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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

June 5, 2014

The foregoing are minutes and not intended to be a verbatim transcript. An audio version of the proceedings can normally be heard or viewed on our website at www.evansvillempo.com however, due to equipment malfunction, June's meeting was not recorded or televised, We apologize for the inconvenience.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Todd Robertson, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Stephen Melcher, Donald Angel, Russell Sights, Richard Reid, Lori Buehlman, Rusty Fowler, Beth Jones

Members Absent (voting):

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:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Rob Schaefer, Craig Luebke, Kari Akin, Erin Mattingly, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Steve Sherwood, Howard Luxhoi, Kent Ahrenholtz, Ted Miller, Brent Schmitt

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 Mr. Reid.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Maryland Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek

Ms. Lamb: The bid opening was cancelled due to utility issues. They hope to revise the bid package and send it out for bids again in July.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail

Ms. Lamb: Right-of-way engineering is being finalized with property appraisals expected in this month.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bridge 371 (Old Highway 66 over Little Pigeon Creek)

Ms. Lamb: Construction is now 60% complete.

INDOT

US 41: Boonville-New Harmony Road to SR 168

Ms. Lamb: This project is under construction and the contract completion date is currently set for July of next year.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road: Osage Drive to Woodspoint Drive

Ms. Lamb: City Commission has approved the contract award to Blankenberger Brothers of Cynthiana, Indiana for \$1,365,700. Waiting for a notice to proceed from KYTC.

KYTC

KY351/Zion Road

Ms. Lamb: According to KYTC, the letting for construction has been pushed back to December of this year. That is all the updates that I have. Any questions about those or comments or questions about any of the others?

B. Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Ms. Mattingly: We just want to update everybody on where we are on the call for projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program funding. We put the call out last Friday, May 30th. We posted the applications and guidance document on our website, and applications are due to our office on June 27th. All the information is on our website, but if you have any questions, you can contact our office.

C. Evansville MPO By-Laws

Ms. Akin: The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks approval of the draft Evansville MPO By-Laws. The last update of the By-Laws was approved in 1991. The certification review report completed in February 2013 by Federal Highway, Environmental Protection Agency, and Federal Transit Administration recommended that we update our By-Laws. The By-Laws update is an element to be completed in the Unified Planning Work Program in FY 2014.

Mr. Corn: (Motion was made by Mr. Angel and seconded by Mr. Sights.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

D. FY 2015 Evansville MPO Budget

Ms. Akin: Attached is the proposed FY 2015 Evansville MPO budget, the FY 2015 (proposed), 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010 budget trend sheet, and a sheet explaining the changes in budget from the previous year. These are the same values that were approved last month for the FY 2015 UPWP with one exception. Henderson is participating in the regional pavement management process. KYTC has approved \$100,000 in KY PL discretionary funding for Henderson to use in this project. The City of Henderson and Henderson County will be providing the \$25,000 local match. Therefore, the budget is increased by \$125,000 to accommodate this project. There is one exception from the May meeting's memo. METS has decided to take advantage of the Cellular-Based Origin Destination survey add-on for the METS Comprehensive Operation Analysis which is \$15,000. The budget has been increased by \$15,000. \$12,000 in IN STP funds and \$3,000 City of Evansville-METS local match. There are no increases in local shares from the previous five years. These changes are made in orange.

Mr. Corn: (Motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mayor Winnecke.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2015 and FY 2016 UPWP Amendment

Ms. Akin: In your packets you will find the FY 2015 & 2016 Unified Planning Work Program pages that will be amended to include the KY PL Discretionary funding for the Pavement Management Process and additional IN STP funding for the METS Comprehensive Operational Analysis add-on as described in the spreadsheets attached.

The Regional Pavement Management Process will now include the City of Henderson and Henderson County and the road networks inside this area. The initial project cost of \$500,000 included just Indiana. The Kentucky addition will be \$125,000 which is composed of KY PL Discretionary funding of \$100,000 and a local share of \$25,000 split evenly between the City of Henderson and Henderson County. Page 39 attached includes the details.

The METS Comprehensive Operational Analysis will take advantage of the cellular-based origin destination survey which is a \$15,000 add-on to the initial \$300,000 contract. The additional \$15,000 includes \$12,000 of IN STP funds and a \$3,000 City of Evansville/METS local match. Page 37 attached shows the details.

The other pages in the UPWP that have changed as a result of the amendment are also attached. Revisions have been made in red.

Mr. Corn: (Motion was made by Mr. Angel and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

B. Henderson UPL/UNL Project Updates

Ms. Lamb: The MPO has received a request from Henderson County for some changes to the KYTC unfunded needs list. Basically we have been asked to add the following projects:

1. Reconstruct/widen KY 1078 from Audubon Parkway to KY 2247
2. Reconstruct/widen KY 1539 from Kimsey Lane to a curve at Zion-Larue Road
3. Adding a new alignment that connects KY 1539 near Larue Road-Zion Larue Road intersection to Wathen Lane at US 60

Those are adding the projects to the list. We have been asked to deactivate some projects which basically keeps it in the database but it won't show up on the prioritization list every other year. These projects are:

1. Safety improvements on northbound ramp to Breathitt Parkway; utilize ITS signs for US 41 northbound ramp at KY 351 and at US 41 northbound on-ramp at Breathitt Parkway.
2. Reconstruct the intersection of KY 812 and Garden Mile Road.
3. New sidewalks project on US 41 from US 60 overpass to the entrance of Audubon State Park.

They are asking to amend the following project already on the list. That is KY 136/Sand Lane/Madison Street which is a major widening project. They are asking to include sidewalks on that project. KYTC District 2 does concur with these changes. Are there any questions or comments?

Mr. Corn: Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mayor Winnecke and seconded by Ms. Buehlman.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

C. Regional Pavement Management System Consultant Selection

Ms. Drach: In your packet you will find a memo summarizing the RPMS consultant proposal review process and information on the top two firms as identified by the evaluation committee. We request your selection of a consultant for the RPMS.

Mayor Winnecke: I would like to make a motion that Transmap Coporation be selected as the consultant based on their software, timeline, experience, and cost effectiveness.

Mr. Melcher: Where is the other firm based out of?

Ms. Drach: I do not have that information but can get it for you.

Mr. Corn: (Motion was made by Mayor Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Sights. Mr. Melcher abstained from the vote.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

D. Evansville MPO and Henderson Area Rapid Transit Agreement

Mr. Schaefer: Attached for your approval is an agreement between the MPO and HART. It identifies planning and administrative activities the MPO will perform in FY 2015 in exchange for compensation by HART. This is an annual agreement that we have. We request your approval.

Mr. Corn: Is there a motion for approval of the HART agreement? (Motion was made by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Ms. Buehlman.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

E. Evansville MPO and Metropolitan Evansville Transit System Agreement

Mr. Schaefer: Also attached for your approval is an agreement between the MPO and METS. It identifies planning and administrative activities that the MPO will perform in FY 2015 in exchange for compensation by METS. We ask for your approval.

Mr. Corn: Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mayor Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Robertson.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

F. FY 2013-2016 TIP Amendments

Mr. Luebke: We have two TIP amendments, both of which are INDOT projects.

Des# 0500194: New road construction from SR 62 to Boonville-New Harmony Road Phase 1. Revise schedule and funding to reflect phased project. We are moving FY 2014 project phasing. Preliminary engineering \$50,000 in FY 2015 and 2015 right-of-way as well of \$2,000,000, and 2015 construction of \$3,000,000. This is an STP project which is 80% federal STP and a 20% state match.

Des# 1400648: This is the second phase of the project. This is new road construction. You see the Des numbers there. PE costs \$50,000 in FY 2016, \$50,000 for right-of-way and \$14,000,000 for construction, also 80% federal STP and a 20% state match.

Mr. Corn: Is there a motion for approval of the TIP amendments? (Motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by a member.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

G. FY 2013-2016 TIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. Luebke: We don't need a motion on these. I will try to be relatively brief on these.

Des# 0500636: Lincoln Avenue, Phase 3: Road widening project from Bell Road to Lenn Road. Revise construction schedule. Construction increase is from \$5,433,994 to roughly \$6M. Construction costs split between FY 2015 and illustrative construction, STP project, as well as a local match 80/20.

Des#0100574: SR 66/Lloyd Expressway, pedestrian bridge near Vann Avenue. Revise construction in FY 2015. Construction costs \$2.6M. 80% CMAQ funded and 20% match, both state and local funding.

Des# 1383064: Covert Avenue: Road diet conversion to three-lane design and sidewalk improvements from US 41 to I-164. Revise the schedule from FY 2014 to FY 2015. \$260,000. That is an STP funded project as well.

Des# 1383065: Weinbach Avenue: Road diet project to three-lane design and sidewalk improvements from SR 66/Lloyd Expressway to Pollack Avenue. Revise the PE schedule from FY 2014 as well. PE costs \$72,000.

Des# 1383066: Second Street: Intersection and safety improvements at Washington Avenue and Jefferson Avenue/Parrett Street intersection. Revise PE schedule from FY 2014 into FY 2015 as well. PE costs \$300,000. This is also an STP 80/20 local match.

Des# 1297334: Signal modernization at Fulton/Ohio: Revise schedule to reflecting construction letting in FY 2015.

Des# 1297336: Signal modernization at various locations, north of the downtown area, bounded by Main, Columbia, Franklin and Garvin Streets. Also revise schedule to reflect construction letting in FY 2015.

Item# 02-712.00: City of Henderson-Green River Road: Revise funding to shift balances in right-of-way and utility funding to construction funding to reflect in FY 2014, roughly \$1.4M.

Des# 1383065: Weinbach Avenue: Road diet. Revise PE estimate in FY 2015. That is \$520,000, an STP project.

I will brief kind of skip through the overall program, you can review the memo for more details. We have a large revision to the INDOT program reflecting small adjustments to schedule and funding for PE and right-of-way phases for many of their projects in both Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. Primarily maintenance and bridge projects: I-64, SR 62, SR 68, SR 61, I-164, US 41. I will not bore you to tears with all the details.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Subdivision

Docket No: 1-S-2014 Promenade 3 Hirsch-Martin Development, LLC, Owner

Ms. Lamb: This is a 56.5 acre commercial subdivision located on the south side of Oak Grove Road between Burkhardt Road and Cross Pointe Blvd. in the City of Evansville. Vogel Road east of Hirschland Road will be privately maintained and is proposed as a "Main Street-type" environment. The developers will likely ask for a partial waiver of sidewalks in lieu of an alternative pedestrian network of trails as was done in Promenade 1 and 2. Our recommendations are that in addition to the Access Statement on the plat stating that "all lots shall access interior streets only", Lot 5 shall share an access on Florida Street with Lot 6 that aligns with Hirschland Road. Lots 1, 21 and 4 shall access Hirschland Road only. The intersection of N/S Road #3 at Oak Grove Road shall be constructed as a right in/right out only since it does not meet the corner clearance set out in the MPO's *Access Management Manual* and is within the functional area of the intersection at Oak Grove Rd & Cross Pointe Blvd. The use of roundabouts is encouraged for traffic calming and safety. Any sidewalk waiver shall be accompanied by an acceptable pedestrian network plan that provides access to all lots from a public right-of-way; shall meet minimum ADA requirements and shall be maintained in accordance with city standards. Parking areas and pedestrian facilities on contiguous lots shall be interconnected. In addition, a revised Traffic Impact Study shall be submitted by the owner/developer and must be approved by the City Engineer's office and MPO before recording of the plat. All improvements required therein shall be installed by the owner/developer as warranted by the study.

Mr. Angel: I thought we just agreed this board would not promote sidewalk waivers.

Ms. Lamb: We do not, but this board has no legal control over whether a sidewalk waiver is granted. In this instance, the Area Plan Commission Board reviews and either approve or deny a waiver. And, a partial waiver was granted in the first two sections of the subdivision.

Ms. Brinkerhoff-Riley: What is an acceptable pedestrian network?

Ms. Lamb: That is a very good question, and I do not have a good answer. But, I feel if we are waiving sidewalks for in this case a network of trails, it should still provide access to every lot. Questions remain about private access vs. public access, whose responsibility it is to maintain these private trails in perpetuity, etc.

Ms. Jones: It looks as if they may be planning at least one roundabout.

Ms. Lamb: Yes. Unfortunately they have eliminated others from the current plan.

Mr. Sights: Is this in the city or county?

Ms. Lamb: It is in the city.

Ms. Brinkerhoff-Riley: This is in the TIF district so there may be funds available.

Ms. Lamb: Correct. It is in the TIF district. Those funds are controlled by the County Commissioners. But, I'm not sure that there are funds available and if there are I'm not sure they could be applied to a private development.

B. Approval of Bills

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.