



## 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

March 8, 2018

*Revised based on comments from April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

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:**

Greg Wathen, Lorie Van Hook, Jason Orange, Nick Hall, John Petkovsek, Bill Harty, Rick Wilson, Kevin McClearn, Sierra Nunez, Mike Vickers, Doug Joest, Thomas Witt (phone)

#### **Evansville MPO Staff Present:**

Pam Drach, Craig Luebke, Erin Schriefer

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Doug Joest 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**

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. 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 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.

*John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Mike Vickers 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 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.*

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Harty made a comment directed to the state (INDOT) – he stated that Owensboro has raised the speed limit on the bypass and would like INDOT to do the same on the Lloyd Expressway. He would like the state to consider raising the speed limit on the Lloyd Expressway to 65 mph, and would also like to see better signage to direct trucks to use right lane.

Craig Luebke announced that this was his last Technical Committee meeting. He has accepted a job at the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization. His last day here will be March 22, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.