630,000	Federal: \$504,000 (NHS)	State: \$126,000	SFY 2027
Phase: UT	Total: \$10,000	Federal: \$8,000 (NHS)	State: \$2,000	SFY 2027
Phase: CN	Total: \$3,461,665	Federal: \$2,769,332 (NHS)	State: \$692,333	SFY 2030
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$4,101,665		Miles: TBD		

B. INDOT Resolution 11-26	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
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Des#: 2600064 Add Project
 Contract#: **US 30, 2.73 mi East of SR 19 (CR 800 W)**
 Intersection Improvement, Median U-Turn

Phase: PE	Total: \$462,000	Federal: \$369,600 (NHS)	State: \$92,400	SFY 2027
Phase: UT	Total: \$20,000	Federal: \$16,000 (NHS)	State: \$4,000	SFY 2027
Phase: CN	Total: \$2,835,290	Federal: \$2,268,232 (NHS)	State: \$567,058	SFY 2030

Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,317,290 Miles: TBD

C. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
 Resolution 11-26
 Des#: 2600729 Add Project
 Contract#: **US 30 from Fox Farm Rd. to CR 450 E – Engineering Scoping Report**
 Other Type Project (Miscellaneous)

Phase: PE	Total: \$500,000	Federal: \$400,000 (NHS)	State: \$100,000	SFY 2026
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Estimated Cost to Complete = \$500,000 Miles: 8.65

Steve Moriarty expressed Kosciusko County's opposition to the J-turn projects (items A and B) due to significant safety concerns from the Amish and farming communities, specifically about crossing three lanes of traffic and the time it takes for farm equipment and Amish buggies to traverse the intersection. Moriarty said Kosciusko County is in favor of Item C. Dirk Schmidt provided details on the scoping report for Item C, stating its intent is to refine costs and impacts based on the prior Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) document. The study would examine higher-end alternatives and their associated costs and impacts, which would help determine the need for investment beyond the current \$30 million annual commitment for the US 30 and US 31 corridors. The Commission discussed safety concerns and the crash history at US 30 and SR 19. It was noted that while there are safety challenges at that intersection, other intersections like Parker Street have a more severe and regular issue. Dirk Schmidt explained that recent slotted left-turn improvements have helped open sight lines and dramatically reduced left-turn crashes at the intersection. After further discussion, Brent asked for a motion on Resolution 11-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARSHA MCSHERRY TO APPROVE ITEM C OF RESOLUTION 11-26 AND AN UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE POLICY BOARD FOR ITEMS A AND B. STEVE MORIARTY SECONDED. ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Fiscal Year 2026 FTA Apportionments – South Bend IN/MI Urbanized Area

Resolution 12-26 – Bus / Rail Apportionment – Urbanized Area Formula Program
 FY 2026 Bus / Rail Apportionment – FTA Section 5307 Funding
 Total Apportionment – \$6,136,263
 NICTD Rail – \$2,287,729 Transpo – \$3,528,534 Niles DART – \$320,000

Resolution 13-26 – Rail Apportionment – State of Good Repair
 FY 2026 Rail Apportionment – FTA Section 5337 Funding
 Total Apportionment – \$4,818,354
 NICTD Rail – \$4,818,354

Resolution 14-26 – Bus Apportionment – Bus and Bus Facilities
 FY 2026 Bus Apportionment – FTA Section 5339 Funding

Total Apportionment -- \$349,308
Transpo – \$274,308

Niles DART – \$75,000

James presented Resolution 12-26 through 14-26. Hearing no questions or comments, he asked for an endorsement of Resolutions 12-26 through 14-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY STEVE MORIARTY
TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 12-26 THROUGH 14-26. ALL IN FAVOR.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 15-26

James presented Resolution 15-26. He explained that the proposed service reductions for the Interurban Trolley aimed to align costs with the budget and local match requirements. The reductions targeted hours and routes with the lowest ridership. The operating changes are expected to take place starting June 1.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED BY
TIM JACKSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-26. ALL IN FAVOR.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

FTA Call for Projects – South Bend Urbanized Area

Jeremiah Cox said the 5310 Call for Projects for the South Bend urbanized area is scheduled to open approximately June 15.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants

Caitlin Stevens said the SS4A Grants applications are due May 26. She noted the Move Safe Michiana regional transportation safety action plan ensures eligibility to local jurisdictions for implementation funding.

Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program

Caitlin stated the Railroad Crossing Elimination program applications are due June 8. The program funds highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, including but not limited to grade crossing elimination projects, that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI)

Caitlin said the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program applications are due June 22.

Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)

Caitlin announced that the Community Crossings Matching grant applications are due September 30. She noted cities and towns with a population less than 12,500 require a 20% match, counties with a population less than 55,000 require a 20% match, and counties with a population greater than

55,000 require a 50% match. Caitlin also said the CCMG Call for Projects, which was previously held in July, is anticipated to be held in September in the future as well.

Plans and Programs

Bike Month and Bike to Work Week and Go574 Bike Month Challenge

Aidan McHugh announced Bike to Work Week starts next week and highlighted some of the featured events across the region. He also announced the Go574 Bike Month Challenge, which is ongoing through May and offers various rewards and prizes.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

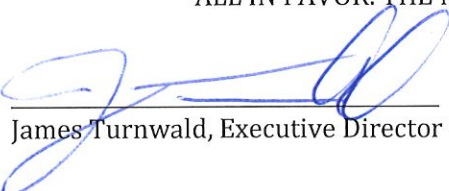
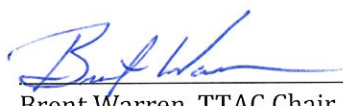
PUBLIC COMMENT

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 MARSHA MCSHERRY TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Brent Warren, TTAC Chair