



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 4, 2017

The following 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:

Antonio Johnson, Shawn Will, Jeff Whitaker, Valerie Cockrum, Jason Orange, Andy Chandler, Joseph Waller, Carol Hagedorn, Ron London, Carolyn, Pajoum, Rick Wilson

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Ron London directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Shawn Will seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Appraisals and review appraisals are complete. Offers have been made for 34 of the 37 parcels.

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: Right-of-way engineering nearly complete.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:

- Hi-Rail Corridor: Utility coordination activities are underway.

- Mid-Levee Connection (Cardinal Drive between Stringtown Road and Heidelbach Avenue): Draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) document has been submitted to INDOT for review and comment.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement:

- Phase 2: The project construction is 75% complete with contract completion estimated for August 2017.
- Phase 3: The Request for Proposals (RFP) has been posted for project design.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The scour report was submitted to INDOT on 4/14/17.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Sign Replacement: The Town Council signed the third supplemental to the PE contract on 2/22/17. Three condemnations have been filed.

WARRICK COUNTY

Oak Grove Road-Phase 3: Pavement Design revisions were made and submitted to INDOT on 4/13/17.

Warrick Trails SRTS: The survey is complete and environmental work is underway.

I-69 Corridor

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: A Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register on 2/13/17 and the Section 106 Early Coordination letter was sent to consulting parties on 4/25/17.

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

B. Certification Review Final Report - presented by Antonio Johnson, FHWA Indiana Division

Antonio Johnson of the FHWA Indiana Division presented the final findings of the Evansville MPO Certification Review. The review team concluded that the MPO was certified for another four years. They also gave the MPO three commendations, including:

- “The review team commends the EMPO for the use of their Title VI plan to engage their stakeholders. Using their Title VI process, the MPO has implemented improvements that have provided ladders of opportunity to some of the Evansville, IN-KY urbanized area most underserved populations.”
- “The EMPO use of published graphics, maps, videos, and other visual aids to translate technical information for non-technical audiences is commendable. The use of such documents serves as a resource for the MPA and a best practice for other MPOs.”
- “The EMPO staff has demonstrated and been acknowledged that it is a strong partner in shaping the Evansville metropolitan planning area’s multi-modal transportation system. They received an honorable mention in the 2015 FHWA’s Transportation Planning Excellence Award for Modeling and Technology Applications for the SEAC Millennial 2040 Plan. They also garnered recognition for the Millennial 2040 Plan by the Indiana MPO Council and the Indiana Planning Association. The Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan were also recognized by the later organizations as well by FHWA in 2016 which cited the plan in its Road Diets – Safety|Livability|Low-Cost publication.”

The presentation that was given is attached.

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

C. 2017 Regional Prioritization Plan for KYTC Unfunded Projects – presented by Laura Lamb

As part of SHIFT Kentucky Ahead (Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow) Prioritization Plan, the MPO must formulate a plan for prioritizing regional projects for inclusion in Kentucky’s Six Year Plan to receive funding through the next legislative cycle. The proposed plan was submitted at the meetings last month as a draft. The MPO accepted comments on that plan from April 6th through April 24th. No comments were received.

Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Andy Chandler seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP – presented by Craig Luebke

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP was developed cooperatively with local government, transit operators, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other appropriate state and federal agencies. The final draft TIP includes only minor changes to the draft TIP presented in April. The changes are listed in the table below. A summary of public comments received is also shown.

The purpose of the TIP is to fulfill federal requirements and to serve local officials and the public as a complete program of federally funded transportation improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next four years (fiscal years 2018-2021) in the Evansville-Henderson Urbanized area. The first four fiscal years of the program are fiscally constrained, while projects listed for planning purposes will be implemented should additional federal funding become available.

Changes From Draft TIP to Final			
Project Updates or Additions			
Sponsor	Des/Item#	Project	Change
Evansville	1383066	2 nd Street	Revise schedule – move construction from FY 19 to FY 20
INDOT	Various	Rail Safety projects	Added 8 rail crossing upgrade projects
EMPO	1600643	STP Planning	Revise estimate
METS	1700384	Bus Purchase	Revise estimate
Other Changes			
Page	Change		
2-3	Remove discussion of planning outside the EMPO Planning Area. Added Urbanized Area discussion and map.		
13-17	Expanded performance measures discussion.		
19-20	Revise TIP amendment discussion to remove amendment not requiring public review.		
29	Corrected Table 7: HART Expenses and Revenues.		
Various	Minor/typographical corrections.		

