



# 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, Todd Robertson, Stephen Melcher, Donald Angel, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, Buzzy Newman, Richard Reid, Lori Buehlman, Rusty Fowler, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, 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:

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

#### Others Present:

Steve Sherwood

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Corn:** The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Angel.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

## **A. Project Update**

### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

#### **Washington Avenue-Weinbach Avenue Intersection**

**Ms. Lamb:** All bids from the February 4, 2015 letting were rejected, and the project was posted again for bids on March 18, 2015 at the special letting. The contract for construction was awarded to JBI Construction Inc for a low bid of \$1,598,895.00.

#### **Washington Avenue-2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Parrett Street Area**

**Ms. Lamb:** A public meeting was held February 26, 2015 to discuss the preliminary designs. The early coordination environmental document was received from the consultant on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Pedestrian Overpass**

**Ms. Lamb:** Utility relocation has begun. The current contract completion date is set for October of this year.

#### **Tekoppel Safe Routes to School**

**Ms. Lamb:** The contract for construction of this project was awarded to Rivertown Construction Inc of Newburgh for a low bid of \$289,736.96.

### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

#### **Burkhardt Road-Virginia Street**

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction in the area has begun with utility relocations underway. The contract completion date is currently set for October 15, 2015.

#### **Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek**

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction is underway.

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

**Ms. Lamb:** A public information meeting has been scheduled for April 22, 2015 between 6 and 8 PM at Bethlehem United Church of Christ on Oak Hill Road.

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

**Ms. Lamb:** The draft categorical exclusion was submitted to INDOT on February 10, 2015 for review and approval.

### **TOWN OF NEWBURGH**

#### **Newburgh Rivertown Trail**

**Ms. Lamb:** Appraisals for ROW acquisition have been reviewed and the town is proceeding with contacting the affected property owners with offers.

#### Newburgh Sign Replacement

**Ms. Lamb:** Information collected by TransMap, with the exception of retroreflectivity data, has been forwarded to the consultant to prepare a contract for sign replacement based on new totals.

#### CITY OF HENDERSON

#### Sand Lane Safe Routes to School

**Ms. Lamb:** The City has executed the required Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Local Government that must be approved before the project can be posted for bids.

**Ms. Lamb:** That's all I have. Are there any questions?

**Mr. Corn:** Do you know the intersection of Lincoln and Weinbach – are we going to do the same thing we are doing at Washington and Weinbach, or is that a different configuration?

**Ms. Lamb:** I haven't heard anything, unless it's part of the road diet.

**Mr. Luebke:** There's going to be changes coming as part of the Weinbach road diet. That's under design right now.

**Mr. Corn:** Ok, that must be what I'm thinking then. Ok, any questions? Thanks, Laura.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. FY 2015 & FY 2016 UPWP Amendment

**Ms. Akin:** The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks approval to amend the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program. There are three objectives to this amendment. The first is to include all of our FY 2016 funding sources. The second is to add in FY 2015 FTA projects and their funding sources. And three is to include the FY 2016 Planning Emphasis Areas.

So this whole amended UPWP was sent electronically to everyone prior to the meeting. The first table that you see on the memo, those are 2015 amendments. The first one is for FTA Section 5310 funds in the total of \$155,965.00. It's to add vehicles for not-for-profits. In the past, INDOT operated the 5310 program so not-for-profits could contact them and they would have a certain amount of formula funds that they could award to the not-for-profits, and because we are TMA, this last year or the year before, they changed that and now we are responsible for allocated funds and having the call for projects to the not-for-profits for transportation vehicles.

The second one is the Kentucky FTA Section 5307. That is through HART in Henderson. We are designing new Ride Guides for them, and the \$5,000 is to cover the costs for printing these HART Ride Guides.

And the third one for FY 2015 is Indiana FTA Section 5307 funds. These are funds that were actually CMAQ funds in the amount of \$98,460. It was transferred to FTA funds so that WATS could purchase a

vehicle. On the following page, 39 C, at the bottom, that describes the transit vehicle acquisition for WATS. All of these are federal funds, they are formula funds, but they can only be used for our not-for-profits.

The next table is the FY 2015 amendments, and I'm not going to go through these individually because these are just our standard formula amounts that we receive, usually every year, they are planning dollars so that we can operate. And the third table, those are the Planning Emphasis Areas, and we will continue to follow the FY 2015 Planning Emphasis Areas as well.

