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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

April 2, 2015

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Orange, Nick Hall, Angie Higgins, Beth Jones, Shawn Will, Brent Schmitt, Bill Harty, Melissa Voegel, Shawn Hayden, Doug Joest, Shane Spears, John Stoll

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schmitt: The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. (Motion was made by Ms. Higgins and seconded by Mr. Will.) 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.

Ms. Jones: What was the reason for the rejection?

Ms. Lamb: They were all over the engineer's estimate.

Washington Avenue-2nd 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 consultants on March 6th.

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 relocation 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 the updates I have.

Mr. Schmitt: Any questions for Laura?

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2013-2016 TIP Amendments

Mr. Luebke: We have two TIP Amendments this month.

Des# 1500338: This first one is requested by METS, and they are proceeding with a dual-funded grant using 5310 as well as 5307 funding to purchase two paratransit vehicles. You see there, the cost is \$220,000. Again, those are split between multiple funding sources and a 20% local match for them.

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

Mr. Schmitt: Any questions for Craig? (Motion was made by Mr. Stoll and seconded by Mr. Joest.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

B. Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP

Mr. Luebke: We have been working on a draft TIP with all of our local and state partners on that, and the draft is out. There are a few copies of it sitting here in front of you guys if you want to take a look at that. We've made some changes, kind of simplifying the visual look of it, and cleaning that up, and I'd like to give thanks to Erin for her good work on that, because I think it looks great. There's a 30 day public comment period that opened up a few days ago and will run through April 25. There are two upcoming public open houses were leading. The first is going to be next Tuesday in Henderson, and I have some flyers if anybody wants any to take, 4:30 – 6:00 PM at the Henderson Public Library next Tuesday, and then the following Tuesday here at Browning Room A in Central Library, also 4:30 – 6:00 PM for the Evansville meeting. We hope people will come out and take a look at it. We will have the draft TIP back at next month's meeting for final adoption.

The only changes from the draft project list that had been sent out that you saw last month, are adding some right-of-way funding for the Evansville Weinbach road diet project and several KYTC US 60 projects that were removed from that draft project list in consultation with KYTC. Other than that, the project list is pretty much as you see it. Again, there are some copies here if you want to take a look and pass those around.

Ms. Jones: And this is currently on the website?

Mr. Luebke: It is currently on the website. That is correct. So you can take a look at it there, also.

Mr. Joest: Just a question as far as how you figure out which projects go in the TIP, I noticed the I-69 bridge isn't in it. Is this local projects basically?

Mr. Luebke: No, it is for state and federal projects, but if it is not a funded project – the TIP has to have fiscal constraint, so if there's no funding for the project within the TIP timeframe, a project cannot be included in the TIP.

Mr. Joest: Inaudible.

Mr. Luebke: One additional comment I want to make – this is also out at several local libraries, Newburgh Town Hall, Boonville Town Hall, City Manager and Plan Commission over in Henderson, and again some of the libraries. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Shokouhzadeh: I have one comment, Brent. Shawn Hayden from Eastland Mall, he has accepted our invitation to be part of the Technical Committee, and we would like to welcome Shawn. And if you could, go around the table and introduce yourself so he can get to know you.

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Evansville MPO
John Stoll, Vanderburgh County Engineer
Craig Luebke, MPO
Brent Schmitt, City Engineer
Angie Higgins, Easter Seals Rehab Center
Kari Akin, MPO
Shane Spears, INDOT Vincennes District
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Bill Harty, Westside Improvement Association
Beth Jones, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Laura Lamb, MPO
Shawn Will, INDOT
Erin Schriefer, MPO
Rob Schaefer, MPO
Jason Orange, KYTC
Melissa Vogel, ARC of Evansville
Pam Drach, MPO
Doug Joest, Airport

Mr. Shokouhzadeh: Thanks again, and welcome.

Mr. Hayden: Thanks, I appreciate it.

Mr. Schmitt: Any other public comment?

Mr. Harty: I got one here on the west side. It's near the Tekoppel School. We are not addressing the problem. They are spending money to make it safe there, when right down the road is the 5-point. It is a horrendous traffic problem. It has gotten so bad on Hogue Road, right where they put the guardrails up by Woods Avenue, at that guys front yard, keeping people out, they drive through his house, they cut corners.

At rush hour, it is horrendous right there. And they cut up, and they go right by the school. So we are spending all this money to make it safe at Tekoppel, but we need to do something to improve the 5-point right down the road. That's my personal view, and one of the westside. Thank you.

Mr. Schmitt: Any other comments?

Meeting adjourned.