



## 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**

**December 3, 2015**

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### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Jr., Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Brent Schmitt, Barry Russell, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Richard Reid, Rusty Fowler, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Stephen Melcher, Christy Powell

#### Members Absent (non-voting):

Brandye Hendrickson, 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, Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Vishu Lingala, Erin Schriefer, Kari Akin, Rob Schaefer, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke

#### Others Present:

Howard Luxhoj, Craig Schorling, Dylan Ward, James Morton

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach**

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Washington Avenue/Weinbach Avenue Intersection: Surface asphalt is planned for replacement December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: The consultant is working with the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility to address drainage concerns. A Preliminary Field Check is planned for late January 2016.

Washington Avenue/2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Parrett Street Area: A December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled with FHWA, INDOT and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to discuss the Environmental Document.

SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Pedestrian Overpass: A ribbon cutting opening of the overpass was held on 11/12/15.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Hi Rail Corridor): The Historic Properties Report (HPR) has been submitted for INDOT for review.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Mid Levee Connection): A consulting firm has been selected for contract negotiations, and the negotiations are underway.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek: The deck on the east span of the bridge was poured in November.

Heckel Road Widening – Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Nineteen of the 30 parcels have been secured. Utility coordination is continuing.

Green River Road/Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: The INDOT/LPA contract was signed by the Commissioners on 11/24/15.

#### **KYTC**

US Highway 41 & KY 812/Airline Road: A preliminary Line and Grade meeting was held 12/1/15.

## **I-69 Corridor**

**I-69 Indiana:** INDOT scheduled public meetings 11/30/15 and 12/2/15 to collect additional public comment for the refinement of the five preliminary alternatives.

**I-69 Kentucky:** On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Governor and various officials including FHWA officially unveiled the I-69 designation of the Pennyrile Parkway from Hopkins County to Henderson County. Now I-69 runs from I-25 near Eddyville to what is currently KY 425 in Henderson County. The sign work will be continuing on for a while. There will be some changes to other KY routes that will be necessary. Part of KY 425 will become US 41 and US 41 will be rerouted along the remaining portion of the Pennyrile Parkway that did not become I-69 in Henderson County.

*The Project Update was informational and did not require a committee action.*

## **B. Resolution to adopt the Draft Comprehensive Operations Analysis for the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System – presented by Rob Schaefer**

The Evansville MPO is seeking adoption of the City of Evansville’s Metropolitan Evansville Transit System Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). The Draft Plan was presented at last month’s meeting on November 5, 2015 by Michael Grovak and David Goffinet of Lochmueller Group.

Highlights of the COA include:

- Sunday service
- An accelerated schedule for acquisition of buses
- Increased route frequency
- Route straightening and simplifying
- Creation of express routes
- Creation of crosstown routes

Barry Russell made a motion to approve the METS COA and Richard Reid seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Regional Pavement Management System – Presented by Howard Luxhoj, PE and Craig Schorling, GISP of TransMAP**

Pam Drach introduced Howard Luxhoj and Craig Schorling of TransMap. They presented their findings after a year-long study of the roadway conditions in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Henderson counties.

*The Regional Pavement Management System was informational and did not require a committee action.*

## **B. CY 2016-2018 Holiday Schedule – presented by Kari Akin**

This holiday schedule is the same schedule that has already been approved by Vanderburgh County and the Civic Center.

Barry Russell made a motion to approve the CY 2016-2018 Holiday Schedule and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **C. FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke**

- i. Des# 1298275: US 41, Bridge Deck Overlay, SBL Vietnam Gold Star Bridge, Evansville – Payment to KY. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2016 for design costs. PE costs of \$200,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% state match. Add project for Construction (CN) phase in FY 2017. CN costs of \$6,000,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% state match.

Craig Luebke also summarized three public comments that the MPO received.

William Hubiak made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **C. FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modification – presented by Craig Luebke**

- i. Des#'s 1592451, 1592466, 1592450, 1592462: US 41 Vietnam Gold Star Bridge over Ohio River: Inspection of Ohio River Bridge, payment to Kentucky. Revise project to reflect Des#'s as listed and remove prior Des#'s (1297455, 1297456). Revise funding to reflect project costs of \$140,000 in fiscal year 2016, \$35,000 in FY 2017, \$140,000 in FY 2018 and \$35,000 in FY 2019. Funding remains 80% federal National Highway System (NHS) and a 20% INDOT match.
- ii. Des# 1401384: Bell Road: From High Point Drive to Telephone Road: Road widening, added travel lanes, shoulders, bike and pedestrian accommodations, curb and gutters and drainage improvements. Revise Preliminary Engineering (PE) funding in FY 16. PE costs of \$450,000 will include \$5,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, with the remainder funded locally.
- iii. Des# 1592154: Warrick Trails Safe Routes to School Project: Trail construction along Vann Road from SR 261 to Casey Road and along Casey Road from Oak Grove Road to south of Vann Road. Revise PE funding in FY 2016. PE costs of \$78,000 will include \$5,000 in federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds, with the remainder funded locally.

*FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modifications were informational and did not require a committee action.*

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of Bills**

William Hubiak made a motion to approve the bills and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Craig Luebke announced that KYTC's Public Involvement Process is under review and they are seeking public comments. There is a public comment period that is opened in November that runs through January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. There is information regarding this, as well as a comment form, in the MPO office and on the MPO website.

Meeting Adjourned.