

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2025**

The May 7, 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
Tim Jackson – Elkhart County Highway
Chris Jamrose – City of Mishawaka Engineering
Shawn Klein – St. Joseph County APC
Andrew Lund – City of Goshen
Sky Medors – St. Joseph County Public Works
Steve Moriarty – Kosciusko County Highway
Derek Spier – City of Mishawaka Planning
Brent Warren – City of Nappanee
Natasha Weisenbeck – Elkhart County Planning
Nicholas Witwer – Marshall County Planning

**MEMBERS Attending:
(Virtually)** Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Melody Panos (for Lisa Shrader) – INDOT, LaPorte District
Jason Peters – Marshall County Highway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Biek – City of South Bend
Chris Dressel – City of South Bend Community Investment
Chris Kubaszak - Transpo
Marsha McSherry – Kosciusko County Administrator
Jeffrey Schaffer – City of Elkhart Public Works
Justin Taylor – City of Warsaw Planning
Alan Tio – South Bend International Airport
Matt Yarian – INDOT, Fort Wayne District

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2025, TTAC MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the April 2, 2025, TTAC meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED BY
SKY MEDORS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2025.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

James Turnwald presented the nominations for TTAC Officers from the nominating committee as: Brent Warren, Chair; Steve Moriarity, 1st Vice Chair; Ty Adley, 2nd Vice Chair. Hearing no questions or comments, Brent Warren asked for a motion to approve the TTAC officers as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NATASHA WEISENBECK AND SECONDED
BY CHRIS JAMROSE TO APPROVE THE TTAC OFFICERS AS PRESENTED.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

James Turnwald stated the April 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 16-25

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	Amendment	Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 16-25	Move CN funding to FY 30, Increase Federal Funding by \$249,279, Update	
Des#: 2200482	US 31, 1.47 mi S of SR 110 to 0.31 mi S of SR 10	
Contract#:T-46027	Access Control	
Phase: CN	Total: \$2,892,789	Federal: \$2,603,510 (Safety) State: \$289,279 SFY 2030
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$37,273,842		

B. INDOT	Amendment	Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 16-25	Add Project	
Des#: 2200483	US 31 at SR 110	
Contract#:T-46027	New Interchange Construction	
Phase: PE	Total: \$3,163,900	Federal: \$2,531,120 (Safety) State: \$632,780 SFY 2026
Phase: RW	Total: \$1,250,000	Federal: \$1,000,000 (Safety) State: \$250,000 SFY 2026
Phase: CN	Total: \$15,000,000	Federal: \$12,000,000 (Safety) State: \$3,000,000 SFY 2030
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$31,762,468		

Caitlin Stevens presented Resolution 16-25. Ty Adley asked if there was an update on the design for the interchange. James said INDOT presented the initial concepts for the interchange, but it has not been finalized yet.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TY ADLEY AND SECONDED
BY NATASHA WEISENBECK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit Resolution 17-25

Transit Initiated

A. Transpo	Amendment	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
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Resolution 17-25
Des#: MAC-25-31

Add Project
Fare Boxes
Transit Operating

Total: \$400,000

Federal: \$320,000 (5307)

Local: \$80,000

SFY 2025

Aidan McHugh presented Resolution 17-25. Hearing no questions or comments, Aidan asked for an endorsement of Resolution 17-25.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREW LUND AND SECONDED
BY CHRIS JAMROSE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-25.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Update

Plans and Programs

Go574 Bike Month Challenge

Dustin New announced next week is Bike to Work Week. He said MACOG has also developed a Bike Month Challenge from May 12 to June 8 where participants can record bike trips for a chance to win weekly prizes and a grand prize of a new e-bike. Dustin explained that the tool is meant to encourage people to be more active and explore local transportation options and to find alternatives to driving alone.

Crossway Trails Bike Month Challenge

Dustin New reminded the Committee that May is National Bike Month. He said the Go574 app is a great tool for tracking bike miles while earning rewards. The Crossway Trails Bike Month Challenge will begin May 12 and run for four weeks.

Move Safe Michiana Update

Caitlin Stevens provided an update on the Move Safe Michiana Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. The plan was created using the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The next SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will open next Monday and the deadline for applications is June 26. Caitlin said the next month will be spent reviewing the NOFO to make sure the action plan aligns with some of the requirements needed. The action plan will be out for public comment for most of May and there will be an open house on May 28 at the downtown St. Joseph County Public Library. The action plan will be presented to TTAC and Policy Board in June for endorsement and adoption. The action plan will allow local governments to be eligible for implementation grants under the SS4A program.

2025 PASER Rating/Asset Management Plans

David Harker stated PASER Ratings are required every two years. He said 15 communities will receive PASER ratings in CY 2025 and emails will be sent to LPA contacts by the end of May for scheduling. He asked Committee members to send him any recent bids of current or future projects to ensure the ability to update asset management plans (AMPs) correctly. The AMPs will be completed from October through November. David noted that, due to recent legislation changes (House Bill 1461), there will not be a July Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) call for projects. Sky Medors asked if there was a summary of House Bill 1461. Steve Moriarty offered to send the summary sheet he has to James to share with the Committee.

David mentioned that Quarter 1 2025 Crash data for incapacitating and fatal crashes are now available on the MACOG website. He has also included motorcycles in the data.

CONNECT Transit Plan

Aidan announced that the CONNECT Transit Plan will go into effect June 2. The plan includes a new Route 30 that will be one ride from South Bend to Elkhart that will be jointly operated by Transpo and the Interurban Trolley. There will also be a new Route 2 on the west side of South Bend to increase service in that area. More information can be found at www.connecttransitplan.com.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

James stated the AmeriCorps program was cut on April 25. There were 15 members in service at 10 different service sites. Some members were offered an internship to maintain the employment relationship. Kelsey Triebold and Anton Getz served MACOG as AmeriCorps members. Kelsey was offered a full-time role as a Transportation Planner and will be working closely with Caitlin Stevens. Anton was hired as an Active Transportation Intern for the summer.

Leah Thill announced that she will be leaving MACOG on May 23. She has accepted a remote position at a national non-profit. James thanked Leah for all of her work and the impact she has made in the region. In the future, clean transportation items will be handled by Kelsey and Brownfields will be handled by Olivia Nix.

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 NATASHA WEISENBECK AND
SECONDED BY TY ADLEY TO ADJOURN
THE TTAC MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

James Turnwald, Executive Director

Ty Adley, TTAC 2nd Vice Chair