

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 3, 2010**

The February 3, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room on the 7th Floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. It was noted a quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Littrell – City of South Bend
John Byorni – Area Plan Commission
Mary Cripe – City of Goshen
Gary West – City of Mishawaka
Rick Gaul – City of Plymouth
Neal Haeck – Marshall County Highway
Ralph Booker – Marshall County Plan Commission
Jessica Clark – St. Joseph County Engineering
John Schalliol – St. Joseph County Airport Authority
Ron Robinson – Kosciusko County Administrator
Dennis Pletcher – Kosciusko County Highway Dept.
Leslie Miller (Mike Machlan) – City of Elkhart
Chris Dressel – South Bend Community Development
Sandra Seanor - MACOG

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Watkins – Elkhart County Planning
Rick Brown – South Bend Public Transportation Corp.
Jeff Taylor – Elkhart County
Bill Holder – Kosciusko County GIS
Jeremy Skinner – City of Warsaw
Ken Prince – City of Mishawaka

OTHERS PRESENT Judy Minnich - ADEC
Roger Nawrot – Town of New Carlisle
Jessica Mitchell - MACOG
James Turnwald – MACOG
Zachery Dripps – MACOG
Mary Beth McAdams – MACOG
Karen Hamm – MACOG
John-Paul Hopman - MACOG
Sherry Sellers – MACOG

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010 MEETING

There were no corrections to the minutes of February 3, 2010

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA CLARK AND
SECONDED BY JOHN BYORNI TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2010. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

1. **TTAC CHAIRMAN** – No report.
2. **TTAC SECRETARY** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Modifications, Amendments, Major Amendments to the FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

Locally Initiated – Resolution – 01-10

A. Elkhart County Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 01-10 Delete Project Phase: CN

Des #0800054 **Location: CR 17 Fiber Optic Signal Interconnect – Phase II**
Other Project Type SFY: 08/2010

Total: \$1,750,000 Federal: \$1,400,000 (Grp II STP) Local: \$350,000

B. Elkhart County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 01-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$1,400,000 Phase: CN

Des #0902305 **Location: Prairie St Bridge #363 (0.1 km N of Waterfall Dr) over the Elkhart River**

Bridge Rehabilitation SFY: 01/2012

Total: \$4,380,000 Federal: \$3,400,000 (Grp II STP) Local: \$980,000

C. Elkhart County Administrative Modification Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 01-10 Decrease Federal Funding by \$480,000 (Grp II STP) Phase: CN

Des #0501128 **Location: CR 17 from CR 142 to CR 38**
New Road Construction SFY: 03/2012

Total: \$600,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$600,000

D. Elkhart County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 01-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$350,000 Phase: CN

Des #0800045 **Location: CR 17 Fiber Optic Signal Interconnect – Phase I**
Bridge Rehabilitation SFY: 02/2010

Total: \$1,750,000 Federal: \$1,750,000 (CMAQ 100%) Local: \$0

Jessica Mitchell presented Resolution 01-10. Ralph Booker asked what the fiber optic is used for. Sandi said if you run the conduit and the fiber there is also the possibility that you can use some of that in the future for communications, GIS, data reporting, etc. The primary use right now is the signal interconnect to manage the signal timings. Jessica asked for the TTAC’s endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN SCHALLIOL AND
SECONDED BY JESSICA CLARK TO ENDORSE THE
TIP AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS IN
RESOLUTION 01-10. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

Locally Initiated – Resolution – 02-10

A. Kosciusko County Amendment Exempt Project in Kosciusko County, IN
Resolution 02-10 Delete Project Phase: PE/RW/CN

Des #0800727 **Location: Bridge Rehab on Bridge #190 - .5 mi N of CR 400S on Country Club Rd**

Bridge Rehabilitation SFY: 01/2011

Total: \$102,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$102,000 (PE)

