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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

July 2, 2015

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Lora Lewis, Shawn Will, Jason Orange, Nick Hall, Angie Higgins, John Petkovsek, Tracee Matthews, Emmanuel Nsonwu, Carol Hagedorn, Shawn Hayden, Melissa Voegel, Ron London, Brent Schmitt, John Stoll

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Rob Schaefer, Kari Akin, Laura Lamb, Pam Drach, Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Erin Schriefer, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Tom Kimpel, Roy Nunnally, Jay Mitchell, Michelle Allen, Rusty Fowler, Jeanette Wilson, Sara Ornelas, R. Guy Gentry

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ron London directed the meeting. Introductions were made before getting into agenda items. Brent Schmitt made a motion to approve the minutes and Angie Higgins seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: The consultant is working on Stage 1 plan design.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Stage 1 design plans and corresponding documentation is complete and has been submitted to the City. The environmental notices have been sent.

SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Pedestrian Overpass: Excavation of the MSE wall leveling pads is complete and the contractor will begin pouring the pads. MSE wall construction will begin once the leveling pads are completed.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Arts-Glenwood-Hi-Rail Corridors): The corridor has been divided into 2 phases: the Hi-Rail Corridor and the Downtown Connector. The Lochmueller Group has been selected to complete the design for the Hi-Rail Corridor, and the Notice to Proceed was given on June 19, 2015.

Ron London asked if this is the corridor that the University of Evansville engineering students have completed studies on. Pam Drach responded that the students have studied the possibilities of a trail along I-69, but not along the Hi-Rail Corridor.

Tekoppel Safe Routes to School: Construction is approximately 45% complete.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Burkhardt Road/Virginia Street: Phase 2 of construction is underway with work being done east of Burkhardt Rd. and north of Virginia St. on the west side of Burkhardt Rd.

Green River Rd Widening, Millersburg Rd to Kansas Rd: The project is 94% complete and is expected to be finished by the end of July.

Maryland Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Work on the west end of the bridge is continuing.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Rd to Oak Hill Rd: Appraisals are underway and offers are being made to property owners.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Pavement design has been approved.

Newburgh Sign Replacement: Information collected by TransMap, including retroreflectivity data, has been forwarded to Newburgh and the Town continues contract negotiations with the consultant.

WARRICK COUNTY

Lincoln Avenue: The environmental AI (Additional Information) document has been approved and the right-of-way activities are underway.

Oak Grove Road – Phase 2: Pavement design has been approved. All parcels have been acquired. Ready for Contracts documents have been submitted in INDOT. The project is scheduled for a September 2, 2015 letting.

Oak Grove Road – Phase 3: The supplemental for R/W Engineering and Final Design has been approved, and the consultant is working to schedule a public information meeting later this summer.

INDOT

US Highway 41/Lloyd Expressway Interchange: Construction is continuing on the SE loop, connector and the pedestrian bridge and path. Project is still on target to be substantially complete by September 15, 2015.

US Highway 41, Boonville-New Harmony Road to SR 168: Due to weather delays, the completion date has been revised to late September of 2015. The SR 68 intersection is under construction.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Alternatives Program Project Application – Warrick Trails

Erin Schriefer presented the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application that the MPO received from the Warrick County School Corporation and Warrick County Commissioners. TAP funds in the amount of \$964,328.00 were requested to construct approximately 1.25 miles of biking and walking trails. The proposed trails would connect neighborhoods and schools while enhancing the safety of the students and nearby residents. A connection between Castle High School, Castle North Middle School, Castle South Middle School, and John H. Castle Elementary School would be established via the proposed trail and its connections to the existing sidewalk along SR 261.

It was noted that an approximately 0.25 mile-long segment (on Casey Road from Vann Road to the Castle South Middle School entrance) is located outside of the MPO Urban Area Boundary, but because of the integral connection it provides to the overall network, is eligible for TAP funds.

Ron London asked for confirmation that this proposed trail would connect to the middle school that is outside of the Urban Area Boundary, and Erin Schriefer confirmed that it would.

Brent Schmitt made a motion to approve the TAP application and requested funding and Melissa Voegel seconded; motion carried.

B. FY 2013-2016 & 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

Des# 1400209: Various Location along I-64, SR 161, SR 62, SR 66, US 41 – Culvert clean and repair. Add project for Preliminary Engineering FY 2016. PE costs of \$150,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match. Add project for Construction in FY 2018. CN costs of \$807,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1500728: SR 161 over Otter Creek, 1.36 miles S of SR 62 – Bridge Deck Overlay, Small Structure Pipe Lining (Includes Des# 1500714 and 1500693). Add project for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2016. PE costs of \$271,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match. Add project for Construction in FY 2018. CN costs of \$984,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1500712: SR 62, 5.99 miles W of US 41 – Small Structure Pipe Lining. Add project for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2016. PE costs of \$47,100 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match. Add project for Construction in FY 2018. CN costs of \$170,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1592150: SR 62, from E end of Pigeon Creek bridge to 300ft W of 1st Ave Bridge (Segment 1) Environmental Mitigation. Add project for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2016. PE costs of \$67,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHS funds and 20% State match.

Brent Schmitt made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments and Emmanuel Nsonwu seconded; motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seyed Shokouhzadeh explained that INDOT and FHWA were visiting the MPO for review and discussions on MPO processes.

Meeting Adjourned.