

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2026**

The September 2, 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
Troy Kintzel – Kosciusko County Highway
Chris Kubaszak – Transpo
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Brad Minnick – City of Goshen
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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Mike Daigle – South Bend International Airport
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
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 AUGUST 5, 2026, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the August 5, 2026, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED
BY JUSTIN BOWERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald announced Steve Moriarty's retirement from the Kosciusko County Highway Department. James requested volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to determine Moriarty's replacement as first vice chair. Ty Adley and Brent Warren volunteered to serve on the committee and will report back next month.

James stated the August 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 21-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Various Counties
Resolution 21-26		
Des#: 2600761	Add Project and CN Phase to TIP	
Contract#: R-46916	FY 29 & FY 30 IDIQ Various Locations throughout the Fort Wayne District Pavement Patching	
Phase: CN	Total: \$3,000,000	Federal: \$2,400,000 (STBG) State: \$600,000 SFY 29/30
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$3,000,000		Miles: 0

B. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 21-26		
Des#: 2600325, 2600326, 2600675	Add Project, PE and RW phases to TIP	
Contract#: B-46789	Bridge Thin Deck Overlays on SR 13, 0.60 miles south of SR 14, SR 15, 0.35 miles south of SR 25; Other Intersection Improvement at SR 15, 0.54 mi North of SR 25 (Fort Wayne St)	
	Bridge Thin Deck Overlays, Other Intersection Improvement	
Phase: PE	Total: \$400,000	Federal: \$320,000 (STBG) State: \$80,000 SFY 2027
Phase: RW	Total: \$50,000	Federal: \$40,000 (STBG) State: \$10,000 SFY 2028
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$1,077,100		Miles: 0

Construction is anticipated for Fiscal Year 2031.

C. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 21-26		
Des#: 2200557	Move from FY 27 to FY 32, Move CN from Contract 44526 to 46494, Remove from TIP	
Contract#: B-46494	SR 15 Bridge over CSX RR, 1.45 miles S of US 6	
	Bridge Replacement, Concrete	
Phase: CN	Total: \$5,048,918	Federal: \$4,039,134 (STBG) State: \$1,009,784 SFY 2032
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,576,907		Miles: 0

Kelsey Triebold presented Resolution 21-26. Hearing no further questions or comments, she asked

for an endorsement of Resolution 21-26.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS KUBASZAK AND SECONDED
BY NICHOLAS WITWER APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-26.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Grants and Funding

South Bend Urbanized Area 5310 Grant Update

Gauri Mhatre provided an update on MACOG's Section 5310 program. Five organizations submitted applications requesting nine vehicles. Awards for the South Bend urbanized area will be announced at the Policy Board meeting on September 9.

MACOG Call for Projects

Kelsey reminded the Committee that the MACOG Call for Projects opened on August 26 for urbanized areas including South Bend, Mishawaka, St. Joseph County, Elkhart, Goshen, and urban portions of Elkhart County. Applications are due October 12. James also reminded the Committee that the MACOG funding is restricted to urbanized areas and because the project development cycle takes four or five years, staff is focusing on programming projects for the 2031-2033 timeline.

Notice of Funding Availability for Rural Federal-Aid Projects

Caitlin said the rural call for projects opens November 2 and closes December 4. MACOG can assist with applications if needed.

Community Crossings Matching Grant Program

Caitlin Stevens said Community Crossings Matching Grant Program opened September 1 and closes September 30. Caitlin reminded the Committee that INDOT usually ensures applicants are up to date with Title VI and ADA transition plans. MACOG is available to assist with applications if needed.

Plans and Programs

Michiana on the Move: 2055 Transportation Plan Update

Caitlin provided an update on the Michiana on the Move: 2055 Transportation Plan, noting that recent pop-up engagement events generated 276 contributions. Survey results indicate that active transportation facilities, such as those for pedestrians, bicycles, and buggies, are a top concern for nearly 60% of respondents, followed by roadway safety and public transit. Caitline said public input will continue being collected through the fall, with an online survey available and an upcoming event at South Bend First Friday.

Rail Corridor Study Public Information Session No. 2

Caitlin announced the second Rail Corridor Study Public Information session will be September 16-17 at Moran Elementary School.

ProPEL SR 2 Study

Caitlin announced INDOT community office hours for the ProPEL State Road 2 Study on September 10 at the Western Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library. The study will assess existing conditions and potential alternatives to the State Road 2 corridor.

INDOT IN-ACT Public Survey

Dustin New announced INDOT's first active transportation plan. He provided information for INDOT's planning survey and encouraged Committee members to provide input, explaining that participation helps position communities for future grant opportunities and alignment with regional priorities.

Crash Data Update

David Harker provided a quarterly update on crash statistics. He noted the term "incapacitating injury" has been replaced with "suspected serious injury", but will continue using the term "incapacitating injury" for data consistency until further evaluation.

David also provided a summary on AASHOTWare Safety, INDOT's new software tool for crash data and network analysis. He advised Committee members to subscribe to INDOT's local public agency newsletters to receive information regarding upcoming AASHTOWare webinars in October.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

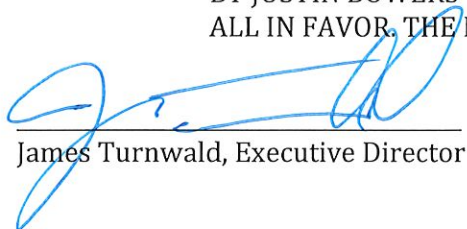
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Spelbring addressed the committee regarding regional weather trends and personal observations on county income tax rates and fuel policies.

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 JUSTIN BOWERS TO ADJOURN THE TTAC MEETING.
ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.


James Turnwald, Executive Director
Brent Warren, TTAC Chair