



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

November 14, 2019

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 (voting):

Jack Corn, Jr., Dr. H. Dan Adams, Todd Robertson, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William “Buzzy” Newman, Bobby Howard, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Nick Hall

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Jeff Hatfield, Michael Lockard, William “Bill” Hubiak

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Erica Tait, Marisol Simon, Cecilia Crenshaw, Thomas L. Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, Amanda Spencer, Melissa Duff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Phyllis Corn

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Ave: The right-of-way activities are nearing completion. Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a February 5, 2020 letting.

Walnut St – Phase 1: Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a February 5, 2020 letting.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Work is complete and the road is open to traffic.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Project is complete and the trail is open.

Signal Preemption: A draft RFP completed in coordination with INDOT. The RFP is needed to support a public interest finding as it relates to a Proprietary Materials Use Justification.

Signal Head Replacement: Preliminary Engineering contract has been awarded to First Group Engineering.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Current construction activities include preparation for patching.

Green River Rd: The west half of the road construction activities, Phase 2, should be complete by the end of November.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Construction is nearing completion.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a January 15, 2020 letting.

Oak Grove Road: Construction is anticipated to be complete by November 22, 2019.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Wathen Lane Bridge: Construction started November 4, 2019 with completion targeted for December 4, 2019.

KYTC

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: The project was awarded to C J Mahan Construction on November 1, 2019.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

SR 61 (from .17 mi E of W Jct SR 62 to E Jct SR 62): Plans are with Central Office to be re-advertised for the December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 62 (1.86 mi E of E Jct of SR 61): Final Tracings have been submitted to Central Office and are set for a December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 62 between First Ave and Green River Rd (various locations): Plans are with Central Office to be advertised for the December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 662 (I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd): Plans are with Central Office to be advertised for the January 15, 2020 letting.
US 41 at Hillsdale: A stakeholder meeting was held on November 13, 2019. The recommended alternative is a J-turn/Median U-turn.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: An additional stakeholder meeting was held. A public hearing is in the works.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Pigeon Creek Bridge over the Lloyd Expwy: All lanes are open to traffic, and work under the bridge will be complete by the end of the year.

Fix for 41: US 41 is open to regular traffic. Some striping needs to be finished, and intermittent lane closures will occur with this.

Lloyd Expwy: Patch and seal night work to SR 261 is finished for the season and will start again in the spring.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Safety Target Performance Measure Recommendations – presented by Laura Lamb

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities;
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Number of serious injuries;
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets to each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas by February 27, 2020. At this time, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

2020 Safety Targets	INDOT	KYTC
Number of fatalities	907.7	754.0
Number of serious injuries	3,467.4	2,706.0
Fatality rate (per 100M VMT)	1.097	1.500
Serious injury rate (per 100M VMT)	4.178	5.400
Number non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	405.9	287.0

Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Rusty Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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

Des# 1702066: SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR 62 EB/WB: Bridge replacement project (Contract B-40560). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$64,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% state match.

Des# 1601011: US 41 Intersection with Lynch Rd: Intersection improvement with turn lanes (Contract R-39923). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$20,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% state match.

Des# 1592941: SR 161 from east junction with SR 62 to west junction with SR 68: Pavement HMA overlay, structural (Contract R-39380). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$40,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funding and a 20% state match.

Des# 1801401: Various locations in the Vincennes District: Battery backup for signals (T-41254). Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2021 for a total of \$103,000. The project will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP funds and a 10% state match.

Jack Corn asked if studies were ever completed on pedestrian bridges. Pam Drach answered that data was collected before deciding on improvements to the bridge, but periodic studies are not typically completed.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Nick Hall seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. FY 2020 Memorandum of Agreement between the Evansville MPO and METS – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Policy Board approved the FY 2020 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between METS and the Evansville MPO during the August meeting. Since then, METS has completed their Triennial Review with the FTA, which recommended a few minor changes to the MOA. These changes include the Evansville MPO's DUNS number, the grant number the funding comes from to pay for this agreement, and a few other minor items. The performance activities that the Evansville MPO and METS will need to complete and the dollar amounts remain the same.

The City of Evansville Board of Public Works approved the updated MOA on behalf of METS on October 24, 2019.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn made note of the 2020 meeting schedule that was included in the packets. The regularly scheduled Policy and Technical meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month on the 3rd floor of the Civic Center Complex; 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708. The technical meetings are held at 10:00 AM in room 318. The policy meetings are held at 4:00 PM in room 301. The 2020 meeting dates are as follows:

January 9, 2020

February 13, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 9, 2020

May 14, 2020

June 11, 2020

July 9, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 10, 2020

October 8, 2020

November 12, 2020

December 10, 2020

Meeting adjourned.