



December 4, 2015

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Mr. John W. Moore, Director
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Dear Sir and Madam:

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization has amended the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following amendment:

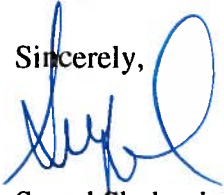
Des # 1298275 US 41, Bridge Deck Overlay, SBL Vietnam Gold Star Bridge, Evansville – Payment to KY. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2016 for design costs. PE costs of \$200,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20 % state match. Add project for Construction (CN) phase in FY 2017. CN costs of \$6,000,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% state match.

The Interagency Consultation Group was consulted regarding the proposed amendments. No air quality conformity determination was deemed necessary.

The Evansville MPO Policy Committee approved the amendments at their December 3rd, 2015 meeting. The amendment resolution and public notice information are attached. The revised document is available at www.evansvillempo.com.

Thank you for your assistance and should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (812) 436-7833.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

SS/CSL

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Evansville MPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:

Public review and comment is being sought by the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) concerning proposed amendments to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville-Henderson Urbanized Area as described below:

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The proposed amendments will be acted on at the EMPO Policy Committee Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Room 301 of the Evansville Civic Center Complex located at 1 N.W. MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708.

Public comments on the proposed TIP amendments may be made by phone to the EMPO office at (812) 436-7833, by e-mail at comments@evansvillempo.com or by mail addressed to Craig Luebke, Evansville MPO, Civic Center Complex, Room 316, 1 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708-1833. Comments will be received until December 2, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S FY 2016 - 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization 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. 1603(a) (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration guidelines contained in Federal Register 40, No. 181, September 17, 1975, require endorsement by the policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of a Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element as a prerequisite to expenditure of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit funds; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee is the policy body of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes expenditure of funds for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, proposed expenditures of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funds for the Evansville Urbanized Area are contained in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Evansville Urbanized Area; 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 non-attainment area 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, the MPO Public 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, any changes to Kentucky non-dedicated funds projects have been requested by KYTC. The required funds will become part of the KY STIP end of fiscal year "fiscal constraint" recalculations; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization from time to time amends its Transportation Improvement Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as follows:

Project 1:

Des# 1298275: US 41: Bridge deck overlay, Southbound Vietnam Gold Star Bridge. Payment to Kentucky. Add project.

PE FY 2016 Total Cost - \$200,000 Federal - \$160,000 State - \$40,000 Local - \$0

CN FY 2017 Total Cost - \$6,000,000 Federal - \$4,800,000 State - \$1,200,000 Local - \$0

ADOPTED by the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization on this 3rd day of December, 2015.



Mr. Jack Corn, Jr., Chairperson
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee