



## EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301  
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building  
Evansville, Indiana

March 8, 2018

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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Dr. H Dan Adams, Todd Robertson, Bruce Ungethiem, Michael Lockard, Russell Sights, Christy Powell, Wade Clements

#### Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William Hubiak, Dan Saylor, Rusty Fowler

#### Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Antonio Johnson, Susan Weber, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, John Moore, Leslie Poff

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Kari Akin, Craig Luebke, Erin Schriefer

#### Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Steve Nicaise, Janelle Lemon

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Dr H Dan Adams made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Covert Avenue Road Diet: The CE document was approved February 7, 2018.

Walnut Street: INDOT reviewed the consultant selection documents and gave approval to begin contract negotiations for PE. The INDOT/LPA agreement was approved at the February 22, 2018 BPW meeting.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Stage 3 plans were submitted to INDOT February 16, 2018.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement – Phase 3: Clark Dietz was selected for the PE phase of the project and the consultant contract was approved at the February 15, 2018 PBW meeting.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The environmental document has been approved.

#### **INDOT**

SR 66 and Casey Road: The project was let for bid on February 7, 2018 and awarded to JBI Construction Inc. for the low bid of \$252,635.36. Work will begin after May 28, 2018 when school is out of session.

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

### **B. I-69 Ohio River Crossing - Update – presented by Steve Nicaise, Parsons**

Steve Nicaise of Parsons presented an update on the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. The presentation is attached and can be heard online at <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html>.

A discussion regarding tolling options was held and can also be heard online.

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

### **C. MTP 2045 Update: Survey – presented by Erin Schriefer**

As part of the update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 (MTP 2045), the Evansville MPO created a survey to seek input on the region's transportation system and needed improvements between today and 2045. The survey is targeted to those that live and/or work in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Henderson counties. The survey will be available through March 23 on the Evansville MPO's website, [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com) (or directly at [bit.ly/mtp2045](http://bit.ly/mtp2045)).

In order to help spread the word, survey information was posted on the Evansville MPO Facebook page and shared by multiple people, was posted on both Evansville and Henderson's city websites, Facebook pages and Twitter pages, and generated several news stories and newspaper articles. Paper copies are also available in the MPO office and at the Henderson Municipal Center. Surveys are available in both English and Spanish.

(At the time of the meeting), the MPO had received just under 400 responses.

The MPO will use the survey results to help prioritize projects in the MTP.

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

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. FY 2019 & FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program – presented by Kari Akin**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the Draft FY 2019 & FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The UPWP includes all sources of funding the MPO will use in the next fiscal year, in addition to the scope of work the office will complete. A tentative budget for FY 2020 was determined based on an estimate of IN PL funds that will be received in FY 2020. Final FY 2020 sources of funding will be amended into the UPWP in 2019 as they become available.

Also included in the work elements of the UPWP are the 2019 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs). These are issued by the Indiana and Kentucky Divisions Office of FHWA to assure that MPO projects are FAST Act compliant. Kentucky has continued to use FY 2018 PEAs. Indiana's FY 2019 PEAs include:

- Title VI Program Management
- National Performance Management Measures
- Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning Coordination
- Participation Plans
- Transit Asset Management Plans

The draft UPWP was sent to federal and state planning partners for review.

The UPWP can be found on the MPO website at  
[http://www.evansvillempo.com/Docs/UPWP/Draft\\_FY19\\_FY20\\_UPWP.pdf](http://www.evansvillempo.com/Docs/UPWP/Draft_FY19_FY20_UPWP.pdf).

*Russell Sights made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **B. Internal Control Procedures – presented by Kari Akin**

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27 requires each political subdivision/special district to maintain a system of internal controls in order to promote accountability and transparency.

The Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Public Subdivisions was developed and published by the State Board of Accounts in September 2015. It can be found on their website at <https://www.in.gov/sboa/5072.htm>.

In addition to the Evansville MPO adopting this policy, it is also required that all members of the governing board attend the web-based training and complete a certification. The web training takes less than 30 minutes to complete and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0N80PBbPHQ&feature=youtu.be>

You may have already attended this training as it's required for all political officials on governing boards. If you have already been trained and certified, you do not need to re-watch the video. You may turn in a copy of your certification form that you have already completed.

The MPO needs 100% of the Policy Committee to take this training. Please email your certification to Kari Akin at [kakin@evansvillempo.com](mailto:kakin@evansvillempo.com) or bring it to the Policy Committee meeting. Contact Kari at 812-436-7835 with questions.

*Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Bruce Ungethiem seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **C. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – 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 February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Evansville Metropolitan Transit System (METS) requested the following amendment:

Des# 1601223: Lynch/Walnut Evening Service: Add operating assistance in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Service costs of \$100,000 in each year will be funded with \$80,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and a \$20,000 local match.