Public Comments Received			
Date Received	Submitted By	Comment	Response
4/13/17	Gary E. May	Suggestion to improve public outreach by going to transit customers at bus stops and paratransit users. Suggestion to use local college students to conduct surveys.	Public notice of TIP planning process was posted at the main transfer terminals for both METS and HART transit systems. Consideration will be given to additional outreach methods as appropriate for future planning efforts.
4/17/17	Kenny Page	Request to extend City of Evansville road diet project on Weinbach Avenue north to Franklin Street.	The Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan calls for bicycle facilities extended north on Weinbach Avenue to Morgan Avenue. This request will be forwarded to the City Engineer’s office.

Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Shawn Will seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

The MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public review and comments period was publicized from April 19th to May 3rd.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following amendments:

Des# 1700510: Ingle Avenue at Evansville Western Railroad crossing DOT #342739E: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for preliminary engineering (PE) in fiscal year 2018 and construction (CN) in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

Des# 1700511: Peerless Road at Evansville Western Railroad crossing DOT #342749K: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700512: Hogue Road at Evansville Western Railroad crossing DOT #342754G: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700514: Boehne Camp Road at Evansville Western Railroad crossing DOT #342748D: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700517: Leslie Avenue at CSX Railroad crossing DOT #342738X: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700522: Old State Road at CSX Railroad crossing DOT #342834A: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700513: County Line Road at Evansville Western Railroad crossing DOT #342755N: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$36,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Des# 1700587: US 41 at Indiana Southern Railroad crossing DOT #539796S: Railroad crossing safety project. Installation of train activated gates, flashing lights, bell and other safety devices. Add project for PE in fiscal year 2018 and CN in fiscal year 2019. PE costs of \$20,000 and CN costs of \$400,000 will be funded with 100% federal HSIP funds.

Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Shawn Will seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

An administrative modification to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was processed on April 6th, 2017.

The Evansville MPO requested the following modification:

Des# 1600643: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Planning Activities: Revise STP budget in fiscal year 2018 to reflect current UPWP budget. STP UPWP costs of \$173,000 is programmed with \$138,000 in federal STP funding and a \$35,000 local match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. INDOT Call for Projects Process – presented by Valerie Cockrum, INDOT

Valerie Cockrum, the Technical Services Director for the INDOT Vincennes District, explained INDOT's Call for Projects process and how a project becomes a project. The presentation is attached.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.


Meeting adjourned.

FINAL REPORT


TMA Certification Review



Introduction of the Federal Team

 U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration


Susan Weber

 U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Bernadette Dupont
Joyce Newland
Antonio Johnson

Why Were We Here?

- Every 4 years FTA and FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas with over 200,000 population



Evansville MPO
Henderson • Vanderburgh • Warrick

What is the Status?



Previous Findings and Disposition

- Finding?
- Action?
- Disposition?

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- 20 Finding
 - 1 Corrective Action
 - 13 Recommendations

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Resolved

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 - 8 Recommendations and 3 Commendations

Questions?

Contact Information



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Public Stakeholders Meeting

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Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Customer Contact**
- **Project Selection**
- **Public Involvement**
- **Effect of Public Involvement**
- **FY 17- FY 18 Program**



Vincennes District Team

- **Rusty Fowler - District Deputy Commissioner (DDC)**
- **Bob Alderman - Deputy Chief of Staff**
- **Chris Gentry – Capital Program Management Director**
- **Bart Mueller – Construction Director**
- **Jason Tiller – Communications Director**
- **Bryan Donze – Highway Maintenance Director**
- **Valerie Cockrum – Technical Services Director**



INDOT Mission

INDOT will plan, build, maintain and operate a superior transportation system enhancing safety, mobility and economic growth.



2015-2016 INDOT Goals

- **On-time and On-budget**
- **Take Care of What We Have**
- **Customer Satisfaction**



INDOT Vincennes District





Vincennes District is located in the Southwestern quadrant of Indiana. Vincennes is responsible for state routes in 16 counties (partial and full).





