



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301  
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building  
Evansville, Indiana

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### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Todd Robertson, Donald Angel, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Lori Buehlman, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Stephen Melcher, Richard Reid, Rusty Fowler

#### Members Absent (non-voting):

Karl Browning, Rick Marquis, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Tony Greep, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Mike Hancock, Keith Damron, John Gowins, Michelle Allen

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Rob Schaefer, Kari Akin, Erin Schriefer, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala, Craig Luebke, Pam Drach

#### Others Present:

Ted Miller, Bonnie Rheinhardt, John Martin

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Corn:** The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the previous meeting. I would entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Ms. Buehlman and seconded by Mrs. Koehler-Lindsey.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

## **A. Project Update**

### CITY OF EVANSVILLE

#### Washington Avenue-Weinbach Avenue Intersection

**Ms. Lamb:** In coordination with the city and INDOT, the letting date has been pushed back from January 14<sup>th</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup> to allow additional time to clear the right-of-way.

### VANDERBURGH COUNTY

#### Burkhardt Road – Virginia Street

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT's website, the project was let for construction to JBI Construction Inc. of Evansville for a low bid of \$1,394,870.98. An invoice for the local match has been received and is on the December 9<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval by the Commissioners.

#### Green River Road Widening: Millersburg Road to Kansas Road

**Ms. Lamb:** This project is under construction and is now 68% complete.

#### Maryland Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek

**Ms. Lamb:** The contract for construction was awarded to Deig Bros. on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The construction inspection contract is being prepared. Construction is expected to begin February or March of next year.

#### Heckel Road Widening: Green River Road to Oak Hill Road

**Ms. Lamb:** Draft plans have been prepared and the consultant is working on defining the right-of-way limits for the project.

#### Green River Road: Kansas Road to Boonville-New Harmony Road

**Ms. Lamb:** The preliminary field check meeting was held November 5<sup>th</sup>. Design work and the environmental study continues.

### INDOT

#### US 41 – Lloyd Expressway Interchange

**Ms. Lamb:** I don't have an official update but Brent was telling us this morning that some of the lanes are going to be switched on the Lloyd Expressway. So if you go through that intersection, you might want to adjust your route.

### KYTC

#### KY 351/Zion Road

**Ms. Lamb:** This project was let for construction on November 21<sup>st</sup> to Hazex Construction for a bid of \$1,810,756.55. Those are all the updates I have.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? (None.) Thanks Laura.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Safety Education and Public Awareness Campaign Consultant Selection**

**Ms. Akin:** The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking review and approval of proposed consultants for the Safety Education and Public Awareness Campaign. This campaign will educate the public on roadway safety issues in an effort to improve safety for all modes of transportation. A request for quotes were sent to three qualified agencies in the area. We received two quotes. The federal participation levels for this project is 100% federal Indiana Highway Safety Improvement Program funds up to \$18,000 for a total project cost. We received quotes from WNIN and Black Pixel Studios. I included their quotes in the packet so those two are attached. Based on total project cost, WNIN is significantly cheaper than Black Pixel Studios. Black Pixel Studios wanted me to add their information that their quote includes aerial videography. They also have a Grammy-nominated composer on their staff for music and they are normally doing cinematic quality productions. However, in our proposal that we requested, we requested that it would be HD quality productions and we also said we would give highest priority based on unit cost. Does anyone have any questions?

**Mr. Corn:** So we are recommending WNIN?

**Ms. Akin:** Right.

**Mr. Corn:** (Motion was made by Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley and seconded by Mrs. Koehler-Lindsey.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

#### **B. EMPO Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Certifications and Assurances**

**Mr. Schaefer:** The Evansville MPO requests approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 FTA Annual List of Certifications and Assurances. This document certifies that the Evansville MPO will follow the 24 applicable provisions when applying and receiving FTA grants during Fiscal Year 2015.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mrs. Koehler-Lindsey and seconded by Mr. Angel.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

#### **C. FY 2013-2016 TIP Amendments**

**Mr. Luebke:** We do have several TIP amendments this month. The first was requested by the City of Evansville.

**Des# 1401320:** Pigeon Creek Greenway Drinking Fountains: They are adding purchase of drinking fountains for installation at Shirley James Trailhead, the riverfront near Walnut Street and Uhlhorn Trailhead at First Avenue. The purchase cost of this project is \$30,800 and will be funded 80% with Transportation Alternatives Program funding and a 20% local match.

**Mr. Luebke:** The next request is from the MPO.

**Des# 1401105:** Add FY 2015 UPWP planning elements for the safety education public outreach project that Kari just spoke to you about. The total project cost is \$18,000 and funded 100% with federal HSIP again.

**Mr. Luebke:** We have several requests from INDOT.

Des# 1382246: Bridge maintenance and repair at various locations. Eliminate lead and associated Des# and associated Des# with the exception of Des#1382251. We are increasing the FY 2015 PE funding to \$32,710.00 and decreasing construction costs to \$56,000.00. This is an 80% STP program funded project and 20% local match.

Des#1173409: Traffic signal modernization at various locations on SR 62 in Posey County and SR 66 in Vanderburgh County. Add project for construction in FY 2015. \$410,000, 80/20.

