



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

August 8, 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:

Lorie Van Hook, Doug Boom, Kevin McClearn, Bill Harty, Cinda Phillips, Nick Hall, Jeff Whitaker, Chris Gentry, Shawn Will, Michael Farmer, Greg Wathen, Doug Baylor, John Petkovsek, Nate Hahn, John Stoll

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greg Wathen made mention that the packets provided at the time of the meeting did not include the presentation slides from last month's Project Delivery and Fiscal Management Report, but the packets that were emailed out a week prior did include them.

Chris Gentry 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: Of the 132 right-of-way parcels needed, 132 appraisals are complete and 86 offers have been accepted. Fourteen condemnations have been filed.

Walnut Street: The consultant is working on the Phase 1 pavement design and the geotechnical report. The right-of-way acquisition process expected to begin within the next 2 weeks.

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: A Phase 2 Limited Site Investigation is required and is estimated to take 4-6 weeks.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Weinbach Ave and Bellemeade Ave intersection will be closed for 30 days starting July 29.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Sheet piling at the east end of the project is complete.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The project was let for bid on July 10, 2019 and has been awarded to Ragle, Inc. for the low bid of \$2,994,613.55.

Green River Road: Storm sewer installation is underway.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing with 64 of 67 parcels secured and 3 parcels submitted for condemnation.

Oak Grove Road: Work at the Coal Min Rd intersection began July 15, 2019. Phases I and II are complete through the intermediate paving, driveways, sidewalks and sod.

Warrick Trails SRTS: Right-of-way acquisition activities are underway.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road Sidewalk Extension: Anticipate holding the public meeting in mid-September.

Wathen Lane: Supplemental Agreement with KYTC has been fully executed.

Wathen Lane Bridge Replacement: Supplemental Agreement #3 with KYTC has been fully executed. Construction has been awarded to Hazex Construction for \$317,875.22.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. KYTC SHIFT 2020 – presented by Laura Lamb

In March, the Evansville MPO presented a set of six projects from the list of identified but currently unfunded projects in the City of Henderson and/or Henderson County for sponsorship.

Since then, those projects, along with four projects sponsored by KYTC District 2, have been scored. The score is represented in the column labeled “SHIFT Quantitative Score”. This combined score takes into account crash history, traffic congestion, roadway geometry, cost-benefit ratio and economic impact.

One of the MPO’s final tasks in the SHIFT process is the assignment of Regional “Boost” Points. It was required to select three of the 10 sponsored projects to receive 15 Boost Points each. The MPO, working in coordination with the City of Henderson and Henderson County, have selected the three highlighted projects to “Boost”. Those are:

- Atkinson St, Clay St to Madison St
- Elm St, Watson Ln to Hi-Y Dr
- Watson Ln, Sunset Ln to Green River Rd

This selection was open for public comment from August 1st through the 7th. No comments from the public were received. Once approved by the MPO boards, the projects will officially be submitted to KYTC as the Regional “Boost” assignment.

Item Dist.	CHAF ID	Sponsor	Project Description	Project Type	Improvement Type	SHIFT Quantitative Score (max 100)	Regional Boost	Total
	IP20040010	District 2	Reconstruct Green St to improve safety and LOS	Minor Widening	Install Two-way Left Turn Lane	52.3		52.3
	IP 20040011	EvansvilleHenderson	Reconstruct Atkinson St to improve LOS and reduce congestion	Minor Widening	Modernize Roadway-Urban	37.3	15	52.3
	IP 20080098	EvansvilleHenderson	Reconstruct Elm St to improve LOS and pedestrian safety and mobility	Reconstruction	Modernize Roadway-Urban	36.7	15	51.7
2-383	IP 20080099	District 2	Improve safety and reduce congestion on CS-1372 (Watson Ln)	Reconstruction(O)	Modernize Roadway-Urban	33.8	15	48.8
	IP 20070066	EvansvilleHenderson	Improve safety and LOS in the area of Graham Hill	Reconstruction	Modernize Roadway-Rural	33.1		33.1
	IP 20190168	EvansvilleHenderson	Reconstruct KY 1539/Zion Larue Rd from KY 351 to Henderson city limits	Reconstruction	Modernize Roadway-Rural	32.4		32.4
	IP 20000003	District 2	Reduce congestion and improve the safety and mobility of the interchange of US 41 and US 60 in Henderson	Reconstruction	Major Interchange Reconstruction	26.5		26.5
	IP 20080088	EvansvilleHenderson	Reconstruct KY 416 to improve safety and LOS	Reconstruction	Modernize Roadway-Rural	25.4		25.4
	IP 20080084	District 2	Improve safety by addressing sight distance issues at the intersection of US 60 with KY 1078	Safety-Haz-Elm	Improve Intersection	24.4		24.4
	IP 20190173	EvansvilleHenderson	Reconstruct South Main St from Drury Ln to Yeaman Av to improve safety and LOS	Reconstruction	Modernize Roadway-Urban	22.8		22.8

Nick Hall made a motion for approval and Doug Boom seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. FY 2020-2024 TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

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

Des# 1901658: SR 66 and other various locations in the Vincennes District (Contract R-42125): District Pavement Project, Patch and Rehab Pavement (Grouped Project: Pavement Preservation) Add Construction (CN) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$969,000. Costs will be 80% Federal NHPP and a 20% State match.

Des# 1602166: Various locations in the Vincennes District (Contract T-39987): Curve Sign and Marking Visibility Improvements (Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping and rumble strips). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$1,071,000. Costs will be 90% Federal HSIP and a 10% State match.

Des# 1700587: US 41 at Indiana Southern RR #539796S: Section 130 Railroad Safety project (Grouped Project: Rail crossing protection). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$407,000. Costs will be 100% Federal Section 130 Funds.

The City of Evansville requested the following amendments:

Des# 1700400: Walnut Street Phase 1, US 41 to Weinbach Ave (Contract R-40124): Add Right-of-way (RW) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$50,000. Costs will be 80% Federal CMAQ and a 20% Local match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Nate Hahn had a question regarding the Vann Ave/Lloyd Expressway intersection lane configurations heading north on Vann and turning left or right onto the Lloyd Expressway. Vann Ave is marked as two left turn lanes and a straight/right turn lane, and Nate expressed that it would seem more user friendly if it was marked as a left turn lane, a left/straight lane, and a right turn lane. John Petkovsek noted that both left turn lanes are signalized with turn arrows, so having a left turn/straight lane could result in a car going straight having to stop while the arrows are green for left turns. Nate also mentioned that by having a right turn/straight lane, a similar situation happens where drivers are not able to turn right on red due to a car waiting to go straight. John asked if a right-in/right-out improvement was being planned for Vann Ave, and Chris Gentry said that it was a recommendation from the recent corridor study, and their next step is to get a design consultant to determine the best design for that intersection.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.