*Michael Lockard made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **D. FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke**

Administrative modifications to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were processed on February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

February 6<sup>th</sup>:

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

Des# 1800876: SR 61: (Grouped Project: Traffic signal system improvements and lighting): Traffic signal modernization 0.07 mi. W of E SR 62 junction, and at E SR 62 junction. Contract also includes Des# 1800877, 1800879 and 1800880. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2018 and Construction (CN) in FY 2019. PE costs of \$68,000 will be funded with \$54,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STP) funds and a \$14,000 state match. CN costs of \$1,020,000 will be funded with \$816,000 in federal STP funds and a \$204,000 state match.

The Evansville MPO requested the following modification:

Des# 1600643: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Planning Activities: Revise STP budget in FY 2018, 2019, 2020 to include the purchase of transit planning software. FY 2018 STP UPWP costs of \$220,000 are programmed with \$176,000 in federal STP funding at a \$44,000 local match. FY 2019 and FY 2020 STP UPWP costs of \$149,000 are programmed with \$119,000 in federal STP funding and a \$30,000 local match.

February 13<sup>th</sup>:

Des# 1601718: SR 62, over Pigeon Creek/CSX Railroad, 2.45 mi. W of US 41: Bridge rehabilitation/repair. Revise Construction (CN) cost (increase) in FY 2018. CN costs of \$3,211,000 will be funded with 80% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and 20% state match.

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) requested the following modification:

Des# 1601220: Sunday Service Operating Assistance: Revise service cost (reduction) in FY 2018 and 2019. Annual costs of \$335,000 are programmed with \$268,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding and a \$67,000 local match.

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

*Jack Corn announced that this is Craig Luebke's last meeting as an Evansville MPO staff member. He has accepted a job at the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization. His last day at the MPO will be March 22, 2018.*

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval of Bills**

*Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Wade Clements seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Jack Corn announced that Wade Clements is retiring from KYTC and will no longer be attending the Policy Committee meetings.*

Meeting adjourned.

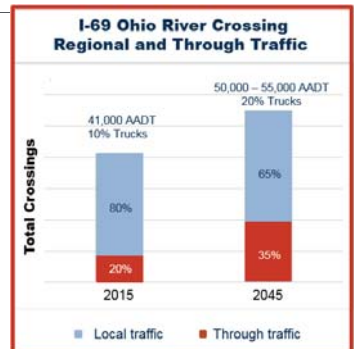
# EVANSVILLE MPO POLICY COMMITTEE I-69 UPDATE

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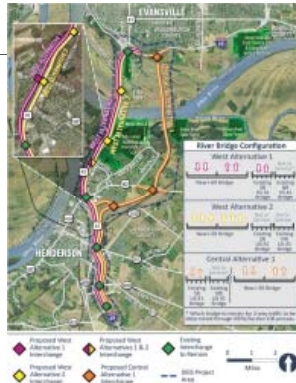
## General Traffic Findings

- 6 lanes of cross-river capacity are needed based on long-term statewide and local traffic forecasts
  - Providing more than 6 lanes would unnecessarily add to long-term operations and maintenance costs



## Preliminary Build Alternatives

- West Alternative 1
  - 4-lane I-69 bridge and one US 41 bridge for local traffic
- West Alternative 2
  - 6-lane I-69 bridge with both US 41 bridges removed from service
- Central Alternative 1
  - 4-lane I-69 bridge and one US 41 bridge for local traffic



## Modern Tolling



## All Electronic Tolling



## Louisville Ohio River Bridges (ORB) Toll Rates

CLASSIFICATION	VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	TOLL with TRANSPONDER	TOLL with REGISTERED PLATE	TOLL with UNREGISTERED PLATE
Passenger Vehicle	2-axle up to 7 1/2 feet in height	\$2	\$3	\$4
	2-axle more than 7 1/2 feet in height	\$5	\$6	\$7
Medium Vehicle	All 3-axle	\$5	\$6	\$7
	All 4-axle	\$10	\$11	\$12
Large Vehicle	5-axle or more	\$10	\$11	\$12

## I-69 Funding and Tolls

- NEPA must consider consequences and mitigation for possible tolling policies
  - No scenarios pay for 100% of the project
  - What we know today:
    - I-69 **will be** tolled
    - With West 1 and Central 1, tolling US 41 **may be necessary**
  - Final toll policies determined with funding plan before construction



## Project Timeline

- Fall 2018:
  - Preferred alternative identified
  - DEIS published
  - Public hearings held on both sides of the river
- Fall 2019:
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision expected

