

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES
December 14, 2011**

The December meeting of the Michiana Area Council of Governments Policy Board was held on December 14, 2011 in the MACOG Conference Room on the 11th floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. Frank Lucchese, Chairman, called the meeting to order. It was noted there was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Lucchese, Elkhart County Commissioner
Robert Kovach, St. Joseph County Commissioner
Judy Stone, Marshall County Council
Ron Troyer, Elkhart County Council
Mark Root, St. Joseph County Council
Mark Senter, Mayor, City of Plymouth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Woody Emmons, Mishawaka City Council
Allan Kauffman, Mayor, City of Goshen
Steve Luecke, Mayor, City of South Bend
Oliver Davis, South Bend City Council
Dick Moore, Mayor, City of Elkhart
Kevin Overmyer, Marshall County Commissioner
Larry Thompson, Mayor, City of Nappanee
Ernest Wiggins, Mayor, City of Warsaw
Ron Truex, Kosciusko County Commissioner
Robert Sanders, Kosciusko County Council
David Wood, Mayor, City of Mishawaka
John Letherman, Elkhart County Council

OTHERS PRESENT: George Herendeen, MACOG Attorney
Rita Kopala, Lakeville Citizen
Michael Aylesworth, IDEM
Qasim Asghar, DLZ Indiana
Pam Whitten, Elkhart County Highway
Jerry Johnson, Elkhart County Highway
Ron Drake, Elkhart County Highway
John Bowers, Elkhart County Highway
Sandra Seanor, MACOG
James Turnwald, MACOG
Zach Dripps, MACOG
Rosemary Barbara, MACOG
Erin Turinetti, MACOG
Erin Gullikson, MACOG
Karen Hamm, MACOG
Carla Keirnan, MACOG
Joyce Newland, FHWA (on the phone)
Allen Ibaugh, DTS (on the phone)

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011 MEETING

There were no additions or corrections to the November 16, 2011 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KOVACH AND
SECONDED BY MARK SENTER TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN – Frank asked for volunteers from the Policy Board to serve on the Nominating Committee to nominate Policy Board Officers for calendar year 2012. Robert Kovach and Judy Stone volunteered for the committee.

FINANCIAL – Rosemary reviewed the NOVEMBER 2011 MACOG Financial Report and asked for any questions. There being none, she asked for the Policy Board’s approval of the NOVEMBER 2011 Financial Report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KOVACH AND SECONDED
BY RON TROYER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2011
FINANCIAL REPORT. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

SECRETARY – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – Sandra reported MACOG met with the Elkhart County Township Trustees regarding funding for the Interurban Trolley. Cleveland, Osolo, Elkhart and Concord Townships each agreed to provide support. Transpo has agreed to pay for the Bittersweet/Mishawaka Route for the next 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Modifications, Amendments, Major Amendments to the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

INDOT Initiated – Resolution #58-11

A. INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart & Kosciusko Counties
Resolution 58-11 Add Project Phase: CN
Des #: 0800971 **Location: Various Locations in the Fort Wayne District**
District Pavement Marking Project SFY: 2012
Total: \$200,000 Federal: \$200,000 (ST STP) State: \$0

Erin Gullikson presented Resolution 58-11 containing Fort Wayne District initiated TIP amendments. There being no questions on this resolution, Erin requested the Policy Board’s approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KOVACH AND
SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 58-11. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LAPORTE DISTRICT

Locally Initiated – Resolution #59-11

A. Marshall County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 59-11 Decrease Federal Funds by \$400,000 (Grp IV) Phase: CN
Des #: 0810140 **Location: 7th(a) Rd from Michigan St to new US-31 interchange to Linden Trl**
Local Road Project SFY: 2014
Total: \$4,495,965 Federal: \$3,596,772 (Grp IV) Local: \$899,193

B. Marshall County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Marshall County
Resolution 59-11 Increase Federal Funds by \$400,000 (Grp IV) Phase: RW
Des #: 0810140 **Location: 7th(a) Rd from Michigan St to new US-31 interchange to Linden Trl**
Local Road Project SFY: 2013
Total: \$500,000 Federal: \$400,000 (Grp IV) Local: \$100,000

James Turnwald presented Resolution 59-11 containing LaPorte District Initiated TIP administrative modifications. There being no questions on this resolution, James requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDY STONE
AND SECONDED BY MARK SENTER TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 59-11. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSIT

TRANSPO Initiated – Resolution #61-11

A. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Delete Project SFY: 2012
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Maintenance/Shop Equipment
Total: \$100,000 Federal: \$80,000 Local: \$20,000

B. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2012
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Intelligent Bus System
Total: \$100,000 Federal: \$80,000 Local: \$20,000

C. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Delete Project SFY: 2011
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Real Estate Demolition
Total: \$180,000 Federal: \$144,000 Local: \$36,000

D. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Intelligent Bus System
Total: \$55,000 Federal: \$44,000 Local: \$11,000

E. TRANSPPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011

**Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Bus Cameras**

Total: \$125,000 Federal: \$100,000 Local: \$25,000

F. TRANSPPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011

**Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Purchase 35 ft Fixed Route Vehicles**

Total: \$3,688,889 Federal: \$3,320,000 Local: \$368,889 (Section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities
Program Funds)

Karen Hamm presented Resolution 61-11 containing TRANSPPO initiated Transit amendments.
There being no questions concerning this project, Karen requested the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK ROOT
AND SECONDED BY RON TROYER TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 61-11. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

Endorsement of **Resolution #62-11**: Support for maintaining current MPO population
thresholds in any new legislation for Federal Surface Transportation Authorization.

Sandra explained that proposed federal legislation, the "Boxer Bill", could potentially eliminate
MPO's with populations under 200,000 over a 3 year period. Although this would not affect the
existence of MACOG; several of Indiana's 14 MPOs would be affected because they do not
meet the population threshold. Many MPOs throughout the United States are requesting their
Policy Boards endorse maintaining the current population threshold at 50,000, encouraging rural
community participation in the planning process.

There being no questions concerning the endorsement of Resolution 62-11, Sandra requested the
Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KOVACH
AND SECONDED BY MARK SENTER TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 62-11. THE MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF UPDATE

Interurban Trolley "Can Do"

Nonperishable food items are being accepted from riders in order to receive a one-way trip on the
Interurban Trolley. The food drive, which began on December 5th and runs through December 17th,
will benefit "The Window" and "Church Community Services".

Quarterly Tracking and Review

The next Quarterly Tracking and Review meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Forms
are due to MACOG by Monday, December 19th.

MACOG Call for Projects

Project applications and information are due to MACOG no later than Friday, January 20, 2012. The call is for Group I, Group II and TE; new projects and additional funding requests as well as CMAQ and HSIP; funding requests only. Additional funding requests can be up to a 30% increase in current costs. INDOT intends to call for TEA Grant projects in March of 2012

Railroad Grade Crossing Fund (RRGCF) Closure Program

The Railroad Grade Crossing Fund (RRGCF) provides funding for closing passively warned railroad crossings. The funds are for materials only and can only include one crossing in each application. Projects are due to MACOG by February 6, 2012.

Sign Inventory RFP Protest

Sandra reported there was a bid protest from Avery Dennison on the Sign Inventory RFP. Five companies (including Avery Dennison) submitted proposals for the RFP. Data Transfer Solutions (DTS) received the bid award. Sandra responded to Avery Dennison in a letter dated December 6, 2011, addressing their protest concerns. No response had been received in return.

The proposals were reviewed and scored. DTS received 195 points scoring first, winning the bid award and Avery Dennison received 161 points scoring second. Additionally, of the three references provided by Avery Dennison, one had not heard of them, another did not respond and the third stated they had just begun to work with them and could not provide a reference.

ADA Inventory Update

Zach provided an ADA Inventory progress update and stated 46.3% of intersections in the 4 county MACOG Region have been evaluated. Preliminary evaluations are complete for Cities of Nappanee, Plymouth, Bremen, Warsaw, and Elkhart. New Carlisle is 96% complete, Walkerton and South Bend are at 91%, Goshen is 94%, Elkhart County; 31%, St. Joseph County; 15%, Kosciusko and Marshall Counties are 8%, Syracuse, Argos and Culver are 0%.

All evaluations and ADA Transition Plans should be created and adopted by June or July of 2012.

Regional Sign Inventory – Allen Ibaugh, Data Transfer Solutions (www.dtsgis.com)

James introduced Allen Ibaugh, CEO of Data Transfer Solutions (DTS). DTS offers Asset Management, GIS and Transportation planning services. Allen gave a remote presentation to provide an overview of the Regional Traffic Sign Inventory Management System DTS will supply to the Region. The data collected will assist LPAs in meeting the sign maintenance and reflectivity standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments.

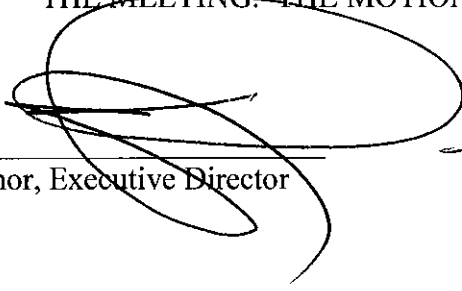
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the following action was taken:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDY STONE AND
SECONDED BY RON TROYER TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.



Sandra Seanor, Executive Director



Frank Lucchese, Chairman