



## 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

November 5, 2015

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### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Beth Jones, Shawn Will, Gina Boaz, Angie Higgins, Melissa Voegel, Bill Harty, Nick Hall, Jason Orange, John Petkovsek, Carol Hagedorn, Shane Spears, Val Cockrum, John Stoll

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present: David Goffinet, Michael Grovak

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Evansville MPO Director Seyed Shokouhzadeh directed the meeting. Beth Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting and John Petkovsek seconded the motion; motion carried.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

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

##### CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Washington Avenue/2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Parrett Street Area: Alternatives analysis submitted to FHWA and SHPO for comments.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Hi Rail Corridor): Utility coordination is underway.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Mid Levee Connection): Six proposals were received and are currently under review.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: Phase 2 of the project received approval for design.

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Green River Road/Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Draft final CE document submitted to INDOT for review. Right-of-way engineering underway.

## **WARRICK COUNTY**

Lincoln Avenue: Right-of-way activities continue with 25 of the estimated 99 parcels acquired. Draft pavement design is complete.

Oak Grove Road – Phase 3: Right-of-way engineering is underway.

## **INDOT**

SR 61 Connector, Boonville Bypass: Notice to proceed has been issued and the pre-construction meeting was held on 10/15/15.

## **CITY OF HENDERSON**

Sand Lane Safe Routes to School: KYTC approved to award the bid to Knight Construction. There was a pre-construction meeting held on October 30, 2015. Notice to proceed construction was given on November 1, 2015. There is a 90-day calendar day completion set, and construction has started.

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

## **B. Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan – presented by Erin Schriefer**

The Evansville MPO sought the adoption of the City of Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. The Draft Plan was presented at the previous meeting on October 1, 2015. Highlights of the plan included:

- Nearly 170 miles of recommended bicycle and pedestrian network improvements;
- A variety of recommended treatment types that include shared use paths, sidepaths, cycle tracks, buffered bicycle lanes, standard bicycle lanes, bicycle boulevards, shared lane markings, and sidewalks, as well as traffic calming treatments at various intersections;
- A “Top 10” priority projects list that, if implemented, would have a significant impact on bicycling and walking connectivity in the community;

- Planning-level cost estimates for each recommended project on the network;
- Early action steps and policy-level recommendations; and
- Extensive public outreach throughout the entire planning process.

Beth Jones made a motion to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **B. Draft Comprehensive Operations Analysis for the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System – Presented by Michael Grovak and David Goffinet**

Rob Schaefer introduced Michael Grovak and David Goffinet of the Lochmueller Group to present the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System draft Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive review of METS' operations that began in May 2014. All existing conditions of the system, including routes, fleet, and operations were examined. Identified in the draft report are key findings, areas for savings, and challenges and opportunities for service improvements. The draft COA is available for review at [www.metstransitstudy.info](http://www.metstransitstudy.info).

Topics covered by the presentation included:

- The need to bring the METS fleet up to “a state of good repair”.
- Opportunities for significant service improvements such as Sunday service, crosstown routes, express routes, route consolidation and route straightening, but there are many challenges to getting there.
- Key findings included the age of the fleet, the complicated routes and schedules, the need for fare increases, and the high cost of METS Mobility among many others.
- The need for additional staffing and review of current job duties.
- METS becoming a Public Transportation Corporations.
- Identifying potential new added transit funding.

*The Draft Comprehensive Operations Analysis for the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System was informational and did not require a committee action. The COA will be an action item in December 2015.*

#### **B. FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach**

- No Item#: Wathen Lane: Upgrade from US 60 to city limits. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in fiscal year (FY) 2016. PE costs of \$380,000 will be funded with 80% federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and a 20% local match.
- Item# 02-711.00: US 41: Intersection with KY 812: Upgrade to add dedicated right and left turn lanes and signal updates. Revise FY 2017 construction (CN) estimate from \$550,000 to \$950,000. Construction costs will be funded with 100% federal STP funds utilizing Kentucky Toll Credits as match.

- iii. Item# 02-715.00: US 41: Intersection with Wolf Hills Road: Intersection project to improve safety. Revise construction schedule from FY 2016 to FY 2019. Construction costs of \$500,000 will be funded with 100% federal STP funds utilizing Kentucky Toll Credits as match.
- iv. 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. Add project for PE in FY 16 at a cost of \$450,000. PE costs will be funded locally.

Nick Hall made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments and Gina Boaz seconded the motion; motion carried.

#### **B. FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modification – presented by Pam Drach**

- i. Des# 1400549: Green River Road: Road construction from Kansas Road to Boonville-New Harmony Road. Revise right-of-way funding source from federal and local to 100% local in FY 16. Right-of-way costs are estimated at \$1,500,000.

*This item was informational and did not require a committee action.*

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting Adjourned.