



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

April 12, 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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Greg Wathen, Nick Hall, Deneatra Henderson, Jason Orange, Angie Higgins, Cinda Phillips, Jeff Whitaker, Bill Harty, Rick Wilson, Chris Gentry, John Stoll, Doug Joest,Carolynn Pajoum

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Erin Schriefer, Laura Lamb, Kari Akin, Xinbo Mi

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Harty requested that the public comment he made during the March meeting be corrected to show he requests the State to provide better signage along the Lloyd Expressway that would direct trucks to use the right lane.

Doug Joest made a motion for approval with this correction and Nick Hall seconded the motion with this correction; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Walnut Street: The INDOT/LPA agreement is fully executed. A utility kick-off meeting was held on March 21, 2018 to begin the utility coordination process.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Final Tracings were submitted to INDOT on April 2, 2018.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement – Phase 3: Notice to Proceed with design was sent to the consultant on March 22, 2018.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The railroad coordination is continuing. The consultant has begun work on the right-of-way appraisals.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: All but two parcels have been secured.

WARRICK COUNTY

Oak Grove Road – Phase 3: A public information meeting was held on April 3, 2018. This meeting allowed the consultants to talk through maintenance of traffic and explain what will happen during construction.

KYTC

KY 2183-KY 1539: Design plan revisions, to minimize utility impacts and costs, are being discussed.

I-69 Corridor

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: The project team is holding a series of Community Conversations. These are opportunities for them to talk with residents about the preliminary alternatives and how they may be impacted. Dates, times and location information is available online at the project website - <https://i69ohiorivercrossing.com/>

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing-MPO FY 2018 FTA Section 5310 Grant Application – conducted by Pam Drach

The MPO announced the call for projects for Section 5310 funds on October 6, 2017. Four applications were received by the MPO, including The Arc of Evansville, Warrick County Council on Aging and two from METS. Sufficient Section 5310 funds are available for all four projects.

A Public Notice of this application was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press on March 19, 2018. The Notice included public notification of the Public Hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee Meetings on April 12, 2018. It also provided a summary of the application, the location of hard copies of the Program of Projects for review and contact information for the MPO for public comments and questions.

No public comments were received.

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

B. Grant Submittal-MPO FY 2018 FTA Section 5310 Grant Application – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking approval to electronically submit the Fiscal Year 2018 grant application for FTA Section 5310 funds. These funds will be used for two non-profit vehicle acquisitions and MPO administration of the Section 5310 program. The total amount being requested is \$163,631. Your approval designates MPO staff to apply for 5310 funding.

FTA Section 5310 funds will be used to purchase a low-floor minivan for The Arc of Evansville and two small transit vehicles for the Warrick County Council on Aging. The federal share of funding is a maximum of 80% for vehicle purchase. The non-profit organizations will provide the match. Section 5310 planning funds will be used for FY 2019 administration of the Section 5310 program. These funds are 100% federal share. The attached Program of Projects provides further details.

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

C. Public Hearing-METS FY 2018 FTA Section 5307, Section 5339, Section 5310 and CMAQ Grant Application – conducted by Pam Drach

A Public Notice of the application for FTA funding was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press on March 10, 2018 (see attached). It provided notification of the Public Hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee Meetings on April 12th. Your approval is dependent on any public comment received. If a review or modification is needed, we will postpone approval of the application submission until the May 10th meeting.

The MPO will also be asking for the Board of Public Works approval to submit the application at their meeting on April 19, 2018, pending your approval.

No public comments were received.

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

D. Grant Submittal-METS FY 2018 FTA Section 5307, Section 5339, Section 5310 and CMAQ Grant Application – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking approval to electronically submit the FTA grants for METS for 2018. The total amount being requested is \$1,824,584 in Section 5307 funds, \$254,749 in Section 5339 funds, \$124,934 in Section 5310 funds, and \$550,869 in current year CMAQ funds (plus \$142,331 in prior year CMAQ funds). (Note: These totals are slightly different than the attached Program of Projects due to METS' updates to their budget.) Your approval designates MPO staff to apply for this FTA funding on behalf of METS.

