



## 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 11, 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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).

### **ROLL CALL**

#### Members Present:

Nate Hahn, Greg Wathen, Nick Hall, Jeff Whitaker, Bill Harty, Sierra Nunez, Cinda Phillips, Matthew Bullock, Doug Boom

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

*Greg Wathen directed the meeting.*

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

*Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Nick Hall seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **2. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach**

##### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Federal funding has been authorized for the right-of-way acquisition.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: Final Tracings were submitted to INDOT for review and comment.

##### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A constructability review was completed by INDOT, the consultant and the county on April 5, 2019. The revisions requested as a result of that review have been resubmitted to INDOT.

Green River Road – Kansas Rd to Boonville New Harmony Rd: The gas main relocation and the electric relocations are finished. WOW and AT&T relocations are continuing. The contractor has started on the ditch work.

### **WARRICK COUNTY**

Bell Road – Highpoint Dr to Telephone Rd: Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing with 51 of 67 parcels secured.

Oak Grove Road: The corridor is expected to be open to traffic in October 2019.

### **CITY OF HENDERSON**

Green River Road Sidewalk Extension – Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr: Integrated Engineering has been selected to perform the design work.

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

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Public Hearing: METS, HART and MPO 2019 Grant Applications – presented by Matt Schriefer**

Public Notices of the METS, HART and MPO (for non-profits) grant applications for FTA funding was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press and Henderson Gleaner on March 27, 2019. The Notices provided an opportunity for the public to review, comment, ask questions, and be notified of the public hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee meetings on April 11, 2019 and at the City of Henderson Board of Commissioners meeting on April 9, 2019 for HART.

After this public hearing, the MPO will ask the City of Evansville's Board of Public Works for approval to submit the grant on behalf of METS and the City of Henderson's Board of Public Commissioners to submit the grant on behalf of HART.

*Greg Wathen asked how many comments have been received. Matt Schriefer answered that no comments have been received to date.*

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

### **b. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to the *2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. A public review and comment period was publicized for March 27, 2019 to April 10, 2019.

The Indiana Department of Transportation requested the following amendments:

Des# 1900554: Statewide HELPERS program performed by LTAP. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$1,156,000. PE costs will be funded with 90% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and a 10% State match. Cost to complete outside the TIP period is \$577,000.

*Nate Hahn asked what "outside the TIP period" meant. Pam Drach explained that this TIP covers a four-year timeframe, and there is additional funding that is in the program outside of that four-year timeframe that is leftover to be used towards the project.*

Des# Various: Operating Assistance for SIDC (1802828 & 1802829): Add cost estimates in FY 2020 and 2021. Annual costs of \$3,585,000 are programmed with \$1,405,000 in FTA 5311 funding and a \$2,180,000 Local match.

*Nick Hall made a motion for approval and Nate Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **c. FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification – presented by Pam Drach**

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

Des# 1802812: Operating Assistance: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$0 in FTA 5307, \$2,239,000 in PMTF, and \$3,161,000 in local match for a total of \$5,400,000.

Des# 1802811: Capital Assistance: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$1,823,000 in FTA 5307, \$205,000 in FTA 5339, and \$507,000 in local match for a total of \$2,535,000.

Des# 1802799: Fixed Route Bus Purchase: Revise the FY2019 funding to reflect \$22,000 in FTA 5307, \$242,000 in FTA 5339, and \$66,000 in local match for a total of \$330,000.

Des# 1802806: Paratransit Bus Purchase: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$183,000 in FTA 5310 and \$46,000 in local match for a total of \$229,000.

The City of Henderson requested the following modification:

ID# 02-713.00: Wathen Lane Bridge: Bridge Replacement project. Move Construction (CN) from FY 2018 to FY 2019 and revise the cost to the actual let amount of \$317,875.22. Costs will be 80% federal, a combination of SHN and TA funding, with a 20% local match.

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

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Bill Harty commented that the sidewalks are ground off on the Lloyd Expressway bridge over Pigeon Creek and would like to know from INDOT if they intend to replace them. Matthew Bullock (INDOT) responded that the sidewalks will be replaced once the ongoing construction is finished. They are projecting everything to be complete by August, weather permitting.*

*Seyed Shokouhzadeh announced that the University of Louisville is conducting a research study regarding automated vehicles and has prepared a survey to gather thoughts. The survey is available through April 30<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kyav>. Greg Wathen asked if this survey was for Kentucky residents only, and Seyed answered that it is targeted towards Kentucky residents, but anyone that is interested can take it.*

Meeting adjourned.