Total: \$ 15,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$ 15,000 (RW)
Total: \$737,832 Federal: \$591,000 Local: \$146,832 (CN) (Bridge)

B. Kosciusko County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Kosciusko County, IN
Resolution 02-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$41,099 Phase: PE
Des #0901507 **Location: Various Bridges within the County**
Local Bridge Inspections SFY: 2010
Total: \$190,374 Federal: \$152,299 Local: \$38,075 (ST STP)

C. City of Elkhart Administrative Modification Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 02-10 Decrease Federal Funding by \$458,848 (CHPP) Phase : CN
Des #0600463 **Location: Prairie St and NS RR Grade Separation**
New Road Construction SFY: 2012
Total: \$25,170,962 Federal: \$3,900,000 (Grp II STP) / \$2,668,716 (CHPP)
Local: \$18,602,246

D. City of Elkhart Administrative Modification Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 02-10 Decrease Federal Funding by \$210,457 (CHPP) Phase PE
Des #0600463 **Location: Prairie St and NS RR Grade Separation**
New Road Construction SFY: 2012
Total: \$2,327,274 Federal: \$1,861,979 Local: \$465,495

Jessica Mitchell presented Resolution 02-10 to the TTAC. Sandi cautioned the TTAC that whatever is put in the language of a project, you have to live with it. For example: if you say you are constructing an underpass, you can't change it to an overpass and the funds need to be used for construction only. It can't then be used for PE or ROW. When the LPAs and consultants put things together they need to be extremely careful. If it gets written into the law in a certain way, you have to live with it. Sandi said on items C and D of this amendment, she is asking for a hold because she has to talk to Shawn and Justin about what the language needs to be. If you expend the funds and it comes back later that the language is not what it should be, you may have to pay them back 100%.

Jessica said we will then table items C and D and ask for the endorsement of items A & B in Resolution 02-10.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS PLETCHER AND
SECONDED BY GARY WEST TO ENDORSE ITEMS A & B
OF RESOLUTION 02-10 AND TABLE ITEMS C & D. THE
MOTION CARRIED.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

District Initiated – Resolution – 03-10

A. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 03-10 Add Project Phase: PE
Des# 8351220 **Location: SR 19 at SR 119**
Intersection Improvement SFY: 2010
Total: \$10,500 Federal: \$8,400 (STP) State: \$2,100

B. INDOT Fort Wayne Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 03-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$133,600 Phase: PE
Des# 8351220 **Location: SR 19 at SR 119**
Intersection Improvement SFY: 2012
Total: \$212,000 Federal: \$169,600 (STP) State: \$42,400

C. INDOT Fort Wayne Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 03-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$66,000 Phase: RW

Des# 8351220 **Location: SR 19 at SR 119**
Intersection Improvement SFY: 2013
Total: \$70,000 Federal: \$56,000 (STP) State: \$14,000

D. INDOT Fort Wayne Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 03-10 Increase Federal Funding by \$652,000 Phase: CN
Des# 8351220 **Location: SR 19 at SR 119**
Intersection Improvement SFY: 2015
Total: \$1,090,000 Federal: \$872,000 (STP) State: \$218,000

Jessica Mitchell presented Resolution 03-10 containing Fort Wayne District initiated TIP amendments. There were no questions on this resolution. Jessica asked for the TTAC's endorsement of this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH BOOKER AND
SECONDED BY MARY CRIPE TO ENDORSE THE TIP
AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS CONTAINED
IN RESOLUTION 03-10. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LAPORTE DISTRICT

District Initiated – Resolution 04-10

A. LaPorte INDOT Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 04-10 Add Project Phase: RW Letting Date: 09/2010
Des# 0500030 **Location: SR 331 over Grimes Ditch (4.86 miles S of SR 933)**
Bridge Replacement – District Bridge Project SFY: 2010
Total: \$30,000 Federal: \$24,000 (STP) State: \$6,000