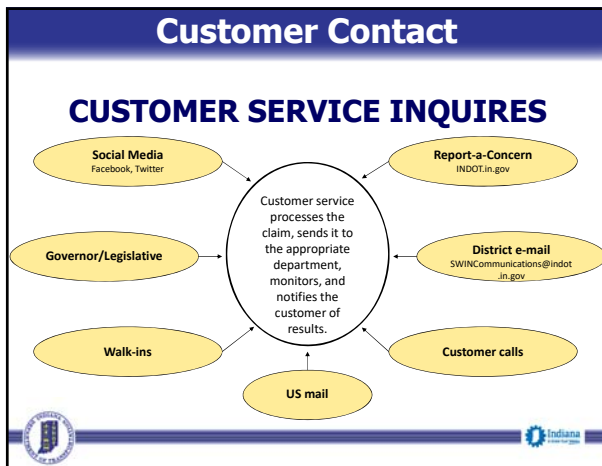
INDOT Vincennes District

- **5 Highway Maintenance Sub-Districts**
 - Vincennes
 - Linton
 - Paoli
 - Tell City
 - Evansville
- **Approximately 4425 Lane Miles of State Roads**
- **450 Lane Miles of Interstate**
- **1809 Large Culverts (Above 48 inches and below 20 feet)**
- **1000+ State Bridges (Above 20 feet)**
- **142 Snow Routes**
- **254 Traffic Signals**
- **144 Flashers**
- **57,000 Road Signs**
- **1075 Panel Signs**



Customer Contact

- **Facebook and Twitter**
 - Search INDOT Southwest
 - <https://twitter.com/INDOTSouthwest>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/INDOTSouthwest>
- **Phone: 1-800-279-5758**
- **Email: swincommunications@indot.IN.gov**
- **On-line Concern Reporting at <http://www.ingov/indot/2330.htm>**
- **Press Releases 5-10 per week**
- **Subscribe to receive text and email alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDOT/subscriber/new>**

Project Selection

- **Public Concern**
- **Local Public Agency Concern**
- **Internal Selection Criteria**
 - Pavement Condition
 - Bridge Condition
 - Traffic Safety
 - Traffic Mobility



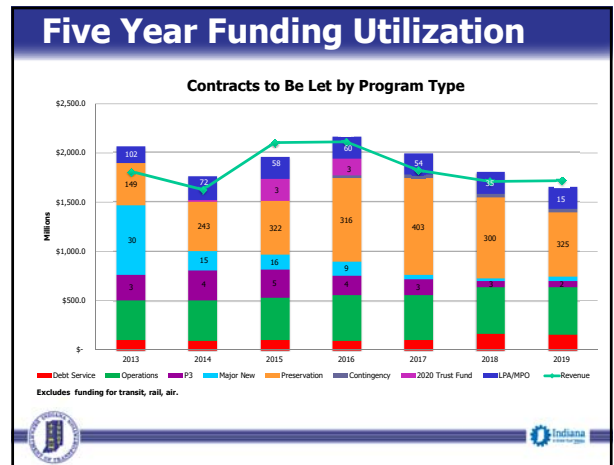

Indiana is Ranked #1 in the nation by CNBC in Infrastructure. That includes roads, railroads and ports on Lake Michigan, and the Ohio River. - <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/07/12/top-states-for-business-16-indiana.html>

Roads and Bridges Magazine, using U.S. DOT Data Ranked Indiana's 2015 road conditions best in the nation. - <http://www.roadsbridges.com/roadsbridges-us-dot-releases-table-ranking-road-bridge-conditions-state>

- ### Project Selection
- Annual Call for Projects 3yr vs 5yr
 - Candidate Projects Compared
 - Fiscally Constrained Plan Delivered

Revenue Source

- Fuel Tax
- How much do we each contribute?
- 13,500mi / 18mpg = 750 gallons
- 750g x \$0.36 = \$270/yr



Public Involvement

- **Project Selection**
- **Project Development**
 - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (search INDOT STIP)
<http://www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm>
 - Early Coordination – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



Early Coordination

- **Local Public Agencies**
 - County Commissioners
 - County Surveyor – Bridge and other Drainage related Projects
 - Mayor's office
 - Town Council
- **State Agencies**
 - Department of Natural Resources
 - Department of Environmental Management
 - Indiana Geological Survey



Early Coordination

- **Federal Agencies**
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
 - US Department of Agriculture through National Resource Conservation Service
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Federal Highway Administration



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 - Public Hearing (NEPA)
- **During Construction**



Effect of Public Involvement

- **Project Examples**
 - I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis
 - US 231 Intersections Spencer County
 - US 41/Lloyd Expressway Interchange
 - SR 237 Bob Cummings Lincoln Trail Bridge
 - Fix for 41
 - I-69 Ohio River Crossing



FY 17 Chip Seal Program



FY 17-18 Capital Program



18 Month Letting List

<https://entapps.indot.in.gov/lettings/default.aspx?view=contractor>



Road and Bridge Investment Map

<http://www.in.gov/indot/div/investment>



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Questions

