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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, Todd Robertson, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Donald Angel, Russell Sights, Richard Reid, Lori Buehlman, Rusty Fowler, Kevin McClearn

Members Absent (voting):

Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Stephen Melcher, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William Hubiak

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:

Pam Drach, Rob Schaefer, Kari Akin, Erin Mattingly, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Steve Sherwood, Nancy McClearn

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 Mayor Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Robertson.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Oak Hill Road, Phase 2 (Pigeon Creek to Lynch Road)

Ms. Lamb: As of 10:30 this morning, the project is officially open to traffic.

Washington Avenue-Weinbach Avenue Intersection

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, the letting date has been pushed back to January 14th of next year.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Burkhardt Road-Virginia Street

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, the letting date has been pushed back to November 13th of this year.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Sign Replacement

Ms. Lamb: An RFP for preliminary engineering and construction inspection was posted on INDOT's website on June 10th with a response date of July 9th.

INDOT

SR 61 Connector, Boonville

Ms. Lamb: The project has been split into two phases to resolve geotechnical concerns regarding fill material placed in certain areas of the project.

Phase 1 (Millersburg/Eskew Road – SR 62)

Ms. Lamb: This phase includes a grading package and a railroad crossing reconstruction project and is currently scheduled for letting on December 10th of this year.

Phase 2 (SR 62 to existing SR 61)

Ms. Lamb: This will be the actual construction of the entire roadway which is scheduled for letting on September 2nd of next year. The roadway is expected to be open for traffic by December of 2016.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road: Osage Drive to Woodspoint Drive

Ms. Lamb: A notice to proceed has been issued to the consultant. Construction is scheduled to begin the week of July 7th, next week, and the project is expected to be complete by October 31st of this year.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Kentucky: E.T. Breathitt Parkway to I-24 near Eddyville

Ms. Lamb: An \$11.93 million contract has been awarded to Hall Contracting of Kentucky for improvements to the I-69 corridor through Hopkins, Webster and Henderson counties. The contract completion date is currently set for August 1st of 2015. These improvements are designed to bring the existing roadway up to interstate standards. That's all I have.

Mr. Corn: Are there any questions? Do we know a reason why they are pushing back those letting dates? Have they given us any?

Ms. Lamb: Are you asking about Washington-Weinbach? Maybe right-of-way issues. But I'm pretty certain that Burkhardt-Virginia is right-of-way also.

Mr. Corn: Thanks. Any other questions? (None.)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2013-2016 TIP Amendments

Ms. Drach: You have a memo in your packet. I will go through them real quickly.

Des# 1296541: SR 57: Pipe lining project just north of 41. Currently has FY 2015 right-of-way in our TIP. We are removing that.

Des#1296637: SR 61: Pipe lining north of SR 66. We are removing FY 2015 right-of-way and FY 2016 construction. This project itself under that DES# is going to be done as a separate DES#. It is going to be moved onto a different contract. The work will still be done. It's just going to be done under a different contract. That's all.

Des#1296958: I-164: The installation of new cable barrier on I-164 from Boonville-New Harmony Road to north of Boonville-New Harmony Road. We are removing the FY 2015 preliminary engineering from the TIP.

Des#0200849: US 41: We have a pavement project from north of Lloyd Expressway to Boonville-New Harmony Road. We are removing the FY 2015 right-of-way phase.

Des# 1296545: SR 62: Small structure, adding PE in FY 2015 and FY 2016.

Des#1382251, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61: These are all bridge maintenance and repair DES#s. These projects are on SR 62, 66, 68 and 161 in both Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. Each one of these projects needs preliminary engineering and so we are putting that with preliminary engineering in FY 2015. They will all be done under one contract though.

Des#1400933: We are adding a QA/QC program on state and county bridge inspection data. This project with activity is in the TIP for a previous year under a different DES#. We are just adding the new phase of this for FY 2015 under a different Des#.

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

B. FY 2013-2016 TIP Administrative Modifications

Ms. Drach: These are modifications. These changes have been made to the TIP. We are bringing them before you today for informational purposes.

Des# 1006024: Washington Avenue and Weinbach Avenue: Revising preliminary engineering to show \$16,300 in FY 2015. It is a 90/10 project with Safety funding being used.

Des#1383215: Bridge inspection activities Vanderburgh County bridges. Revising from 14 to 15. Then from 16 to 17. This revision is just to reflect what we can issue in terms of the contract.

Des#1006084 and Des#1006083: Pigeon Creek Greenway Mid-Levee Connection and Garvin, Governor and Stringtown Road projects for the City of Evansville. These projects are under development. They are currently programmed in the TIP for FY 2015 construction but they will not be able to make FY 2015. So we are moving them to illustrative until we know which year they will fall into. Then we will move them into the appropriate year once we know what that year is.

Des#1006030: Town of Newburgh Sign Replacements project: We are revising the schedule and funding and we are putting preliminary engineering and construction costs are now going to be 100% federally funded using Safety funding. PE will be in FY 2015 and construction, we are estimating at FY 2016, but as we get a consultant on board, if we need to modify that, we can modify that to the appropriate year.

Ms. Buehlman: And we appreciate that, thank you.

Des#1006031 and 1006029: City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County Sign Replacement project: We are changing the construction to reflect 100% Federal funding for the construction portion. The CE portion will still remain 90/10.

Ms. Corn: Any questions about those? (None.) Thanks Pam.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 4th Quarter FY 2014 Quarterly Reports

Ms. Akin: In your packets, you have the 4th quarter reports. This is April 1, 2014 through June 30th. I would like to comment on some of the traffic counts that we do. In Indiana, we did 233 traffic counts for the quarter. Kentucky, we didn't do any because we finished those in the 3rd quarter. Also, we did nine TIP amendments and 23 modifications. I did want to point out a couple of items. On page three of the Indiana one, you will see Job 502.5, the METS comprehensive operational analysis. You can check that out if you're interested in the update on that special project. Then towards the end, the very last page, page 9 is job 509.7. That's the Evansville Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. That's one of our other special projects that we are working on. And the final page, page 10, job 509.8, the Regional Pavement Management

process, that's our other special project we are working on. So there's updates on those if you would like to check those out. As always, if you have any questions about what we do for the quarter, feel free to contact our office.

Mr. Corn: Any questions? (None.) Thanks Kari.

B. Rezoning

Docket No: R-2014-17 1100 E. Walnut Street New Odyssey Investments, LLC, applicant

Ms. Lamb: This was recently in the newspaper. You may be familiar with it already. It's at the intersection of Walnut and Highway 41. It's for the automobile dealership D-Patrick. This rezoning only includes a portion of the property they are taking. Part of it is already zoned properly. They are rezoning from R-2, CO-2 and C-4 to C-4 and M-1. Our recommendation is that access should be restricted to New York Avenue, Kerth Avenue and Sycamore Street as these roadways carry less traffic and are classified for direct access purposes. As a minor arterial, any access to Walnut Street would need to meet the corner clearance distance set out in the MPO's Access Management Manual. INDOT should be consulted regarding potential effects of the US 41-Lloyd Expressway interchange modification project.

Mr. Corn: Questions? (None.) Thanks Laura.

C. Approval of Bills

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.