



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 7, 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:

Angie Higgins, Shawn Will, John Petkovsek, Bill Harty, Rick Wilson, Nick Hall, Joseph Waller, Brent Schmitt, Austin Maxheimer, Rusty Fowler, Christ Gentry

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Brent Schmitt directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Angie Higgins made a motion for approval and Bill Harty seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: An additional public meeting was held on August 28, 2017. This was the 4th public meeting.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A design exception regarding the sidewalks was approved. A supplemental agreement has been submitted to the county for right-of-way engineering, right-of-way services, and for design changes associated with phased construction.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Twenty-eight parcels have been cleared. A supplemental agreement was signed on August 22, 2017 for the design, permitting, environmental study, and three years of monitoring on the mitigation site.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Stage 3 plans were submitted to INDOT.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, Highpoint Drive to Telephone Road: After addressing comments received, the updated draft environmental document was resubmitted to INDOT.

INDOT

SR 66 and Casey Road: Pavement design is complete.

KYTC

KY 2183-KY 1539: The Preliminary Line and Grade meeting was held August 31, 2017.

US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge: A right-of-way informational meeting is planned for mid-October.

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Section 6: INDOT will host three public meetings to discuss the refinements to the preferred route of SR 37. The meeting times and locations include:

- Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray Street, Martinsville, 46151 on Tuesday, September 12, 2017
- Perry Meridian High School, 401 W. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis 46217 on Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road in Greenwood 46143 on Thursday, September 14, 2017

The MPO also has copies of the Ohio River Crossing Screening Report for those interested in viewing it.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment – presented by Craig Luebke

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public review and comment period was publicized from August 23, 2017 to September 6, 2017.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requested the following amendment:

Item# 02-9008: US 41: Intersection with KY 2097. Preliminary design and study to determine low cost improvements at this and various other locations in KYTC District 2. Project also includes for additional District 2 intersections outside the MPO Planning Area. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2018. PE costs of \$150,000 will be funded with 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and a soft match provided by Kentucky Toll Credits.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Angie Higgins seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke

Administrative modifications to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were processed on August 10, 2017 and August 29, 2017.

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

Des# 1700832: I-69: Various Locations (Grouped Project: Bridge culvert and small structure preservation): Bridge thin deck overlay projects at various locations along existing I-69 in Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. Contract also includes Des# 1700937, a bridge thin deck overlay on SR 57 over Schlensker Ditch, 0.44 mi. N of US 41. Grouped project includes Des#s 1700859, 1700878, 1700880, 1700882, 1700884, 1700886, 1700888, 1700890, 1700892-93, 1700898, 1700908-14, 1700916, 1700918-20, 1700922, 1700924, 1700927, 1700930, and 1700932. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2018 and Construction (CN) in FY 2019. PE costs of \$2,173,000 will be funded with \$1,901,000 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, \$49,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and \$223,000 State match. CN costs of \$8,248,000 will be funded with \$7,240,000 in federal NHPP funds, \$163,000 in federal STP funds and \$845,000 State match (federal/state funding split will be 90/10 on interstates and 80/20 on state routes).

The City of Henderson requested the following modifications:

Item# TBD: North Green River Road: From Bend Gate Road to Osage Drive, sidewalk construction project: Add PE funding in fiscal year 2018. Total FY 2018 PE costs of \$87,500 to be funded with \$70,000 in federal TAP funds (80%) and \$17,500 (20%) local match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Harty provided a comment to INDOT, requesting that when the bridges are replaced on the Lloyd Expressway west of St. Joseph Avenue, they be upgraded to include three travel lanes. Rusty Fowler with INDOT responded that the joint Corridor Study between INDOT and the MPO will identify options for improvements along the corridor. Bill Harty also commented that the railroads are tying up traffic on the west side.

Meeting adjourned.