FTA Section 5307 funds will be used for operating assistance of METS' fixed route system and paratransit service, preventive maintenance, capital projects, and planning assistance. Section 5339 funds will be used for a bus wash. Section 5310 funds will be used to purchase a paratransit bus and make improvements at a new eastside terminal. CMAQ funds will be used to purchase a fixed route bus and operating assistance for Sunday Service and Lynch/Walnut Evening Service for 2018. The federal share of funding is a maximum of 50% for operating assistance, 80% for capital projects, and 80% for planning assistance. The attached Program of Projects provides further details.

Doug Joest made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

E. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – Presented by Pam Drach

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 March 28th to April 11th.

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

Des# 1702066: SR 62: Bridge replacement of pedestrian bridge west of St. Joseph Ave. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2019. PE costs of \$253,000 will be funded with \$202,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and a \$51,000 state match. CN cost to complete outside the TIP period is \$2,528,000.

Des# 1700167: SR 68: Over Wallace Creek, 0.95 mi. E of SR 161. Bridge replacement. Add project for PE in FY 2018 and Right-of-Way in FY 2020. PE costs of \$185,000 will be funded with \$148,000 in federal STBG funds and a \$47,000 state match. ROW costs of \$30,000 will be funded with \$24,000 in federal STBG funds and a \$6,000 state match.

Nick Hall made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

F. FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modifications – Presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO has processed the following amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

March 9, 2018:

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

Des# 1701206: SR 662: (Grouped Project: Pavement Preservation): From I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd, 1.51 mi. E of I-69. HMA overlay. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2019 and Construction (CN) in FY 2020. PE costs of \$50,000 will be funded with \$40,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and a \$10,000 state match. CN costs of \$862,000 will be funded with \$690,000 in federal STBG funds and a \$172,000 state match.

Des# 1700970: SR 68: (Grouped Project: Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation): 4.01 mi. W Jct. SR 61. Small structure pipe lining. Add project for PE in FY 2018 and CN in FY 2020. PE costs of \$124,000 will be funded with \$99,000 in federal STBG funds and a \$25,000 state match. CN costs of \$411,000 will be funded with \$329,000 in federal STBG funds and an \$82,000 state match.

Des# 1602248: SR 62 and SR 66: (Grouped Project: Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation): Add grouped projects to lead Des# 1602248 (University Parkway bridge over SR 62). Add Des # 1700017 bridge maintenance and repair over McFadden Creek, 0.71 mi. W of SR 69. Add PE in FY 2018 and CN in FY 2020. PE costs of \$87,000 will be funded with \$70,000 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and a \$17,000 state match. CN costs of \$194,000 will be funded with \$155,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$39,000 state match. Add Des# 1700977 SR 66 bridge over St. Joseph Ave/Locust Creek, 0.258 mi. E of SR 65. Add PE in FY 2018 and CN in FY 2020. PE costs of \$210,000 will be funded with \$168,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$110,000 state match.

Des# 1602256: SR 68 and I-64: (Grouped Project: Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation): Add grouped projects to lead Des# 1602256 (Various locations on SR 68 and I-64). Add Des# 1700937 and 1700975 I-64 bridge deck overlay over Pigeon Creel/Erie Canal EB and WB lanes, 2.82 mi. E of I-69/SR 57. Add PE in FY 2018 and CN in FY 2020. PE costs of \$282,000 will be funded with \$254,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$28,000 state match. CN costs of \$2,342,000 will be funded with \$2,108,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$234,000 state match.

Des# 1700170: SR 161: (Grouped Project: Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation): 10.46 mi. N Jct. SR 66. Small structure replacement. Add project for PE in FY 2019 and ROW in FY 2020. PE costs of \$519,000 will be funded with \$415,000 in federal STBG funds and a \$104,000 state match. ROW costs of \$18,000 will be funded with \$14,000 federal STBG funds and \$4,000 state match. Project also includes Des# 1701058, SR 62 3.57 mi. E, W Jct SR 161, small structure replacement; Des# 1702071, SR 62 4.79 mi. E SR 61, small structure replacement; and Des# 1702072, SR 62 3.88 mi. E, W Jct SR 161, small structure replacement. CN cost to complete outside the TIP period is \$2,030,000.

