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EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in room 318
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Angie Higgins, John Stoll, Bill Harty, Dan Farvardin, John Petkovsek, Beth Jones, Brent Schmitt, Jason Orange, Gina Boaz, Melissa Voegel, Shane Spears, Charles Farmer

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

None

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

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?

Mr. Stoll: Thanks Laura.

B. Transportation Alternatives Program Application

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

Mr. Stoll: Any questions for Erin? (None.)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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 off-ramp at KY 351, and at US 41 northbound on-ramp to 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. Stoll: If there are no questions, is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Ms. Boaz and seconded by Mr. Harty.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

B. 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. Stoll: Is there a motion for approval of the HART agreement? (Motion was made by Ms. Boaz and seconded by Ms. Higgins.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

C. 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. Stoll: Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Ms. Higgins and seconded by Mr. Farmer.) SO ORDERED.

D. 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. Stoll: Is there a motion for approval of the TIP amendments? (Motion was made by Ms. Boaz and seconded by Ms. Higgins.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

E. 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, a STP project.

I will briefly, 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.

Mr. Stoll: We don't need a motion on those. This is just for your information.

F. Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Luebke: There is one additional thing that I will add. There's been a lot of information for the upcoming Transportation Plan for Kentucky. We have just gotten underway with the bicycle and pedestrian update plan here in the City of Evansville. We have it on the website. We are asking for public input. We have already gotten a lot of input on that website. There is a survey there and an interactive map that we hope will be live next week. I have some more of these flyers on the website if you want to load it down, evansvillebikepedplan.com. Or if you want to grab one of the flyers, we have several. You can go there on your own or ask for a flyer and we will give you one. There will be more to come on that.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jones: I did just want to remind everybody about our Long-Range Plan revision that is underway. We have a draft on the website now and we are taking comments until the 23rd of this month. We do have a poster for you guys to display if that will help you on the commenting. So all the information should be on the little card here of when and where and that kind of thing if you'd like to visit the website.

Mr. Shokouhzadeh: You can make a comment in our office as well.

Mr. Stoll: Any other business? (None.)

Meeting adjourned.