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The Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County
Citizens Participation Committee

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I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

II. Program

- a) Public Participation Plan
- b) Northern Corridor Connection

III. Questions, Comments, and Suggestions

IV. Adjournment

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March 11, June 10, September 09, December 09

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Beaty, James	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31



Carson, Dennis	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Casanova, Monica	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Clevenger, Steve	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Covely Jr, Carl	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Fettinger, David	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Frescas, Stewart	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Fry, John	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Harby, Nick	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Kroeschen, Gene	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Krzton-Presson, Amy	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
McMillan, Deanna	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Nelson, Lynn	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31
Slaven, Jim	Citizen	2026-01-01	2026-12-31



**AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE.....December 10, 2025
TIME.....6:00 PM
PLACE.....Tippecanoe Room (Virtual)
County Building
20 North 3rd Street
Lafayette, IN 47901

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Krzton-Presson Deanna McMillan Nick Harby
Gene Kroeschen Stewart Frescas
Lynn Nelson Steve Clevenger

STAFF PRESENT

Tim Stroshine
Aria Staiger
Michael Thompson

Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynn Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting. Stewart Frescas seconded. The minutes were approved, without a voice vote, due to only two members being present at the time.

II. PROGRAM

A. Parks Plan

Tim Stroshine introduced Michael Thompson, Transportation Planner, to give an update on the *TCO Parks Plan*.

Michael Thompson introduced the *Parks Plan* team which includes Area Plan Commission Management: Ryan O’Gara, Executive Director; Amanda Esposito, Assistant Director; Tim Stroshine, Assistant Director; APC Staff: Michael Thompson, GIS Technician; Nathan McBurnett, Planner; John Burns, Planner; Kristine Roehl, planner; and Tippecanoe County Parks: Randy Lower, Director.

Why update the *Parks Plan*?

The last plan was adopted in October 1999 and is overdue for an update for a growing community. The scope of the project will be to forecast future planning and resource allocation, fulfill future grant and funding requests, improve facility maintenance, and assist with future park and recreation real property decisions.

A map was shown of areas to recreate in Tippecanoe County including areas owned by the County Parks Board, NICHES Land Trust, DNR, Purdue, WREC, and publicly accessible open spaces. There are several county parks properties ranging from ones with public access, nature areas, and ones with more amenities.

In doing a progress evaluation and Park Board profile, they will look at the history of Tippecanoe County Park Board activity. This includes determining what projects have been successful, what projects have had challenges, and examining their statements of purpose and goals. This will frame the work they do to better inform goals and objectives. The next step will be to identify a community description and look at population and community growth, the economic base, and community support groups. They are currently working on an inventory of the parks and documenting programs that exist, the natural environment, and facilities. They will look at how the *Parks Plan* promotes the maintenance of facilities for future visitors. This involves getting feedback from visitors and what staff report on from site visits.

While staff conducted inventories, surveys with active QR codes were sent out to gather feedback from the public. This will be available to both residents and nonresidents until December 31, 2025. Currently, they have received over 225 responses. A distribution chart was shown of the age, city/town, and township of participants captured in the responses. Participants were also asked if they were aware that Tippecanoe County had park systems separate from Lafayette and West Lafayette and over 30% were not aware.

The next steps of this project will be to continue analyzing survey results, determine the best method for public engagement, write the plan, and then submit the plan for approval.

Lynn Nelson commented that it sounded like this was the beginning of planning and asked if there had been any thought towards the types of facilities they might create or add to what's available currently.

Michael Thompson said these are the beginning stages of planning, starting with the survey and park inventories. With the survey answers they've received, people are asking for more trails and more connectivity between trails.

Tim Stroshine noted that Steve Clevenger, Nick Harby, Gene Kroeschen, and Amy Krzton-Presson joined the meeting.

B. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Tim Stroshine introduced the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* stating that it is a federally required document that is updated every 5 years. The first was completed back in 1978 and the newest one will be for year 2055, completed in 2027. A visual aid was used from the *2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* completed in 2022.

With the help of the Transportation Study Committee, a subcommittee of the Area Plan Commission, they have started developing goals and objectives for the *2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. The first goal will be to improve safety for all users, and they are working on demographic projections as the community continues to grow in terms of housing and number of employees. Predictions of growth for the areas that people will be living and working in 2055 are important because those will dictate areas that need additional transportation services. Transportation not only includes person vehicles but also transit, walking, bicycling, and micro-mobility devices (e-scooters, e-bikes, motorized skateboards).

The public outreach for this plan has been started as well. Staff attended the Lafayette and West Lafayette farmer's market to have discussions with people about ideas on improving the transportation system. They used an online survey to prioritize goals developed by the Transportation Study Committee. There will be future opportunities for public input as the document progresses.

Steve Clevenger asked what staff foresees as the funding situation from federal and state governments for ongoing transportation projects.

Tim Stroshine said that the current transportation funding will expire in 2026, but they are expecting a continuing resolution that will keep the same programs in place, and a new legislation package will not be put forward. There will likely be reduced grant-funding opportunities with a shift in how funding is distributed. He doesn't know how funding will keep up with inflation and the increased cost of building transportation projects. There hasn't been a corresponding growth in fund availability to the elevated costs post-pandemic.

Steve Clevenger asked when changes in projects or additions in projects for the new transportation plan are expected.

Tim Stroshine said that they've been in communication with LPA Engineers on a list of priorities. Projects can take years to complete from conception to final construction. With limited funding, there are needs

that were identified prior to the *2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* that will continue as projects. They have met with Lafayette and will be meeting with West Lafayette to work on a new project list.

Amy Krzton-Presson asked what sectors of development *the Plan* accounts for, if it includes new housing developments or just transportation projects.

Tim Stroshine said both residential and commercial developments are considered. They have a good idea of where additional transportation infrastructure is needed. From the federal government's perspective, just federal funding allocation for transportation infrastructure is needed. *The Plan* directly answers the question of federal funding. However, because staff also handle current planning, they can keep this in mind when working on new developments and subdivisions. For instance, Tippecanoe County has a significant number of apartments coming in to serve the student population.

III. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Aria Staiger said that using GoTo Meeting has its problems and recommended switching over to using Microsoft Teams.

Deanna Miller, Lynn Nelson, Steve Clevenger, and Nick Harby commented in support of this.

Final reminder that the Parks Survey is open until December 31, 2025. A link was sent via email to the committee.

Aria Staiger read a comment from YouTube from user 'Paraminda': "I have a question. In the latest TIP, it says that South Street, formerly Indiana 26, will be reconstructed. What are the specific details about what is going to be changed?"

Tim Stroshine answered that the vision is to make it a more pedestrian-friendly and complete street. There are a lot of people who ride the bus to get to work at some of the shopping centers and businesses there and they do not have good facilities to stand and wait for the bus at. There will be shelters installed, sidewalks, and trails. There will also be improvements for drainage, railroad crossings for pedestrians, street lighting, and signal timing. A big challenge is finding funding for this, and the City of Lafayette has applied for a grant through Safe Streets for All, a federally funded program.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

2026 meetings will be the second Wednesday, quarterly: March 11, June 10, September 09, and December 09.

Deanna McMillan moved to adjourn. Lynn Nelson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Bistline
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,



Ryan O'Gara
Executive Director