Vanderburgh County requested the following modification:

Des# 1592156: Columbia St: Bridge over Pigeon Creek rehabilitation. Revise CN schedule from FY 2019 to FY 2020.

The Town of Newburgh requested the following modification:

Des# 1710850: Rivertown Trail Ph. 3A: Multi-use trail construction from Yorkshire Dr to Pollack Ave/Old SR 662W. Revise CN schedule from FY 2018 to FY 2019.

The City of Evansville requested the following modifications:

Des# 1383064: Covert Ave: Road diet conversion to three lanes and sidewalk improvements from US 41 to I-69. Revise ROW cost (increase) in FY 2019. ROW costs of \$760,000 will be funded with \$608,000 in federal STBG/CMAQ/HSIP funds and a \$152,000 local match.

Des# 1601824: Sign inventory/replacement program Ph. 3: Revise CN schedule from FY 2019 to FY 2020.

Warrick County requested the following modification:

Des# 1592154: Vann Rd/Casey Rd: Vann Rd from SR 261 to Casey Rd and Casey Rd from Oak Grove Rd to S of Vann Rd. trail construction. Add PE funding of \$56,000 in FY 2018 and revise RW cost (increase) in FY 2019. PE costs of \$56,000 will be funded with \$45,000 in federal TAP/CMAQ funds and an \$11,000 local match. RW costs of \$70,000 will be funded with \$56,000 in federal TAP/CMAQ funds and a \$14,000 local match.

March 28, 2018:

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

Item#02-9008: US 41: Intersection with KY 2097. Low cost improvements at this and various other locations in KYTC District 2. Scope for this intersection includes mill, resurface, updated pavement markings and signs. Add CN in FY 2018 for \$56,000 funded with 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and a soft match provided by Kentucky Toll Credits.

April 5, 2018

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

Des# Various: Capital Assistance (5310): Add Des#s 1801333 and 1801335 and revise cost estimates in FY 2018. Annual costs of \$141,000 are programmed with \$113,000 in FTA 5310 funding and a \$28,000 local match.

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

Des# Various: Contract B-41167, Lead Des# 1801125 (Grouped Project: Bridge Culvert and Small Structure Preservation). Bridge thin deck overlays at various locations on SR 62 and SR 66 in Vanderburgh County. Add PE in FY 2018 and CN in FY 2020. PE costs of \$897,000 will be funded with \$718,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$179,000 state match. CN costs of \$3,071,000 will be funded with \$2,457,000 in federal NHPP and a \$614,000 state match.

Des#s 1592949 & 1592958: SR 66 (Grouped Project: Bridge Culvert and Small Structure Preservation). Bridge deck overlays on SR 66 in Vanderburgh County. Add PE in FY 2019 and CN in FY 2021. PE costs of \$177,000 will be funded with \$142,000 federal STP and a \$35,000 state match. CN costs of \$768,000 will be funded with \$614,000 federal STP and a \$154,000 state match.

Des#s 1800308 & 1800314: SR 61 & SR 68 (Grouped Project: Bridge Culvert and Small Structure Preservation). Bridge thin overlays on SR 61 and SR 68 in Warrick County and various locations outside the TIP area. Add PE in FY 2019 and CN in FY 2021. PE costs of \$50,000 will be funded with \$40,000 federal STP and a \$10,000 state match. CN costs of \$1,576,000 will be funded with \$1,261,000 federal STP and \$315,000 state match.

Des# Various: Contract B-41059, Lead Des# 1800728: (Grouped Project: Bridge Culvert and Small Structure Preservation). Bridge deck overlays on I-64 and SR 68 in Warrick County and various locations outside the TIP area. Add PE in FY 2019 and CN in FY 2021. PE costs of \$838,000 will be funded with \$694,000 federal NHPP/STP and a \$144,000 state match. CN costs of \$3,214,000 will be funded with \$2,642,000 federal NHPP/STP and \$572,000 state match.

April 11, 2018

Des# 1801268: UPWP: STP UPWP Planning Activities: Revise FY 2019 funding amounts for planning activities. PE costs of \$352,440 will be funded with \$281,950 in STBG funding and a \$70,490 local match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Wathen introduced and welcomed Xinbo Mi, a new staff member at the Evansville MPO. Xinbo will be doing transportation modeling.

Meeting adjourned.