The first FY 2016 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEA) is the MAP-21 implementation; it's the transition to performance-based planning and programming. The second is Regional Models of Cooperation. It's to promote cooperation between transit agencies, the MPO, and state boundaries. We did just form a new Memorandum of Agreement between all of our states and transit agencies in our MPO. The last one is the Ladders of Opportunity and it's for access to essential services, such as employment, health care, schools, and recreation for everyone.

So the next page (39c), and this is the only new page that is being added to the current UPWP, and that's the transit vehicle acquisition that I spoke about WATS and it was CMAQ funds that went through a call for projects, then transferred to FTA 5307 funds. The next page, it says page 40 at the bottom, these are the FY 2015 total costs. All the red are the ones that have changed so those are those three amendments that I was talking about with FY 2015.

The next page, page 41, all of these numbers have changed, so they are still all in black, except for the two purple ones, those purchase orders are already obligated for those, so that will be the total 2016 funding sources.

The next page, page 46, these are all the funds that we receive in FY 2015 and FY 2016 and it's all broken down by source, so we have Indiana Planning, Indiana HSIP, Indiana STP, CMAQ, SPR, FTA funds, and most of these are formula funds that we receive every year. The ones in purple, those have already been obligated, so we have purchase orders for those, because they were multi-year projects.

On page 50, the only thing that changed was the \$5,000 to print those Ride Guides for HART. On 502.4, the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services, that's \$155,000, these are paid directly to a consultant or to a vendor for those vehicles. So it doesn't actually affect our operating budget.

The next page, page 51, these are 2016 funds, and those should all be the total amount for the year, and as before as on the other page, I've been breaking out special projects so you can see what our operating costs are as opposed to our consulting project costs.

And those are all the pages I have attached. Does anyone have any questions on those?

**Mr. McClearn:** The first page, FY 2016 line one, is Kentucky PL. I think that local is \$10,800 instead of \$31,000.

**Ms. Akin:** Oh, I'm sorry, it is. The local is 15%. Thank you.

**Mr. Corn:** Any other questions? Do we need to approve this?

**Ms. Akin:** Yes.

(Motion was made by Ms. Buehlman and seconded by Ms. Koehler Lindsey.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

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

**Mr. Luebke:** We have some TIP Amendments to the current TIP which covers FY 2013-2016.

Des# 1500338: This first one is requested by METS, it is a Section 5310 and Section 5307 funded project to purchase two paratransit vehicles. The total project cost on that is \$220,000 and between the two 5307 and 5310, they cover 80% of that cost with a 20% local match on that.

Des# 1400191: This is from INDOT, a bridge rehab and repair on US 41 and SR 68. It does include some additional Des # as you see there. They are adding that project for preliminary engineering in FY 2016 with a cost of \$379,440 as 80/20 federal funding and a 20% state match.

**Mr. Corn:** Questions? I'll entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Angel and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

## **C. Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP**

**Mr. Luebke:** In addition to the existing TIP that we have that covers projects over FY 2013-2016, we have been working diligently over the last few months on the new TIP which covers FY 2016-2019 with our local partners. That document is currently out for public comment from March 26 – April 25. We do have some upcoming public meetings that I have a flyer here for. There are a few hard copies of that going around right now if you want to take a look at it, as well as the PDF of the whole document was in your packet and it is available on our website right now. But it documents all of the projects that are going to be moving forward over the next four fiscal years. Again, we have some open houses – one coming up next Tuesday for Henderson, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, April 7 at the Henderson County Public Library, and then the follow week, also on Tuesday, April 15, 4:30 – 6:00 PM at the Central Library Browning Room A, for the Evansville side of the river. People can come down and take a look at the document, talk to the staff, ask questions, whichever they choose to do, so we encourage people to attend that.

You saw the draft project list at your last month's meeting. There have been very few changes since then; we did add some right-of-way projects to the Weinbach Road Diet that we were just speaking about earlier to the program, as well as removed some US 60 projects for KYTC that as we spoke to them, needed to come out. The Corydon Bypass with construction from the Bypass down to Waverly and an additional US 60 reconstruction project.

We made some visual changes as you'll see in the TIP. The project tables are now organized by the LPA or the project sponsor, no longer by funding category as they were in some of the prior versions of the TIP. We did revise the dollar figures as you see when you look at the project tables. We have summarized those down to reflect dollars in thousands of dollars, so when you see \$250, that's \$250,000 when you look at the project tables. And each of these also have, when you get to the essentials of the document, it is the project tables in Chapter 6, and there are copies of that in front of you if you wish to take a look at those.

