

## **URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes: July 5, 2022**

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, July 5, 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 Therese Brown
- Member Scott Hinderman
- Member Jason Kaiser
- Member Nathan Frye for Steve McMichael
- Member John Metzinger
- Member Paul Spoelhof
- Member Judi Wire
- Member Kelly White for Patrick Zaharako

The following were not present:

- Member Adam Day
- Member Paul Lagemann

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

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director; Stephen Senior, Associate Transportation Planner; and Debbie Magsam, Administrative Assistant. Andrew Fenker, Mike Fruchey, Beth Johnson, Donya LaRue, Eli Samaan, and Mike Thornson were also present.

Mr. Gunawardena brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the approval of the June 7, 2022, minutes. Ms. Wire moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Hinderman gave the progress report for the airport. The terminal project is going well. Last week, the Allegiant Air ticket counter opened after being renovated. The Delta and United counters are currently being renovated. Gates 8 through 10 will open in September 2022. After consulting with the contractor, the reconfiguration of the runway at Smith Field will be started next year.

Mr. Metzinger gave the report for Citilink. Citilink received five new buses, and they will go into service in the next few weeks. In August 2021, Citilink ordered 12 minibuses and delivery was to be approximately May 2022. Due to supply chain issues the delivery is delayed until possibly 2024. There are discussions with the Citilink Board to release a RFP (request for proposals) for a new van pool program to help with the growing need of workforce mobility.

Mr. Frye gave the report for the City of New Haven. Construction at the Landin Road/Rose Avenue intersection is behind schedule. The intersection will reopen sometime in the next week or two. Landin Road Phase II is going well.

Mr. Hartman reported for Allen County Highway. Preliminary engineering (PE) is 85% complete and right-of-way (RW) is 85% complete for the Bass Road Phase 3B and 3C project. PE is 80% complete for the South County Line Road Bridge #271 project. PE is 50% complete for the Fogwell Parkway project. PE is 60% complete for the Slusher Road Bridge #144 project. PE is 25% complete for the Monroeville Road – Wayne Trace project. The consulting RFP (request for proposal) date has passed for the Woodburn Road Bridge #51, Cuba Road Bridge #24, Hamilton Road Bridge #242, and Van Zile Road Bridge #32 projects. The Woodburn Road Bridge #51 project received three letters of interest. The Cuba Road Bridge #24 project received three letters of interest. The Hamilton Road Bridge #242 project received four letters of interest. The Van Zile Road Bridge #32 project received four letters of interest. The project closeout request has been submitted to INDOT for the 2018-2021 Biennial NBIS Bridge Inspections project. Phase I inspections and reporting have been completed for the 2022-2025 Biennial NBIS Bridge Inspections project.

Ms. White gave the report for the City of Fort Wayne. PE is 45% complete for the Hillegas Road project. PE is 65% complete for the Bluffton Road Bridge #358 project. PE is 65% complete for the Goeglein Road Bridge #113 project and Phase II was approved. The pre-final check St. Joe Center Road project is scheduled for July 8, 2022. The State Boulevard project is in the warranty phase for plantings. The final walkthrough was completed for the Maplecrest Road – Phase II project and the punchlist completion is in progress.

Mr. Kaiser gave the report for INDOT. A new signal will be installed on SR 14 at the South Noyer Road/Rock Dove Road intersection. The concrete pavement restoration project on I-69 is scheduled for letting in October 2022. This is the fourth relet. Project letting is scheduled for November 2022 for the interchange modification/bridge deck overlay project on I-469 WB Bridge over Clinton Street.

The first item of new business was the Vision Zero Policy Statement presented by Mr. Avery. Mr. Avery distributed a handout of the draft – Toward Vision Zero Policy Statement. The statement is a necessary part of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan discussed at the June 7, 2022, UTAB meeting. Members of the Board read over the draft statement. The draft statement was discussed, and changes were suggested. Comments regarding the policy are to be sent to Mr. Avery before the August UTAB meeting.

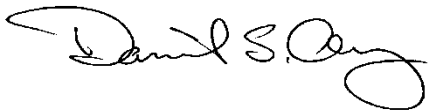
The next item of new business was the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) presented by Mr. Avery. The PSAP goal is to reduce the frequency and severity of pedestrian crashes, fatalities, and injuries by establishing a framework to identify practical and achievable strategies to improve pedestrian safety, prioritize improvements, and provide a means of development and implementation. The PSAP includes the four “E”s; engineering solutions, education solutions, enforcement solutions and encouragement solutions. Next, Mr. Avery went over the nine objectives of the PSAP. Objective 1 is to reduce the 3-year average number of pedestrian accidents 15% by 2029. Objective 2 is to update applicable manuals, guidelines, and standards to ensure

safe and accessible pedestrian facilities within the design of facilities in the public right of way. Objective 3 is to upgrade crosswalks throughout the central business district, downtown areas, and other business districts with longitudinal lines or piano key style crosswalk markings. Objective 4 is to upgrade traffic signals throughout the central business district, downtown areas, and other business districts with pedestrian countdown indicators. Objective 5 is to identify five intersection projects for each category of countermeasures (simple, moderately complex, and complex) by 2030. Objective 6 is to identify high priority or high usage transit stops and transit stops that need special consideration for ADA compliant treatments. Objective 7 is to prioritize areas around schools for safety improvements for students to walk if their residence is within a specific distance from a particular school. Objective 8 is to select at least five corridors for possible pedestrian safety improvements by 2030. Objective 9 is to select five educational or encouragement type countermeasures for spot specific locations, corridors, or larger areas by 2030.

The final item of new business was the TIP Amendments presented by Mr. Avery. There were seven TIP Amendments. Three amendments were regarding projects along I-469. Two amendments were regarding projects along SR 37. There were also amendments regarding a project on US 33 and a project on US 30/US 31. The SR 37 and US 33 amendments regarding auxiliary lanes are subject to being air quality exempt. Mr. Spoelhof moved that the TIP amendments be approved. Ms. Brown 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.

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