James Turnwald presented Resolution 04-10 containing a TIP Amendment in the LaPorte District. There were no questions on this resolution. James asked for the TTAC's endorsement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN SCHALLIOL AND
SECONDED BY JESSICA CLARK TO ENDORSE
RESOLUTION 04-10. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Transit ARRA Amendments – Resolution 05-10

A. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 05-10 Decrease Funds By \$609,198 SFY: 2009
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area
Replace up to three trolley buses for the Interurban Trolley
Total: \$450,802 Federal: \$450,802 (ARRA)

B. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
Resolution 05-10 Increase Funds By \$609,198 SFY: 2009
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area
Expand up to six trolley buses for the Interurban Trolley
Total: \$1,060,000 Federal: \$1,060,000 (ARRA)

Karen Hamm presented Resolution 05-10 containing Transit ARRA amendments. Sandi said MACOG is looking at adding another route to the Interurban Trolley system, when they figure out how to get sustained funding for it. This route would go to Ivy Tech and other businesses and industrial areas.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA CLARK AND
SECONDED BY JOHN BYORNI TO ENDORSE
THE TRANSIT ARRA AMENDEMENTS CONTAINED
IN RESOLUTION 05-10. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other Actions

A. Council on Aging of Elkhart County – Section 5310 Grant Application – Resolution 06-10

Mary Beth represented the Council of Aging of Elkhart County. They are applying for a Section 5310 Grant. The application is to replace a 2005 modified minivan which has a major mechanical problem. They are asking for one 4-6 passenger low-floor minivan (with ramp). This van will be used in their transportation service for people over 60 years of age.

B. ADEC – Section 5310 Grant Application – Resolution 07-10

Judy Minnich of ADEC was present at the meeting to present their request for a Section 5310 Grant Application for three replacement 4-6 passenger low-floor minivans (with ramp) that will be used in their day program area. They are also requesting one large transit vehicle for replacement to be used for the adult route going to the sheltered workshop.

Mary Beth requested the TTAC's endorsement of the Section 5310 Grants for both the Council of Aging of Elkhart County and ADEC.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA CLARK AND
SECONDED BY MARY CRIPE FOR THE ENDORSEMENT
OF THE SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATIONS CONTAINED
IN RESOLUTION 06-10 AND 07-10.

Staff Update

Sandi gave a wrap-up on the ARRA package. She said there is one last letting. They have finalized the project funding for the South Bend urbanized area and the rural portions as well. There are a couple of projects and one clean-up project left to be dealt with.

Jessica said for the Fort Wayne District there were around \$24 million in Elkhart County and Kosciusko County projects. Mostly on US33. The rural portion had a total of \$967,000 in Elkhart County and in Kosciusko County \$1.8 million in funds. On the urban side, Elkhart County and the City of Elkhart, all of their projects have gone through. In Goshen there is one other project for Lincoln Avenue that is coming in the February letting that is estimated at \$150,000. The remaining funds, an estimated \$200,000-\$300,000, will roll on to the Indiana Avenue bridge which is sponsored by Elkhart County.

Sandi said that one of the things that they did see was exceptional price favorability in every single area. There has been between 35% and 60% price favorability. This is why MACOG suggests that you give more projects rather than less.

James Turnwald said that in the rural areas of LaPorte District there are two CE projects which were in Bremen and Marshall County. Marshall County had about \$1.8 million. In the urban areas there were 13 contracts, primarily for roads. There were urban signs in St. Joseph County. In Mishawaka there were signals and some signage. There were a few intersections in South Bend. Overall, with an estimated CE, the estimate of \$5.9 million has been spent. All the alternates (\$2 million) that were submitted have gone through.

Sandi said the JOBS has been passed by the House. It still needs to go through the Senate. That bill requires that within 90 days the state have 50% of its money under contract with the contractor doing the work. This may cause some issues. For the urbanized areas, if we are going to exchange the STP Group I or Group II funds, they will allow us to take that back and have it obligated by September 2012.

