

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: January 4, 2022

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 440, Citizens Square, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The following were present:

Members (voting):

- Member Shan Gunawardena-Chair
- Member William Hartman-Vice Chair
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Jason Kaiser
- Member Steve McMichael
- Member Ashley Pino for John Metzinger
- Member Judi Wire
- Member Kelly White for Patrick Zaharako

Member Erica Tait (non-voting)

The following were not present:

- Member Therese Brown
- Member Renee Rousseau Fishing
- Member Kenneth Fries
- Member Paul Spoelhof

Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)

Member Kari Carmany George (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director and Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner. Eli Samaan and Tinisha Weigelt were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of the November 2, 2021 minutes. Mr. Hartman moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Hartman reported for Allen County Highway. Construction is complete on two phases of the Bass Road Overall project. Three phases are underway and the last two phases will go to bid in October 2022. PE is 60% and RW is 55% on Phase 3B and 3C of the Bass Road project. PE is 45% on the Bluffton Road Bridge #257 project. PE is 45% on the Monroeville Road Bridge #277 project. PE is 40% on the Fogwell Parkway project. PE is 30% on the Amber Road Bridge #226 project. The Monroeville Road-Wayne Trace project received an NTP for PE with A & Z Engineering on December 2, 2021. Work on Bass Road Phase 1B and 2A has been suspended for the winter. Initial negotiations are complete on the 2022-2025 Biennial NBIS Bridge Inspections, but a new INDOT directive requires contract updates statewide.

Ms. White gave the report for the City of Fort Wayne. The survey is complete for the Hillegas Road project. PE is 10% and Phase II submittal will be in February. A public meeting will be held later this month or in February for the Bluffton Road Bridge #358 project. PE is 30% and Phase II submittal will be in March 2022. Phase II has been submitted for the Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project and PE is 44%. The St. Joe Center Road and Maplecrest Road-Phase II projects will have restorations to be completed this spring.

Mr. Hinderman gave the report for the airport. The terminal building project is going well, but COVID and supply issues may delay the project. If funding is received, a taxiway project will be done at Smith Field next year.

Mr. McMichael gave the report for the City of New Haven. Landin Road reopened to traffic on December 15, 2021, construction is continuing. Rose Avenue is closed while work is being done on the retaining wall.

Mr. Kaiser gave the report for INDOT. The Concrete Pavement Restoration project on I-69 is scheduled for project letting later this month. Two contracts were awarded. The contract for the I-69 over Robinson Creek project was awarded on December 16, 2021 to Milestone Contractors LP. The contract for the I-69 and Coldwater Road project was awarded on November 29, 2021 to Primco LLC.

Ms. Pino gave the report for Citilink. Several buses are on order and expected to be delivered in the spring. Citilink received funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and is in the planning stages on how to spend the funds. Citilink met with the City of Fort Wayne regarding ADA bus stop compliance.

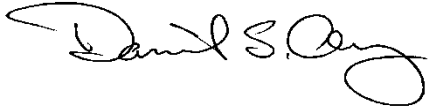
The first item of new business was the Participant Plan presented by Mr. Avery. The Participation Plan Draft was put out for review and public comment from November 17, 2021 to January 3, 2022. No notable comments were received. The primary goals of the Participation Plan are for interested parties to understand the planning process, how to comment and influence decisions, provide access to transportation information and analyses, review visual tools and documents, and receive feedback regarding questions and concerns. The outreach methods include policy board and committee meetings, transportation planning newsletter and the Annual Summary Report, information sharing and website, open houses, public meetings/hearings, and workshops and planning charrettes. The Participation Plan addresses special outreach efforts for the environmental justice populations. The following plans and programs require public participation; Participation Plan, Coordinated Public-Human Services Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Analysis. Ms. Wire moved that the Participation Plan be approved. Mr. Hinderman seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of new business was the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) presented by Mr. Avery. This bill includes a \$567 billion dollar investment for transportation projects in FY 22-26. The bill also includes funding for clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, clean energy transmission and electric vehicle infrastructure, and access to high speed internet. The bill focuses on the following areas: safety, bridges, climate changes, resilience, project delivery and equity. Mr. Avery explained the funding and who was eligible to receive the funding. Mr. Avery described the new programs and changes to current programs.

There was one TIP Amendment regarding US 30 and US 31. Mr. Hartman moved to approve the TIP Amendment. Mr. Hinderman seconded the motion and it carried.

At this point, Mr. Gunawardena asked for public comment. Mr. Samaan expressed his concern about the signage at I-69 and Illinois Road. He would like to the sign to have both SR 14 West and Illinois Road listed. Mr. Kaiser said he would check on it.

There being no further business, Mr. Gunawardena adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Daniel S. Avery
Executive Director - Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council