



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

September 12, 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., Todd Robertson, Jeff Hatfield, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William “Buzzy” Newman, Dan Saylor, Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson

Members Absent (voting):

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

Members Absent (non-voting):

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

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Thomas Witt, Robert Howard

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Hatfield made a motion for approval and Deneatra Henderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

Pam presented the Project Update in a new format that will be used moving forward. This format includes the same information as the previous format, but better demonstrates the project's phase and how far along the project is. Project Updates will be provided for local projects in Indiana and Kentucky, as well as KYTC projects. An INDOT representative will be providing updates for INDOT projects.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Of the 132 right-of-way parcels needed, 100 parcels are secured and 9 condemnations have been filed.

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: A Phase 2 Limited Site Investigations is complete and it will take 2-3 weeks for the results.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: The intersection of Weinbach Ave and Bellemeade Ave opened September 5, 2019. Mill then paving work from Bellemeade Ave to Walnut St is expected to begin on September 12.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Paving expected to begin the week of September 16.

Signal Pre-Emption: The PE contract has been fully executed and the request for federal funding has been sent to INDOT for processing.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The preconstruction meeting was held on August 20, 2019. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in mid-September.

Franklin St Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Work is underway on the Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis.

Green River Road: Storm sewer and curb inlet installation work is continuing; earthwork for the west half of the road is continuing; cement stabilization of the soils was done on portions of the west half of the road.

Oak Hill Road: The consultant is continuing to work with INDOT on the purpose and need statement for the project.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: A redesign plan for a portion of the trail is complete. The surveyor is setting the new grade stakes over the redesigned area. Grading work is underway.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: All 67 right-of-way parcels have been secured.

Telephone Road: The PE consultant has been selected and the negotiated contract is being executed.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Green River Road: A public information meeting is scheduled for September 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Bend Gate Elementary School.

Wathen Lane Bridge: Notice to Proceed will be issued upon receipt of required documents.

KYTC

Watson Lane: A public information meeting is scheduled for September 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Bend Gate Elementary School.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

Rusty Fowler explained that he will be doing project updates for INDOT projects moving forward. The intent is not to go through every project, but to hit the bigger projects that are happening.

US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Intersection improvement project with a recommended J Turn alternative and an anticipated date of 2021. The Engineer's Report is final and a stakeholder meeting is currently being planned.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Intersection improvement project with an anticipated date of 2021. The Preliminary Field Check has been held, Stage 2 design is complete, awaiting pavement design, and a public hearing is being planned.

US 41 between SR 66/62 (Lloyd Expwy) and SR 66 (Diamond Ave): Pavement replacement project with an anticipated date of 2023. The consultant has been selected, survey is complete, Stage 1 plans are due July 2020.

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 with an anticipated date of 2024. 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

Morgan Ave: Resurfacing work is wrapping up.

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

Fix for 41: Traffic has been crossed over to use the northbound lanes so paving work can happen on the southbound lanes. Bridge work is happening on Eagle Creek, Ohio River Overflow and Cheatam Slough Bridges. The project should be complete in late fall.

US 41 Paving: The signs are still out but the project is complete.

Pigeon Creek Bridge over the Lloyd Expwy: Eastbound sidewalks should be poured in the coming week and crews should be off of the bridge by September 24 or 25. Everything should be cleared and ready for the Fall Festival (crews may be doing some work under the bridge, but traffic on the Lloyd Expwy will not be effected by this).

SR 261 to Fruitwood Ln: Pavement loops and wiring signal heads work is underway and should be wrapped up by October 1.

US 41 Railroad Crossing at Virginia: INDOT plans to close US 41 from Virginia St to Walnut St on September 30 to remove the railroad tracks. The planned detour will be SR 62 to I-69 to SR 66. The work is expected to last two days. The full closure of US 41 will allow work to happen much faster.

Jack Corn stated that that seemed to be a long detour and asked if it was because of large trucks. Rusty Fowler explained that state projects use state routes for official detours. If detours are expected to last longer than 7 days, INDOT works with the locals to establish a local detour in addition to the official state routes detour.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nationwide Annuity Contract – presented by Kari Akin

Nationwide Insurance, the administrator of the Evansville MPO’s Deferred Compensation 457(b) elective program is updating their rates and terms of their Annual Guaranteed Interest Rate in the Fixed Account Fund. The Annual Guaranteed Interest Rate will be drastically reduced in the next 5 years.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
3.5%	2.5%	2.0%	1.0%	0.5%

Nationwide is providing employers two options:

1. Participants can transfer up to 20% of their fixed account annually into a higher interest-bearing fund.
2. Participants can transfer up to 40% of their fixed account annually into a higher interest-bearing fund; however, the Guaranteed Interest Rate will earn 0.10% less than option 1.

The Evansville MPO is requesting approval of the Fixed Account amendment to the contract and selection of Option 1.

Jeff Hatfield made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. FY 2019 Annual Performance and Expenditures Completion Report – presented by Kari Akin

The Annual Unified Planning Work Program Performance and Expenditures Completion Report for FY 2019 presents a summary of the activities and projects completed by the Evansville MPO during FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Described in the report is the progress attained in completing each of the work elements contained in the approved FY 2019 and FY 202 Unified Planning Work Program. This report is submitted to Indiana and Kentucky state agencies by September 20th and to FHWA by September 30th of each year.

Each work element includes a purpose, finished products, and funds expended. The document also includes budget and expenditure summary tables for each funding source and staff hours per element.

The electronic copy is available on the Evansville MPO website (under “Publications and Links” then “Finance”). Hard copies are available upon request.

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

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

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

Des# 1400157: SR 68 Small Structure Replacement, 0.08 miles W of SR 61 junction (Contract R-38721). Add right-of-way (RW) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$134,100. RW will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% State match.

Warrick County requested the following amendment:

Various Des#: Bridge Inspections: Inspection of all county bridges over 20 ft. in length. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2022 for a total of \$198,000, in FY 2023 for a total of \$22,000 and FY 2024 at a total of \$172,000. PE costs will be funded with 80% Federal funding and a 20% local match.

Jeff Hatfield made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update – presented by Xinbo Mi

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of an update to the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture. The Architecture was updated with the cooperation of regional ITS Stakeholders to meet federal requirements and to serve as a planning tool for future ITS projects.

A regional architecture is required for areas implementing ITS projects in order for those projects to receive federal funding. The City of Evansville's signal pre-emption project for the signal system in the city's fire department service area is such a project, and the approval of the ITS Architecture update is the final step in the eligibility approval for funding of the project.

Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Jeff Hatfield seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Jeff Hatfield seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. Agreement between the Evansville MPO and HART Amendment – presented by Matt Schriefer

Over the last few days, Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART) has been undergoing the triennial review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTA noted that there were a few minor items omitted from the Agreement between the Evansville MPO and HART for FY 2020 that was approved in July. Items omitted include the Evansville MPO's DUNS number, the grant number the money comes from to pay for this agreement, and few other minor things. The performance activities that the Evansville MPO and HART will need to complete and the dollar amounts remain the same.

William "Buzzy" Newman made a motion for approval and Jeff Hatfield seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. Other

Pam Drach demonstrated the new, interactive TIP map that is now on the Evansville MPO's website. The goal is to update this map on a regular basis as projects and amendments are approved. The projects are color-coded by project type and once one is clicked on, a box will pop up with project details.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.