



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

October 10, 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., Kerry Kamp, Jeff Hatfield, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William “Buzzy” Newman, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson

Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Michael Lockard, William “Bill” Hubiak

Members Present (non-voting):

Erica Tait

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, 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

Others Present:

Wyatt Squires, Don Gibbs, Robert Howard

Jack Corn directed the meeting, and introduced Erica Tait, the Evansville MPO’s new FHWA Indiana contact.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Walnut St – Phase 1: Stage 3 design plans and supporting documentation submitted to INDOT on September 11, 2019.

Walnut St – Phase 2: Finalizing the Utility work plan documents.

Washington Avenue: The Phase 2 Limited Site Investigation results were clean (soil testing). Final plans were submitted to INDOT in preparation for the December 11 bid letting.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Work continues on side streets, sodding, and pavement markings.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Paving of the path complete. Sodding, fencing, guardrail and sign installation is ongoing. All work should be complete by the intermediate completion date of October 10, 2019. *It was announced during the Technical Committee meeting that a ribbon cutting is being scheduled for October 23rd at 10:00am.*

Signal Preemption: A project kick-off meeting was held to review and confirm the project scope and development timeline.

Sign Replacement – Phase 3: A pre-construction meeting was held on September 30, 2019.

Signal Modernization (on Green River Rd and on Washington Ave): The PE survey work is underway.

Signal Modernization (First Ave/Mill Rd and Green River Rd/Vogel): The PE survey work is underway.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Construction is expected to begin October 14, 2019.

Franklin St Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Environmental field work for Section 106 and the Waters Report is complete. The scour analysis has begun.

Oak Hill Road: Historic Property Report and Archaeology Report have been prepared and are ready for review and comment by consulting parties. The early coordination letter was sent to consulting parties on September 24, 2019.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: Utility agreements are being circulated for signatures.

Oak Grove Road: Driveways and sidewalks in Phases II and III are being poured.

Telephone Road: A request for funding is being processed.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Green River Road: Comments received are being reviewed.

Wathen Lane Bridge: Notice to proceed was issued September 30, 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin October 14 with a November 14, 2019 completion target.

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Watson Lane: Comments received are being reviewed.

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: The letting date for the project has been moved to October 25, 2019.

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

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Engineer's Report is finalized and a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019. The recommended alternative is a J Turn.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Stage 2 is complete; awaiting pavement design. A stakeholder meeting was held and a public hearing is in the works.

SR 62 and SR 66 (Lloyd Expwy): Intersection improvement projects located at St. Joseph Ave, Rosenberger Ave, Vann Ave, Burkhardt Rd, and Cross Pointe Blvd are grouped together as one project. The RFP has been released to the 12-month list. Round 1 scoring will be in late November and early December with the consultant on board in early 2020.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Lloyd Expwy: Patch and seal night work to SR 261 is still underway with an expected June 2020 completion.

Fix for 41: Traffic is running on both northbound and southbound lanes. Southbound is complete and they are in the process of putting surface down on the northbound lanes. A temporary crossover is at the Cheatam Slough Bridge, and work is still expected to be complete by the end of the season.

Pigeon Creek Bridge over the Lloyd Expwy: All lanes are open to traffic, while work still continues under the bridge.

US 41 Railroad Crossing at Virginia: Because of a 15-day public notice requirement, INDOT moved the US 41 closure between Virginia St and Walnut St to October 16. The project is still expected to take 2 full days. The planned detour will be SR 62 to I-69 to SR 66. No comments were received during the 15-day public comment period.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Reverification of Signatories on Bank Instruments and Accounts at Financial Institutions – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO is re-verifying the signatories on bank instruments and accounts at financial institutions. The two signatories include the Evansville MPO Executive Director and the Evansville MPO Policy Chairman. Currently, the Evansville MPO Executive Director is Seyed Shokouhzadeh and the Evansville MPO Policy Chairman is John (Jack) Corn, Jr.

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

b. Approval to Change Financial Institutions – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO has used Old National Bank as its operating financial institution since July 2006 (FY 2007). During that time, the interest rate on the account was 0.51-0.74%. Throughout the years, it has dropped to 0.1%. The MPO obtained proposals from several financial institutions listed on the Indiana State Board of Accounts Approved Depositories.

Based on the increased monthly operating balance and experience with cash flow throughout the year, the Evansville MPO would like to make a recommendation to use German American Bank as the operating financial institution. The following is a 3-month actual comparison between German American and continuing with Old National:

June	German American (1.2%)	ONB (0.1%)
Interest	\$345.03	\$3.23
Fees	\$64.30	\$25.00
Net	\$280.73	\$(21.77)
July	German American (1.2%)	ONB (0.1%)
Interest	\$299.54	\$2.67
Fees	\$64.62	\$25.00
Net	\$234.92	\$(22.33)
August	German American (1.2%)	ONB (0.1%)
Interest	\$650.23	\$5.88
Fees	\$65.74	\$25.00
Net	\$584.49	\$(19.12)
TOTAL	German American (1.2%)	ONB (0.1%)
Interest	\$1,294.80	\$11.78
Fees	\$194.66	\$75.00
Net	\$1,100.14	\$(63.22)
ANNUAL IMPACT	\$4,400.56	\$(252.88)

Jeff Hatfield asked if any other banks submitted a proposal. Kari Akin responded that Banterra Bank also submitted one, but German American’s proposal was more favorable.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. FY 2020-2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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

Des# 1902105: DNR Recreational Trails Program at Interlake State Recreation Area: Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2020 for a total of \$1,096,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1593068: I-64 over Plum Creek, 3.92 miles west of SR 61: District bridge rehabilitation project. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 for a total of \$289,000. PE costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% State match.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2020 – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO will announce the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2020 on or before Friday, October 4, 2019. **The applications are due Friday, November 1, 2019.**

The Call for Projects will be sent by email to the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) and will be included on the October 21 RTAC meeting agenda for discussion. The call and application will also be added to the front page of the MPO website. This call is only for projects eligible for Section 5310 funding (acquisition of buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information, technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call systems; and mobility management programs to aid in the transportation of seniors and/or individuals with disabilities). Eligible applications include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn announced that the Evansville MPO was established in October 1969, making this its 50th anniversary this month. Other fun things happening in October 1969 included:

- *gas was \$.35 per gallon;*
- *the Evansville-Vanderburgh Civic Center opened its doors;*
- *Evansville’s Mayor, Frank McDonald, Sr., was protesting to the interstate commerce commission over the Louisville-Nashville Railroad’s decision to end passenger train service in Evansville;*
- *a joint ceremony was held among Indiana and Illinois commemorating the opening of 16.5 miles of I-64;*
- *Marcia Yockey was named the Honorary Grand Marshall of the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival;*
- *Robert Green purchased the Hotel McCurdy, saying it would be open within 30 days; and*
- *grocery stores announced they would charge \$.10 to cash a check in any amount greater than the purchase.*

Meeting adjourned.