



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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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

May 7, 2015

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### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Ron London, Beth Jones, Jason Orange, Nick Hall, Brent Schmitt, Angie Higgins, Shawn Hayden, Shane Spears, Lora Lewis, Denise Johnson, Shawn Will, Tracee Matthews, Gina Boaz, Bill Harty, John Stoll, Jerry Parkinson, Melissa Voegel

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

#### Introductions:

**Mr. London:** Let's go ahead and get started. Let's start by going around the room and let everyone introduce themselves.

Ron London, Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, MPO

Kari Akin, MPO

Laura Lamb, MPO

Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Angie Higgins, Easter Seals Rehab Center

Gina Boaz, Green River Area Development District

Beth Jones, KYTC

Tracee Matthews, Town of Elberfeld

Shawn Hayden, Eastland Mall

Shawn Will, INDOT

Bill Harty, Westside Improvement Association

Craig Luebke, MPO

Brent Schmitt, City Engineer-City of Evansville  
Vishu Lingala, MPO  
Erin Schriefer, MPO  
Rob Schaefer, MPO  
Jerry Parkinson, Senator Donnelly's office  
Lora Lewis, INDOT  
John Stoll, Vanderburgh County Engineer  
Melissa Voegel, ARC of Evansville  
Jason Orange, KYTC  
Pam Drach, MPO  
Denise Johnson, Parks Director-Evansville

**Mr. London:** Thanks to everyone for coming, we'll go ahead and get started.

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. London:** The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. (Motion was made by Mr. Harty and seconded by Ms. Higgins.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Project Update**

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

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

**Ms. Lamb:** A second public meeting was held April 30, 2015 to discuss the preliminary design. A Preliminary Field Check meeting was held May 1, 2015.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

##### **Green River Road Widening: Millersburg Road to Kansas Road**

**Ms. Lamb:** The project is now 82% complete as the contractor continues to add fill to the center of the new roadway as weather permits.

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

**Ms. Lamb:** Comments received from the public meeting are currently being reviewed. Utility coordination is underway.

#### **CITY OF HENDERSON**

##### **Sand Lane Safe Routes to School**

**Ms. Lamb:** The notice to proceed with the advertisement for bids has been issued by KYTC.

**Ms. Lamb:** Those are all of the updates I have today.

**Mr. London:** Does anybody have any questions in regards to anything?

## **B. FY 2016-2019 TIP**

**Mr. Luebke:** You have seen in front of you in the prior two months, the draft projects lists as well as the draft TIP. We are bringing back the final one of which I have one copy of here to pass around. There are very minor changes since we've been here with the draft that you can see there summarized in the project table at the bottom. Since the draft, we've had some public meetings, advertised for public comments of which we received precisely one summarized on page 2. But really the only changes that you see there are some minor changes to roadway projects for Warrick County, KYTC, and adding a few things that are a new or minor projects from INDOT, City of Henderson, METS and the City of Evansville and Newburgh, just some minor revisions to projects that you see there. And this will go before the Policy Board this afternoon and take over for the current TIP once we get our I's dotted and T's crossed with our planning partners.

**Mr. London:** Does anybody have any questions regarding the TIP? Do we have a motion to approve the TIP for 2016-2019? (Motion was made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mr. Harty.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Mr. Luebke:** Now we are going to go backwards to the old TIP. The new one doesn't take place until, again like I said, our details are worked out with our Federal Highway and state planning partners approvals, so we have to keep the existing one current while we do that. So we're going to do some amendments to the existing TIP:

Des# 1500485: There are several here by METS – we're adding FY 2015 Highway 41 Route Operating Assistance.;

Des# 1500484: A diesel transit bus purchase for METS;

Various Des#'s: 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant revisions for METS;

Des# 1500510: 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant for METS as you see there.

**Mr. Luebke:** I don't know that I'll go into the nitty-gritty details of those. Are there any questions on the METS amendments first? If not, I'll proceed to HART:

No Item#: We are going to revise 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants for FY 2015;

No Item#: 5339 Bus Formula Grants for FY 2015 as well.

**Mr. Luebke:** These are all minor adjustments to their existing projects. The last project we have is for the City of Henderson:

No Item#: The Henderson Bike Routes Phase 2, which is a Transportation Alternatives funding project, is roadway signage and pavement markings throughout the city as delineated in their Bike and Pedestrian Plan, and that project is in FY 2016.

**Mr. London:** Do we have a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Harty and seconded by Ms. Higgins.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

## **B. FY 2013-2016 TIP Administrative Modifications**

**Mr. Luebke:** These are more minor changes that have actually already been processed and are here for your information.

Des# 0500640: Administrative modification for Oak Grove Road Phase 2 in Warrick County – we’re revising the description to add locational references and making minor adjustments to the funding cost split, and that’s in FY 2016.

Item# 02-713.00: The next one is the Wathen Lane bridge replacement over in Henderson, and we are revising the PE schedule and funding to reflect that minor adjustment. We revised construction from FY 2015 to illustrative 2017 with no change in the cost at this point.

**Mr. London:** Thanks, Craig. I have a question real quick for John. On Green River Road, are they going to be lime stabilized?

**Mr. Stoll:** Yes.

**Mr. London:** I had someone call me the other day, I don’t know why they called me, but they were asking the question, so I wanted to make sure I knew what was going on. Are there any questions or comments on TIP Administrative Modifications?

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ms. Jones:** I want to say something – I just wanted to bring you all up to date. I have been involved as a member on the US 41 Traffic and Access Management Study that we are doing in Henderson right now. It’s basically a corridor study from US 60 to Wolf Hills Road, and we will be having our first team project meeting on Monday in the morning, and our first meeting with the elected officials on Monday afternoon. I just wanted to bring everybody up to date on what is happening there. We’re moving right along.

**Mr. London:** Anything else from anyone?

Meeting adjourned.