



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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September 4, 2015

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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 City of Evansville requested the following amendment:

Des# 1006084 Pigeon Creek Greenway, Mid-Levee Corridor: Bike and pedestrian improvements from Heidlebach Avenue to Stringtown Road. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in fiscal year (FY) 2016. PE costs of \$210,000 will be funded with 80% federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and a 20% local match.

The Town of Newburgh requested the following amendment:

Des# 0710850 Newburgh Rivertown Trail Phase 3A: Multi-use trail project from Yorkshire Drive to Old SR 662 West. Revise construction (CN) schedule from FY 2016 to 2017.

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) requested the following amendments:

Des#1500513 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Operating Assistance: Revise 2016 program of projects to reflect final budget and project revisions. Add des#. The total fiscal 2016 budget of \$8,577,296 will be funded with \$518,044 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$2,148,344 in state funds and \$5,910,908 in local funds.

Various Des#'s Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Capital Assistance: Revise 2016 program of projects to reflect final budget and project revisions, including des#'s. The total fiscal 2016 budget of \$1,755,001 will be funded with \$1,404,001 in federal Section 5307 funds and \$351,000 in local funds.

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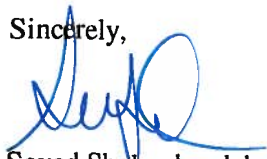
- Des# 1382055 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Planning Assistance: Add fiscal 2016 project des#.
- Des#1500484 Transit Bus Purchase (2): Revise description and budget to reflect the FY 16 purchase of two transit buses funded with Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The total cost of \$905,000 will be funded with \$265,010 in federal Section 5339 funds, \$458,990 in federal CMAQ funds and \$181,000 in local funds.
- Des# 1500485 Highway 41 North Route, Operating Assistance: Add project in FY 2016. Projects costs of \$516,050 will be funded with 50% federal CMAQ funds (\$258,025) and 50% local funds.

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 September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 meeting. The amendment resolution and public notice information are attached. The revised document is available at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://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

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**Press Release: 8/19/15**

## Evansville MPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendment:

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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Des# 1500485 Highway 41 North Route, Operating Assistance: Add project in FY 2016. Projects costs of \$516,050 will be funded with 50% federal CMAQ funds (\$258,025) and 50% local funds.

The proposed amendments will be acted on at the EMPO Policy Committee Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 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 amendment may be made by phone to the EMPO office at (812) 436-7833, by e-mail at [comments@evansvillempo.com](mailto: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 September 2, 2015.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-8**

**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# 1006084: Pigeon Creek Greenway, Mid-Levee Corridor. Bike and pedestrian improvements from Heidlebach Ave. to Stringtown Rd. Add project.

PE FY 2016 Total Cost - \$210,000	Federal - \$168,000	State - \$0	Local - \$42,000
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Project 2:

Des# 0710850: Newburgh Rivertown Trail, Phase 3A. Revise construction schedule from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

PE FY 2016 Total Cost - \$210,000	Federal - \$168,000	State - \$0	Local - \$42,000
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Project 3:

Des# 1500513: METS Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Operating assistance. Revise FY 2016 program of projects.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$8,577,296	Federal - \$518,044	State - \$2,148,344	Local - \$5,910,908
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Project 4:

Des# Various: METS Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Capital assistance. Revise FY 2016 program of projects.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$1,755,001      Federal - \$1,404,001      State - \$0      Local - \$351,000

Project 5:

Des# 1382055: METS Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Planning assistance. Add project Des#.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$12,500      Federal - \$10,000      State - \$0      Local - \$2,500

Project 6:

Des# 1500484: METS transit bus purchase. Revise project description and budget to purchase two transit buses in FY 2016.

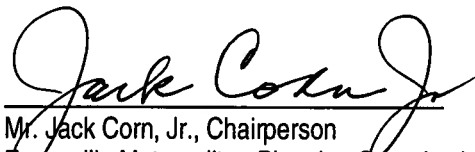
FY 2016 Total Cost - \$905,000      Federal - \$724,000      State - \$0      Local - \$181,000

Project 7:

Des# 1500485: METS Highway 41 North Route Operating assistance. Add project in FY 2016.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$516,050      Federal - \$258,025      State - \$0      Local - \$258,025

ADOPTED by the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015.



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