

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: June 7, 2022

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, June 7, 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 Mike Thornson for William Hartman-Vice Chair
- Member Therese Brown
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Jason Kaiser
- Member Paul Lagemann
- Member Steve McMichael
- Member John Metzinger
- Member Paul Spoelhof
- Member Judi Wire
- Member Patrick Zaharako

The following were not present:

Member Adam Day

- Member Stephanie Belch (non-voting)
- Member Kari Carmany George (non-voting)
- Member Erica Tait (non-voting)

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director; Jerry Foust, Senior Transportation Planner; Stephen Senior, Associate Transportation Planner; and Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant. Tom Cicero, Mike Fruchey, Nathan Frye, Chad Salzbrenner, and Eli Samaan were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of the May 10, 2022, minutes. Ms. Brown moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. McMichael seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Metzinger gave the report for Citilink. Citilink will be receiving five new buses soon. The Citilink Board will be reviewing and adopting a new 10-year capital improvement plan at their June meeting. Mr. Metzinger talked about the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program. There will be approximately \$5 billion in funds available over the next five years to help modernize bus fleets and bus facilities. Citilink will be conducting a study to explore the best options. Once the study is complete a transition plan will be written to apply for these funds.

Mr. Hinderman gave the progress report for the airport. The terminal project is going well. Phase I is approximately 50 percent complete. The project is slightly behind schedule due to labor shortages and supply chain issues. Air travel has continued to increase. Taxiway Alpha at Smith Field will be reconstructed with grant monies recently received.

Mr. McMichael gave the report for the City of New Haven. Phase I of the Landin Road project should be completed by the end of this month. Landin Road will be open to southbound traffic on June 15, 2022.

Mr. Thornson reported for Allen County Highway. The Bass Road Overall project has increased in estimated overall project cost by approximately \$25,000. Construction is complete on three phases with two phases remaining. The last phases are to be bid in December 2022. Preliminary engineering (PE) is 75% complete and right-of-way (RW) is 80% complete for the Bass Road Phase 3B and 3C project. The South County Line Road Bridge #271 project has decreased in estimated overall project cost by approximately \$30,000. PE is 70% complete for the Bluffton Road Bridge #257 project. PE is 35% complete for the Amber Road Bridge #226 project. PE is 20% complete for the Monroeville Road – Wayne Trace project. The consulting RFP (request for proposal) has been posted for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51, Cuba Road Bridge #24, Hamilton Road Bridge #242, and Van Zile Road Bridge #32 projects and the LOIs (letter of intent) are due July 1, 2022. The utilities have been relocated, storm drainage improvements are nearly complete, and paving has been underway for the Bass Road Phase 1B project. Final inspections and reporting are complete for the 2018-2021 Biennial NBIS Bridge Inspections project. INDOT issued a NTP (notice to proceed) on May 4, 2022, for the 2022-2025 Biennial NBIS Bridge Inspections project.

Mr. Zaharako gave the report for the City of Fort Wayne. PE is 40% complete for the Hillegas Road project and drainage design is in progress. Phase II is in review for the Bluffton Road Bridge #358 project and PE is 60% complete. There has been no change or update with the Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project. Restorations on the St. Joe Center Road project are to be completed this month. The State Boulevard project is in the warranty phase for plantings. Restorations on the Maplecrest Road – Phase II project will be completed by the end of this month.

Mr. Kaiser gave the report for INDOT. The letting for the Interchange Modification project at I-469 southbound at SR 37 has been move to July 2024 to align with a concrete pavement restoration project that is in the same area. The concrete pavement restoration project on I-69 is scheduled for letting in October 2022.

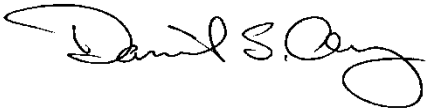
The first item of new business was the Allen County Crash Data Update presented by Mr. Foust. Mr. Foust presented the total number of crashes for each year from 2012 to 2021. The crashes were categorized as property damage crashes, personal injury crashes, incapacitating injury crashes, number of persons with incapacitating injuries, fatal crashes and the number of persons killed. The number of fatal crashes along with the number of persons killed was shown from 2005 to 2021. 2021 was the highest number of fatal crashes and number of persons killed. There were 43 fatal crashes with 46 killed. 47% percent of the 2021 fatal crashes were alcohol or drug related. The five-year crash summary from 2017 to 2021 showed the crash summary by month. October was the month with the highest number of crashes. The primary factor for the 2021 crashes was presented. Next, the pedestrian and bike related crashes were discussed. There were three fatal pedalcyclist accidents from 2009 to 2020. In 2021, there were five fatal pedalcyclist accidents and this year there has already been three fatal pedalcyclist accidents. Mr. Gunawardena asked how many of the fatal crashes in 2021 involved motorcycles. Mr. Foust answered five. Mr. Avery said every crash is examined to determine the exact location of the crash and then it is geocoded.

The next item of new business was the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Discussion by Mr. Avery. Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) is the national strategy on highway safety to advocate for eliminating serious injuries and deaths on our nation's roadways. The Safe Streets for All Grant Program (SS4A) was created to help reach the zero deaths goal. The Safe Streets for All Grant Program (SS4A) notice of funding opportunity was issued May 16, 2022. A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan needs to be developed to apply for these funds. The following components need to be part of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; leadership commitment and goal setting, planning structure, safety analysis, engagement and collaboration, equity considerations, policy and process changes, strategy and project selection/prioritization, and progress and transparency. Mr. Avery went over each component of a Comprehensive Safety Plan. The closing date for applications is September 15, 2022.

The final item of new business was the TIP Amendments presented by Mr. Avery. The four amendments were for the Cuba Road Bridge #24, Hamilton Road Bridge #242, Van Zile Road Bridge #32, and Woodburn Road Bridge #51 projects. Mr. Hinderman moved that the TIP amendments be approved. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion and it carried.

At this point, Mr. Gunawardena asked for public comment. There were no comments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-22

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FORT WAYNE-NEW HAVEN-ALLEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020-2024 and FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 (Federal-Aid Highway planning requirements), and capable of meeting the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Fort Wayne-New Haven-Allen County Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Advisory Board serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization policy body for the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, all federally funded highway and transit improvements within Allen County must be included in the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prior to the expenditure of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the MPO consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies concurred in the MPO finding that the TIP amendment projects are within the maintenance area and are exempt, per 40 CFR 93.126 & 127, and there is no need to update the conformity analysis or issue a new conformity finding; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the amendments below, the Urban Transportation Advisory Board here within finds that they are consistent with the 2040 Transportation Plan and its corresponding conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the NIRCC Participation Plan does not require a separate public involvement meeting for TIP amendments, and the public participation procedure was followed; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Advisory Board of the Fort Wayne-New Haven-Allen County Metropolitan Planning Organization from time to time amends its TIP; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Fort Wayne-New Haven-Allen County Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2020-2024 and FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as presented in the attached.

ADOPTED by the Urban Transportation Advisory Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization policy board of the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council on this 7th day of June, 2022.



Shan Gunawardena, Chairperson
Urban Transportation Advisory Board

**FY 2020-2024 and 2022-2026 TIP Amendment
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Project Information	DES #	Phase	Estimated Cost					Other Year	Federal Funds	Local Funds	LPA A/M/G	Priority	TIP Date ICG Date AQ Finding	Contract # Funding Letting
			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*							
Cuba Rd Bridge #24 over Oberhaltzer Ditch <i>(INDOT funded project)</i> Bridge Replacement: 2 lane bridge	2101756	PE RW CN CE		\$300,000		\$30,000		2027 2027	\$240,000 \$24,000 \$944,000 \$141,600	\$60,000 \$6,000 \$236,000 \$35,400	AC 21-161	2 4 6 6	 5/20/2022 exempt	B-44315 Group III / IV 7/8/2026
Total cost for project:	\$1,687,000		\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0		\$1,349,600	\$337,400				
Hamilton Rd Bridge #242 over Rebecca Knight Drain <i>(INDOT funded project)</i> Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair: 2 lane bridge	2101768	PE RW CN CE		\$285,000			\$60,000	2027 2027	\$228,000 \$48,000 \$1,692,000 \$253,600	\$57,000 \$12,000 \$423,000 \$63,400	FW 21-164	2 5 6 6	 5/20/2022 exempt	B-44316 Group III / IV 8/5/2026
Total cost for project:	\$2,777,000		\$0	\$285,000	\$0	\$0	\$60,000		\$2,221,600	\$555,400				
Van Zile Rd Bridge #32 over the St Joseph River <i>(INDOT funded project)</i> Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair: 2 lane bridge	2101761	PE RW CN CE		\$306,000		\$60,000		2027 2027	\$244,000 \$48,000 \$2,376,000 \$356,000	\$61,000 \$12,000 \$594,000 \$89,000	AC 21-162	2 4 6 6	 5/20/2022 exempt	B-44317 Group III / IV 9/2/2026
Total cost for project:	\$3,780,000		\$0	\$306,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0		\$3,024,000	\$756,000				
Woodburn Rd Bridge #51 over the Grover Drain #2 <i>(INDOT funded project)</i> Bridge Replacement: 2 lane bridge	2101762	PE RW CN CE		\$375,000		\$38,000		2027 2027	\$300,000 \$30,400 \$1,192,000 \$179,200	\$75,000 \$7,600 \$298,000 \$44,800	AC 21-163	2 4 6 6	 5/20/2022 exempt	B-44314 Group III / IV 6/7/2027
Total cost for project:	\$2,127,000		\$0	\$375,000	\$0	\$38,000	\$0		\$1,701,600	\$425,400				