



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

June 13, 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:

Nate Hahn, Bill Harty, Matthew Bullock, John Petkovsek, Chris Gentry, Sierra Nunez, Nick Hall, Jeff Whitaker, Shawn Will, Thomas Witt, Shawn Hayden

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Seyed Shokouhzadeh directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nate Hahn 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, 123 appraisals are complete and 57 offers have been accepted.

Walnut Street: Phase 1 CE was approved on May 15, 2019.

Washington Ave-2nd St-Parrett St Area: Stage 3 plans for Phase 1 were submitted to INDOT on May 7, 2019.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Weinbach Ave between Walnut St and Bellmeade Ave will be closed to through-traffic until July 5, 2019.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: The project is ready for the July 10, 2019 letting.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Funding for the construction inspection was approved by County Council on June 5. The project is ready for the July 10, 2019 letting.

Green River Road – Kansas Rd to Boonville New Harmony Rd: Temporary pavement for Phase 1 and 2 Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) is complete. New ditches are cut and seeded on the east side from Huebner Lane to the south. All utilities have relocated except for one AT&T line.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road – Highpoint Dr to Telephone Rd: Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing with 57 of 67 parcels secured and 4 parcels submitted for condemnation.

Warrick Trails SRTS: The environmental document has been released for public involvement.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road Sidewalk Extension – Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr: Field work is completed and Preliminary Line and Grade plans are in development.

Wathen Lane – US 60 to the City Limits: Supplemental Agreement with KYTC was received and the City Resolution was forwarded to KYTC with the contract for final signatures.

Wathen Lane Bridge Replacement: Supplemental Agreement #3 with KYTC was received and the City Resolution was forwarded to KYTC with the contract for final signature. Construction has been awarded to Hazex Construction for \$317,875.22.

Watson Lane – Sunset Ln to Green River Rd: The Preliminary Line and Grade plan meeting was held on June 6, 2019.

INDOT

US Highway 41 – Fix for 41 – I-69 Interchange to Ohio River Bridges: The completion date for the project is November 15, 2019.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 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 May 29 to June 12, 2019.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requested the following amendments:

Item# 02-920: Replacement of targeted Guardrail End Treatments on US 41A. Add Construction (CN) in FY 2019 at a total of \$90,000. CN costs will be funded with 100% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

Item# 02-994: Replacement of targeted Guardrail End Treatments on US 60. Add Construction (CN) in FY 2019 at a total of \$385,000. CN costs will be funded with 100% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

Vanderburgh County requested the following amendment:

No Des#: Oak Hill Road Reconstruction: From Lynch Rd to Eastwood Dr. Add Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total of \$8,450,000. CN costs will be funded with 100% local funding. The project will be carried over to the adopted 2020-2024 TIP.

Nate Hahn asked why the Oak Hill project was not originally included in the TIP. Pam Drach explained that the TIP typically shows federally funded projects, but because this locally funded project ties into a federally funded phase of Oak Hill Road, it is being included to show continuity.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Bill Harty seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Regional Transportation Guide update – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville-Henderson Regional Transportation Guide has been updated to reflect recommended changes. These changes include:

- Addition of Taxi and Specialty Transportation services
 - Driver Direct (taxi)
 - Feller Limousine (specialty)
 - Select Chauffeured (specialty)
- Addition of TED: Trolley of Evansville Districts

An 11x17 PDF version of the guide has also been added to the MPO website on the Publications & Links page.

An online version of the guide was also developed. The site was created to be easily viewed on desktops, tablets and mobile phones. It can be quickly and easily updated as services change. The online guide can be viewed here:

bit.ly/evansvilletransportationguide

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Harty commented that INDOT should do a study on the Lloyd Expressway to change the speed limit to 65 mph, and he noted that this was done on the Owensboro Bypass. Seyed Shokouhzadeh from the Evansville MPO stated that he believes that speed is determined by whether or not the facility is located within an urban area, and because the Lloyd Expressway is within the urban area, the speed limit cannot be raised to 65 mph, but we can look into it.

Bill Harty also asked INDOT if they put construction limits on projects because the west Lloyd Expressway has been shut down since last year while work is being done. Chris Gentry from INDOT stated that they do have construction limits, but they will look into this particular project.

Meeting adjourned.