With that, I'll open it up to questions if you have any.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? You just overwhelmed us with information, Craig.

**Mr. Luebke:** Yes, that's information, and there's a lot in there, and we'll be back next month at the meeting for final adoption if everything moves according to plan.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Rezoning**

**Ms. Lamb:** We have one rezoning, and this was for the Town of Newburgh at the southeast corner of Old SR 662 and Ellerbusch, and it was for a neighborhood Walmart. I'm going to kind of glaze over this because this is two months old now and I think it has moved significantly along, but basically, they were requesting a right-in, closer to Ellerbusch. Our Access Manual requires it to be at least 230 foot from the curb return from Ellerbusch. I think that the whole site has actually been shifted to the east now, is that correct?

**Ms. Buehlman:** A little bit, yes.

**Ms. Lamb:** Ok, so that has been taken care of. We requested a Traffic Operational Analysis, and they have submitted at least one Traffic Impact Study.

**Ms. Buehlman:** And I believe they have submitted a second one, although it wasn't very much different from the first one.

**Ms. Lamb:** Ok. We requested that internal and external sidewalks be provided to accommodate pedestrians. And I think I did see at least some internal sidewalks that connect with the proposed greenway trail. We have also asked for accommodations for the greenway trail if it crosses the property, and I think it's going to.

**Ms. Buehlman:** And that's been a huge discussion, how it's going to interact with the trail.

**Ms. Lamb:** Ok. So basically that is the rezoning. I think it started out being 29 acres, and that's been reduced.

**Ms. Buehlman:** To 10. A lot of changes. We have another Plan Commission meeting this Monday night, and then whatever happens from Plan will go to Town Council. There's still a long ways to go. But thank you so much for all of your help on this. Laura has been available each and every time we've called on a moment's notice, and we just always appreciate the MPO's help.

**Ms. Lamb:** My pleasure. So that's it for the rezonings.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions?

### **B. Subdivision**

**Ms. Lamb:** This subdivision is The Hills, it's in Vanderburgh County. It's on the south side of Mohr Road, and Mohr Road connects St. Joe Avenue and Darmstadt Road. There are some existing lots there, plus probably 2/3 again proposed number of lots, so that brings the total to greater than 150 lots, and that's why a Traffic Impact Study is recommended. This should be used to determine if auxiliary lanes are warranted at the entrance, and also look at the impacts and necessary improvements at Mohr Road and Darmstadt Road and Mill Road and St. Joe Avenue. Plus you have the sharp curve at Mohr and Darmstadt, and then there are quite a few accidents at St. Joe and Mohr.

So, the Access Management Manual also recommends that a subdivision with 50 or more dwellings have at least two access points, and at one point. When they did the first set of lots, which was several years ago,

they were proposing a second access through, I don't know if it was a private drive to Laubscher Rd, but obviously that has fallen by the wayside. So they will only have one access to Mohr Road for those lots.

Also, our Millennial Plan, which we call the Sustainability Plan, supports the installation of active transportation facilities and encourages alternatives to driving; therefore, we don't believe sidewalks should be waived.

**Mr. Corn:** Is this north or south of Mohr Road?

**Ms. Lamb:** South side. Did I say north? It's the south side of Mohr Road. But on the drawing, you know where that train tunnel is? Ok, it's just to the east of the train tunnel. You can see the wide swath that looks like a road, that's actually the train tunnel. That's the railroad, and the train tunnel would go underneath that. It's just east of that.

**Ms. Koehler Lindsey:** How many lots is that?

**Ms. Lamb:** It's over 150.

**Mr. Corn:** And only one exit?

**Ms. Koehler Lindsey:** And the exit is on Mohr Road?

**Ms. Lamb:** Yes. That's where the current lots exit on, and they will use the same exit.

**Ms. Koehler Lindsey:** So how many lots all together are going to be there?

**Ms. Lamb:** It's more than 150. I don't have my numbers here, but there are over 100 on the proposed subdivision, and probably maybe 30 or 40 in the existing.

**Mr. Corn:** Any other questions? Thanks, Laura.

### **C. Approval of Bills**

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

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Corn:** You also have before you our State Board of Accounts Audit. We met with them last week for the exit interview and they gave us a clean audit. So we thank Kari for keeping us out of trouble once again. And they were really very complimentary, I thought, about our record keeping and the interaction with the staff. Any questions? Any public comments?

Meeting adjourned.