On the rural side, if there is a project that can be converted to the 90 days, for those projects that can be converted either with MPO STP funding, or whatever funding, and for those Group III or Group IV

projects, they will allow you to use the STP converted to change orders. Anything new, any change orders, as with the ARRA process, is yours if they are not a conversion project.

If you haven't sent MACOG your estimated cost and proposed projects, MACOG will need that information ASAP or it will not get on the February Policy Board meeting. There will be an emergency amendment posted to the TTAC in the next few days.

Sandi talked about a district-wide signage program. FHWA is working to have a unified stand on where they are at with that. These are only regulatory signs.

Sandi stressed that the TTAC should be making plans to get their inspection packages ready for the JOBS bill, even though it has not been officially passed yet. They should also program a few additional projects, because we are still getting pretty good price favorability.

There is a call for Group IV projects that will be coming out in March. They will be due back to MACOG in April.

Presentation – Updating Federal Functional Classification

J.P. Hopman has gone through and reviewed and cleaned up the functional classification map. The TTAC will be receiving from MACOG a large county map of their current functional classification system. It will have on it the current traffic counts and a definition of what functional classification means. If you are going to spend federal funds, you need to use the functional classification system. The counties will be done first, then the cities. MACOG is taking the first look to see if it makes sense, then the maps will be distributed to the TTAC to look at. After MACOG has looked at the TTAC's changes we will go to the counties, cities and towns.

John Schalliol asked if anyone had good experience with the Buy American program connected with the ARRA projects. One of the ARRA requirements is that everything has to be made in America. Sandi said that Mary Beth could help him with that. There are exemptions and waivers available.

Zach Dripps gave a presentation of Functional Classification, what it means and why it matters. His presentation explained what each of the different classifications mean. They are updating the map and want to make sure that changes made are accurate. J.P. is going to be sending out the map in pdf and then in paper also.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sandi asked if everybody got their hybrids. Zach said that we are finished with the first round. There will be another round coming.

Chris Dressel talked about the Bike the Bend event that will be occurring on May 23, 2010. They are working on the marketing and outreach for this event. There is a website that is now up and running (bikethebend.com). The route is 30 miles long. The event is geared toward promoting cycling in South Bend and the area.

Ralph Booker wondered if anyone else had been contacted by wind tower companies. He was approached by two different companies. There have been others that were contacted, but nothing has come of it yet. Ralph said they are trying to gather at least 2,000 acres in order to put the towers up. They would put up test towers for a year before they would decide to pursue the process. Roger Nawrot said a lot of research has been done in Huntington, Newton and Jasper Counties. Ralph Booker said he knows Jimmy Bricker from Benton County who is also involved in this. They have approved over 600 towers in Benton County. Sandi asked about ordinances to cover this type of thing. The county commissioners should make sure they have something in place before making contracts out. Ralph said the farmers are being offered somewhere between \$5,000 - \$10,000 an acre as an annual lease to have the towers on their property.

Carl Littrell mentioned that the legislature is considering bills on net metering and aggregate metering so people have excess power to feed back into the grid there are some regulations available to make it so they receive more money to feed power back into the grid. Right now the sum is too small. Ralph said the wind tower people told him that is one reason why they are interested in the State of Indiana, because of this new legislation.

Sandi said perhaps MACOG can get someone to come to a future TTAC meeting to speak about this subject. Ralph said Jimmy Bricker of Benton County has given a presentation to their area. Sandi said perhaps MACOG can contact him about talking to the TTAC.

Road School is coming up March 9-11th. James Turnwald mentioned that Employee of Responsible Charge (ERC) Training will be done at Road School on Thursday, March 11th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the following action was taken.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN BYORNI AND
SECONDED BY JESSICA CLARK TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING . THE MOTION CARRIED.



Sandra Seanor, Executive Director



Carl Littrell, Chairman

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