Des# 1173410: Raised pavement markings refurbishment at various locations on SR 161, 62, 66 and I-69 in Warrick and Vanderburgh Counties. Add project for construction in FY 2015. Construction costs are \$200,000, also the STP program, 80/20 match.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? (Motion was made by Ms. Buehlman and seconded by Mr. Robertson.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

### **C. FY 2013-2016 TIP Administrative Modifications**

**Mr. Luebke:** These are minor changes to projects already in the TIP. We processed several of these in November.

Des#1401105: UPWP, revising FY 2015 planning element to revise the pavement management process. Adding \$5,200 to include a Town of Newburgh sign inventory in the data collection effort.

Des# 1383064: Covert Avenue road diet conversion to three-lane design and sidewalk improvements from US 41 to I-164. But in fact, I guess that's I-69 now. Revise the PE to include funding in FY 2016. PE costs \$300,000. That is also an 80/20 STP program project.

Des# 1383066: Second Street intersection and safety improvements at Washington Avenue and Jefferson Avenue/Parrett Street intersection. Revise right-of-way schedule from FY 2015 to illustrative. Right-of-way costs are \$250,000, also the STP program of 80/20.

Des# 0500636: Lincoln Avenue Phase 3 in Warrick County. Road widening project from Bell Road to Lenn Road. Revise right-of-way schedule to reflect funding in FY 2015 and 2016, and revise construction schedule to illustrative. Right-of-way costs are \$880,000 in 2015 and \$784,000 in 2016. As with most things we have seen today, this is an 80/20 STP project.

Des# 1006031 and 1006029: City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County sign replacement: Revise construction estimate and funding split. Construction total is 761,437 and that is 100% federal HSIP program funded.

Des# 0710850: Town of Newburgh Rivertown Trail Ph. 3A: Multi-use trail project from Yorkshire Drive to Old SR 662 W. Revise PE schedule to reflect funding of \$56,780 in FY 2015 and revise construction budget in 2016. Construction costs are \$877,589. That is a TE program project.

Des#1006031 and 1006029: City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County sign replacements. Revise the preliminary engineering to cover supplemental costs in FY 2015. PE costs of \$11,000.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions?

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I have a question. What does it mean when we go from say, fiscal year 2015 to illustrative? What does that mean?

**Mr. Luebke:** The current TIP right now covers 13-16. So if we continue to work with the LPA, the City of Evansville and their consultant, the project, the scheduling has changed such that it no longer remains in the fiscal year that is in that particular TIP. So a lot of times when you see something from illustrative, it is moving from 15 to 17 or 16 to 17 based on the project development schedule.

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** So on Second Street when you talk about fiscal year 15 to illustrative. So 17 would be the soonest that would actually be done.

**Mr. Luebke:** That is when we currently anticipate that going to construction, yes.

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** And the same thing for Lincoln Avenue phase 3, it moves. So this is like a three-year cycle?

**Mr. Luebke:** The TIP covers four years at any given time. We are on a four-year cycle. We are actually just beginning to develop the next TIP and we have begun to work with our local agencies on that and that will cover 16 to 19. Those projects will come in and likely not be illustrative because they will be in a funded year in the next TIP.

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Okay thank you.

**Mr. Corn:** Any other questions?

**Mr. Sights:** I may have been asleep in a previous meeting if this has been explained before but what is a road diet conversion?

**Mr. Luebke:** A road diet is, we have one example of that that we have seen here locally on Lincoln Avenue. So we are taking a four-lane project or facility that doesn't have turn lanes at an intersection, we take that down to three lanes with a center left-turn lane.

**Mr. Sights:** So that's a road diet. I just don't remember hearing that term.

**Mr. Luebke:** It really impacts the safety at the intersections because you have aligned left turns then. You see a great reduction in the T-bone crashes at the intersections. Then additional benefits that you see there is providing additional space separating the cars further away from the pedestrians, as well as additional space for cyclists.

**Mr. Sights:** I understand, thank you.

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I really thought a road diet meant that the road had less traffic. Then when I sat down with the engineering, they explained that, I think even on Lincoln I think there has potentially even been an increase ... on that road in constantly stopping on that inner lane for somebody to turn.

**Mr. Luebke:** It's a little counterintuitive that it will flow more traffic that way because you don't have people doing those movements.

**Mrs. Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Like that term counterintuitive.

**Mr. Corn:** Any other questions? Thanks Craig. Does any of the staff know, are we finished with signs, has the State finished changing I-164 to 69 now? Because every place I've seen it looks like the signs have been changed.

**Mr. Sights:** I saw one today coming in that looks like it has just been changed.

**Mr. Luebke:** I don't know if they are all up but that was a news release a few weeks ago that they were moving towards that process.

**Mr. Angel:** I think they finished up a few weeks ago.

**Mr. Corn:** Thanks Craig.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2015 Meeting Schedule**

**Mr. Corn:** If you are looking, you will see that we are cancelling January 1<sup>st</sup>. But we have set aside Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in case we have an emergency that can't be done by email, can't be voted on by email. So you might mark that on your calendar that you could get a call that we need to have a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>, but we are hoping that January is out completely. Any questions?

##### **B. Approval of Bills**

**Mr. Corn:** I would entertain a motion for approval bills. (Motion was made by Mr. Angel and seconded by Mr. Sights.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Luebke:** Welcome back Jack.

**Mr. Corn:** I'm glad to be here. I'm glad to be anywhere come to think of it. Since normally we don't have a meeting in December, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned.