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EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Nick Hall, Joseph Waller, Angie Higgins, John Stoll, Shane Spears, Beth Jones, Thomas Witt, Bill Harty, Dan Farvardin, Debbie Bennett Spearsman, John Petkovsek

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Mike Shoulders

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stoll: The first item on the agenda is approval of minutes from the last meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Ms. Higgins and seconded by Mr. Harty) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Ms. Lamb: We have three projects that are similar that had RFPs out last month. They are all for preliminary engineering and right-of-way services.

Covert Avenue Road Diet

Ms. Lamb: United Consulting has been selected to perform preliminary engineering and right-of-way services and a scoping meeting was held March 25th.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet

Ms. Lamb: VS Engineering has been selected to perform preliminary engineering and right-of-way services and a scoping meeting was held on March 25th.

Washington Avenue-Second Street-Parrett Street Area

Ms. Lamb: First Group Engineering has been selected to perform preliminary engineering and right-of-way services and a scoping meeting was held March 27th.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement

Ms. Lamb: Project plans and specifications for sign replacement are being developed.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Burkhardt Road-Virginia Street Intersection

Ms. Lamb: An RFP for construction inspection has been posted on INDOT's website with a response date of April 24th.

Green River Road: Millersburg Road to Kansas Road

Ms. Lamb: A preconstruction meeting was held March 18th. A notice to proceed was issued March 21st.

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek

Ms. Lamb: On track for letting in April.

INDOT

US 41 Preventative Maintenance: Boonville-New Harmony Road to SR 168 in Gibson County

Ms. Lamb: This project was let for construction on March 5th to E & B Paving, Inc. of Anderson, Indiana for a low bid of \$15,671,509.

SR 261: SR 66 to Jenner Road in Warrick County

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT, construction on this project is complete, though signs may remain through mid-summer and additional seeding of vegetative areas may be necessary.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road: Osage Drive to Woodspoint Drive

Ms. Lamb: The city is awaiting a notice to proceed from KYTC before sending out the plans for bid.

KYTC

KY 351/Zion Road

Ms. Lamb: The tentative letting date has been pushed back to July of this year in order to finalize bridge design plans.

E T Breathitt Parkway & KY 416

Ms. Lamb: Construction is underway and the project is expected to be complete by October of this year.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Indiana

Ms. Lamb: INDOT is expected to add a project for signing of I-164 from US 41 to I-64 as I-69. The targeted letting is September of this year and the estimated cost is \$2,048,000. Any questions about those?

Mr. Stoll: If there are no questions, we will move on to the next item.

B. Henderson Urban Area Boundary

Ms. Lamb: The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the 2010 Henderson adjusted urban area boundary (UAB). The MPO worked with the local partners including the City and County of Henderson, Henderson City/County Planning Commission and the KYTC. Based on the rules and guidelines presented by KYTC, the MPO and the partnering agencies have arrived at the 2010 Henderson adjusted urban area map which is attached. Also attached is a justification for the expansion of the boundary as shown. We need approval to submit this as our choice.

Mr. Stoll: If there aren't any questions, is there a motion to approve? Mr. Hall made the motion, Mr. Harty seconded it. (Voice vote.) SO ORDERED.

C. Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Presentation

Mr. Shoulders: In your packet, you have a summary of changes that have been made to the plan after the period of March 26th. We have had the plan on the SEAC website from February 27th to March 27th. We did some changes just for clarification. There is nothing in there that is a policy change, a new recommendation change or anything of that nature. It's mostly clarification illustrations. I would draw your attention to an item on page two of my handout. This is the Evansville CSO locations map. That is the only item that was not in your packet on the memo from the MPO. So what I handed out is identical to Seyed's memo, with the exception of the CSO locations map. Now, on the CSO locations map, we had

previously described the CSO program, the control plan, everything verbally. We did the boundaries and the number of CSOs on Pigeon Creek and the Ohio River. We got to looking at it and decided to put a map in there. So this CSO location map is just that. It's a summary or an illustration map. Just for clarification.

Then, on the last two pages, we made changes on what is called the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. HUD, as part of our grant required us to do a FHEA. It's Fair Housing Equity Assessment. They have pretty strict guidelines on what should be in that. So the items you see after that title are again, more clarifications than anything else. There is one paragraph of text that was added at the top of the last page. I'm not going to go down through here and read this back to you. You guys can read. But starting at the top, the first item, AMTRAK, on WNIN, we did a program on the plan. One of the callers asked, why haven't we shown regional rail, AMTRAK? We said we have big ideas about transit locally here in the region. So we showed a map, we showed the ideas that the Midwest Rail Association is advocating a shuttle bus from the Evansville area over to Carbondale and then you can access the AMTRAK line. So we put that in.

The second item, Cultural Districts and Cultural Trails. DMD is looking at what they define as cultural districts, connecting those districts with trails. So we felt it was important to include that. It's a very recent thing and that's why it got added in.

Next, Impaired Streams in the Kentucky, Highland-Pigeon Watershed, again, we got, in our Volume 1 of the Plan, we outlined all the water quality and watershed planning issues. In Volume 2, we talked about watershed planning and guidelines and policies. So we added this, and we had been looking for a good, clear description of impaired stream. So it's just an illustration with text that we have in the plan.

With that, we invite you, if you haven't been able to, to go on to seacplan.org, take a look at the five volumes of the Plan. It's five volumes. It's 1,200 pages. So you can pick and choose. We don't expect you to stay up until midnight reading 1,200 pages the first night. But work your way through. Then I also want to invite everybody here to what's called a gala celebration next Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Centre. To be sustainable, we are only having fresh water and tea for our refreshments. We are very elegantly sustainable. If you do come, you will be given a flash drive with all five items on it. So we are not cutting down so many trees anymore. So there will be local officials, there will be a resolution signing, HUD officials from Indianapolis there. So we will be reviewing the plan. It's more of a reception. We will have slideshows going. We will have display boards. We invite you to come out next week. We are in the process right now of calling and email blasting so we can get a nice turnout. With that, are there any questions on this handout I gave you? Thank you.

Mr. Stoll: Thanks Mike. Is there a motion to approve the Plan? (Motion was made by Mr. Harty and seconded by Ms. Spearsman. Mr. Farvardin abstained from the vote because he is an employee for the consulting firm.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Transportation Alternatives Program Project Application

Ms. Mattingly: In your packets, you have the Draft Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Application. TAP is a new program under MAP-21 that basically combines three previous standalone programs: Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails Program. So

these three programs are now all combined into the new TAP Program. Many of the projects that were eligible in the previous programs are still eligible under TAP program. So if you want to go along in your packet with me, the first two pages are some basic information, project information, funding, project maps. Then on page three is where we get more detailed questions about the project, and that's where we will start reviewing the applications and scoring the applications. The three main sections that will receive scoring, the first is the project prioritization factors. The second is project readiness. The third section is actually four questions that the MPO will provide answers for. It's basically asking for data-type questions that some might not have access to. So we will provide information for that section. That's just kind of a brief overview. We are just presenting this as an information item. Next month we will bring it back for adoption. So if anyone has any comments or questions, feel free to let us know.

Mr. Witt: Are you going to have guidelines on how the MPO actually scores the items?

Ms. Mattingly: Yes. We will have a document that outlines the project prioritization factors. We are working on it right now.

Mr. Stoll: Any other questions? (None.) Thanks Erin.

B. FY 2013-2016 TIP Amendments

Mr. Luebke: We have several TIP amendments this month. These amendments, as with last month's will be on hold awaiting conformity approval for the MTP 2040. (PORTIONS INAUDIBLE) We have some requests from the other side of the river here first.

No Item #: Henderson County requested that we add the Sandy Lee Watkins Park Trail Phase 3. This is a county park they are developing, walking trail extension inside the park in FY 14. Construction costs are \$130,000 and 50/50 by RTP and a local match.

No Item #: This is an RTP program from the City of Henderson, Canoe Creek Nature Trail Phase 1. This is from Newman Park to the Old Madisonville Road trailhead. This project actually we are revising the description. It was originally funded as a project on Kimsey Lane new Walmart, and they are moving that project and redefining it to include the Canoe Creek Trail project and moving that forward. Construction costs are \$200,000, also 50/50 RTP and local funds.

No Item #: An additional request from KYTC for the US 41 Traffic Study from the US 60 interchange to the Ohio River bridges. Also for FY 14. Cost is \$100,000 and will be 100% STP funds. Kentucky toll credits are providing the match.

Des # 1383240: I-164 sign modernization. This is a project Laura spoke about in the project update earlier. Renaming I-164 to I-69. Adding the project for construction in FY 15. Estimation of project cost is \$2,048,000. That's from interstate maintenance funds 100%.

Des #s 1400305, 306, 307, 308: Bridge maintenance and repair, bridges over Pollack Avenue and SR 66/Lloyd Expressway. Add construction for FY 15. \$500,000, 90/10 federal interstate maintenance funds.

Des #s 1382256, 57: Bridge maintenance and repair over SR 66; bridge over Little Pigeon Creek and CR 125 West, and SR 61. Construction in FY 15, \$26,000 funded with 80/20 NHS a state match.

Des #s 1382258, 259, 260, 261: SR 68 and SR 161, various locations. Also construction in FY 15. Construction costs are \$64,000 80/20 STP and state match.

Mr. Stoll: If there are no questions, is there a motion to approve the TIP amendments? (Motion was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Higgins.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

C. Summer 2014 Call for Projects

Mr. Luebke: In your packets, you see two Call for Project right now. One is Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality project. Many of you are familiar with those. Those are the kind of projects that have direct relation to air quality, intersection projects, bike and pedestrian projects, a number of things are eligible within that program. That is out right now on our website, program guidance as well as the application there. We want applications back from everybody by Monday, April 21st. We will be processing those through to move forward. Then have them back here at a future meeting for your approval.

Mr. Luebke: The second one is the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Same deadline, Monday, April 21st. You do see a list of eligible projects there. We encourage you to give some consideration to possible needs in your area and work with us on developing some safety projects. Does anyone have any questions?

Mr. Stoll: If there are no questions, thanks Craig.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.