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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

September 3, 2015

The foregoing are minutes and not intended to be a verbatim transcript. An audio version of the proceedings can be heard or viewed on our website at www.evansvillempo.com.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Beth Jones, Angie Higgins, Melissa Voegel, Dona Bergman, Kerry Kamp, Denise Johnson, Andy Chandler, Jason Orange, Nick Hall, John Petkovsek, Shawn Hayden, Gina Boaz, Shawn Will, Mike O'Daniel, Ron London, John Stoll, Brent Schmitt

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present: Brian Aldridge

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ron London directed the meeting. Brent Schmitt made a motion to approve the minutes and Melissa Voegel seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Washington Ave – Weinbach Ave: The first section of pavement, curb and gutter and driveway approaches is in place along Washington Ave.

SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Pedestrian Overpass: The MSE wall construction is approximately 95% complete. Grading operations are ongoing.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Arts-Glenwood-Hi-Rail Corridors): The topographic field survey is complete and field check design plans are in development. Anticipate a field check to be scheduled in October.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project (Mid Levee Connection): The City is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for project development and design.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: Phase 1 was let on July 8, 2015 with the low bid of \$347,960.14 received from Michiana Contracting, Inc. The project has been awarded and Notice to Proceed was issued July 24, 2015.

Tekoppel Safe Routes to School: Construction is complete and road is open to traffic.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Burkhardt Rd/Virginia St: Project construction is ahead of schedule and the pre-final walk through will be held in the next couple of weeks.

WARRICK COUNTY

Oak Grove Rd – Phase 2: Project was let for bid on September 2, 2015. Apparent bid results indicate no bids received were below the engineer's estimate; however the lowest bid is awardable.

Oak Grove Rd – Phase 3: An open house has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at J.H. Castle Elementary School.

INDOT

SR 61 Connector, Boonville Bypass: Project was let for bid on September 2, 2015. Apparent bid results indicate no bids received were below the engineer's estimate; however, the low bid is awardable.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Sand Lane Safe Routes to School: The project was rescheduled for letting to today, September 3, 2015.

KYTC

US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge: A public meeting was held on August 25, 2015.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. US 41 Traffic and Access Management Study in Henderson, KY

Nick Hall introduced Brian Aldridge of Stantec Consulting to present the US 41 Traffic and Access Management Study. The purpose of this study is to improve traffic operations and safety along US 41 between US 60 and Wolf Hills Road in Henderson County.

The study included analysis of crashes and intersection delays at all of the intersections within the study corridor, providing improvement alternatives. A matrix containing evaluation and cost estimates for the alternatives was distributed for review. The matrix includes improvement concepts with their associated impacts, local official's ranking, and estimated costs for the intersections in the corridor.

Technical Committee members had several questions regarding how US 41 would operate with reduced left-turn access because of a recommended center median. The consultant informed the committee that U-turns would be permitted at intersections, and Elm Street provides a backage road to business on the west side of the corridor. The addition of a new backage road on the east side of the corridor was also discussed.

Attached to the minutes are the study matrix and the US 41 Traffic and Access Management Study project handout. The full presentation can be heard at www.evansvillempo.com.

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

B. FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke

- i. Des# 1006084: Pigeon Creek Greenway, Mid-Levee Corridor: Bike and pedestrian improvements from Heidlebach Avenue to Stringtown Road. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2016. PE costs of \$210,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and a 20% local match.
- ii. Des# 0710850: Newburgh Rivertown Trail Phase 3A: Multi-use trail project from Yorkshire Drive to Old SR 662 West. Revise construction schedule from FY 2016 to 2017.
- iii. Des# 1500513: Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Operating Assistance: Revise 2016 program of projects to reflect final budget and project revisions. Add des#. The total FY 2016 budget of \$8,577,296 will be funded with \$518,044 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$2,148,344 in state funds and \$5,910,908 in local funds.
- iv. Various Des#'s : Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Capital Assistance: Revise 2016 program of projects to reflect final budget and project revisions, including des#'s. The total FY 2016 budget of \$1,755,001 will be funded with \$1,404,001 in federal Section 5307 funds and \$351,000 in local funds.
- v. Des# 1382055: Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Planning Assistance: Add FY 2016 project des#.
- vi. Des# 1500484: Transit bus purchase (2): Revise description and budget to reflect the FY 16 purchase of two transit buses funded with Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities and CMAQ funds. The total cost of \$905,000 will be funded with \$265,010 in federal Section 5339 funds, \$458,990 in federal CMAQ funds and \$181,000 in local funds.
- vii. Des# 1500485: Highway 41 North Route, Operating Assistance: Add project in FY 2016. Project costs of \$516,050 will be funded with 50% federal CMAQ funds (\$258,025) and 50% local funds.

Kerry Kamp made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments and Nick Hall seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modification – presented by Craig Luebke

- i. Des# 1592289 and Des# 1592290: Unified Planning Work Program Planning Activities: Add Des#'s and revise STP funding in FY 2016 to reflect current UPWP budget. STP UPWP costs of \$165,000 will be funded with \$132,000 in federal STP funding and a \$33,000 local match. HSIP UPWP costs remain unchanged at \$100,000, funded with \$90,000 in federal HSIP funding and a \$10,000 local match.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seyed Shokouhzadeh announced that the MPO for received a national Honorable Mention award for “The Millennial Plan for 2040: A Regional Plan for Sustainability” from the Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program. This program is a biennial awards program developed by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration and co-sponsored by the American Planning Association. The program provides a unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate outstanding transportation planning practices performed by planners and decision-makers in communities across the country.

An independent, expert panel of judges reviewed each nomination, and identified eight Award-Winning projects and eight Honorable Mentions.

Meeting Adjourned.