

**MPO POLICY BOARD Minutes**  
**January 8, 2026 • 2:00 pm**  
**Virtual / Tippecanoe County Office Building**

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**Members Present**

Tony Roswarski	Mayor, City of Lafayette
Erin Easter	Mayor, City of West Lafayette
Jody Hamilton	County Council
Tracy Brown	Tippecanoe County Commissioner
Gary Schroeder	Area Plan Commission
Larry Leverenz	West Lafayette City Council
Debbie Calder	INDOT

**Members Absent**

Steve Snyder	Lafayette City Council
Cindy Murray	Lafayette Board of Works
Mike Gibson	Board of Directors for CityBus

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Dave Griffie	City of Lafayette
Bryan Smith	CityBus
Stewart Kline	Tippecanoe County Highway

Ryan O’Gara, Tim Stroshine, Aria Straiger, Michael Thompson, and Doug Poad were present from the Area Plan Commission.

Tony Roswarski called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and conducted roll call.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Larry Leverenz moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting. Tracy Brown seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**II. Resolution T-25-19: Resolution to Amend the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**a. Tippecanoe County: Countywide Bridge Inspection Program**

Doug Poad, APC staff, introduced an amendment request to the TIP from Tippecanoe County regarding the 4-year bridge inspection program. A report was displayed showing the individual breakdown by year, phase, and dollar amount. The overall total project cost is just over \$1 million. Federal funds are paying for most of the inspection requirements. The Technical Transportation Committee reviewed this request last month and recommended approval along with APC staff.

Resolution T-25-19 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**III. Resolution T-25-20: TIP Amendment/Modification Procedures**

Doug Poad shared the request that came out of the federal certification review, to update the amendment and modification policy. The drafted update includes a process to amend and modify the TI. It also includes how to process an emergency amendment and how to fix scrivener’s errors. This process follows INDOT’s STIP manual and was reviewed by the Technical Transportation Committee last month. A request for review was sent to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and INDOT. FTA said they will not be reviewing it. Requests to INDOT were sent on three separate occasions and they have not received any feedback or comments. The only feedback from FHA was asking if comments were received from INDOT.

Tim Stroshine added there is a small possibility that after this resolution is approved, INDOT or FHA may ask to make a modification, in which case the resolution will be brought back.

Resolution T-25-20 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **IV. Administrative Modification to the FY 2026-2030 TIP**

##### **a. CityBus: Reallocating Section 5307 funds to Low or No Emissions Grant**

Doug Poad stated that on 12/17/25 they processed a TIP modification, reallocating \$1 million from 2025 Section 5307 federal funds to one of CityBus's Low or No Emission Grants. CityBus has received special federal funds that are used to pay for projects like bus replacements that produce little or no emissions. Part of these grants are used to produce hydrogen buses and install hydrogen fuel stations. These funds have been awarded but not released so the reallocation will be used to pay for the work that is already being done.

Bryan Smith said final pieces were ready for execution with FTA on May 18, 2025. A date has not been given when they can expect the grant funds. They are halfway through building the fuel station and will move currently unobligated 2025 funds to pay for it to avoid overdue invoices.

Doug Poad stated this is for information only and does not require a vote.

#### **V. Interlocal Agreement: Northern Corridor Connection White Paper**

Tim Stroshine, APC staff, reported that because of favorable bids for the Morehouse Road project, they have extra money available. They would like to use these funds to study installing a connection road between US 52/231 where it ends at Meijer, Menards, and the Interstate. An interlocal agreement is needed since funding can only pay for 80% of the study. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will also need to be amended. The interlocal agreement states that APC will use the funds to pay for 80% of the project, Lafayette and West Lafayette will each pay 5%, and Tippecanoe County will pay 10%. The study will be conducted in a couple phases, the first will be \$100,000, with \$340,000 in total. The County Commissioners have already signed off so approval is needed from both city councils.

#### **VI. Resolution T-26-01: UPWP Amendment for Northern Corridor Connection White Paper**

Tim Stroshine said the savings and funds that were previously mentioned came in the form of STGB funding, which they only have 1 year to spend. They were able to work with INDOT to trade 2025 funds for 2026 funds. Because that is still not enough time to spend the funds, they are transferring them to PL funds and putting them into the UPWP. This amendment formalizes moving the money around with approval from INDOT.

Resolution T-26-01 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **VII. APC Progress Report**

##### **a. MPO Update**

##### **i. Federal Funding Obligation**

Doug Poad said they had not received the monthly report from INDOT yet. Last month they were able to submit a FMIS request, an official letter that is sent to INDOT district office to obligate funds. The specific project is the Soldiers Home Road, Phase 1, for the right-of-way phase. The funding was requested for both the right-of-way services, in terms of the consultant being able to go out and work with the property owners for the property purchase, as well as the purchase. They have officially obligated their portion of their federal funds. They need to process the UPWP amendment for the northern corridor study which will be shown in the report next month. They are hoping to receive good bids in February for the first phase of the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street creek project. The remaining balance of federal funds will be on an April bid letting the emergency vehicle preemption project.

**b. INDOT 18-Month Letting List**

Doug Poad INDOT has not updated the report since December.

- Project #1 report showed who the low bidder was and amount, the number of bids, and the completion date.
- Projects #2-4 are on the letting for next week and include the State Road 225 truss reconstruction, patching on I65, and scour protection on State Road 38 at S Fork Wildcat Creek.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was none.

**IX. Citizen Comments**

A one-minute pause took place to allow for comments. There were none.

**X. Adjournment.**

Larry Leverenz moved to adjourn; Erin Easter seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Clarkson Bistline  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



Ryan O'Gara  
Executive Director