



## 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

March 14, 2019

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### **ROLL CALL**

#### Members Present:

Nate Hahn, Angie Higgins, Matthew Bullock, Greg Wathen, John Petkovsek, Sierra Nunez, Nick Hall, Jason Orange, Shawn Hayden, John Stoll

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

### **ELECTION OF 2019 CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

*Seyed Shokouhzadeh nominated Greg Wathen for Chairman and John Stoll as Vice-Chairman. The nominations passed unanimously.*

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

*Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Walnut Street: A public meeting for Phase 1 was held on March 12, 2019 at the CK Newsome Community Center. A presentation was given followed by a formal public comment period. Project representatives were available to answer questions.

*Greg Wathen added that Walnut Street is a Regional Cities project that the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana has been involved with throughout the development and funding phases.*

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The railroad agreement has been submitted to the County for review and approval.

**CITY OF HENDERSON**

Watson Ln – Sunset Ln to Green River Rd: A project kickoff meeting was held on March 6, 2019.

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

**b. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045 and Conformity Determination – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO is requesting approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045 and the associated conformity determination included in Chapter 8 of the MTP. The purpose of the MTP 2045 is to guide decisions relating to roadways, public transportation, freight movement, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities through the year 2045, while conforming to federal air quality standards. The draft MTP 2045, including associated conformity determination, was advertised for a public comment period from February 11 through March 12, 2019. The Evansville MPO received the following comment:

Date Received	Comment	Evansville MPO Response
2/19/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the buses running on Sundays and thru neighborhoods.</li> <li>Consider a lite-rail to expand area service to outlying bus systems.</li> <li>Replace the buses that can't kneel.</li> <li><i>(What is your preferred method to learn about opportunities to participate in local transportation planning efforts?)</i> On the busses. In the paper.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is anticipated that METS will continue to operate Sunday service and continue to provide routes through neighborhoods.</li> <li>The costs far exceed the benefits of light rail in our region due to population, density, and number of people that commute by private vehicle. Other means of more frequent transit service have been identified however. The METS COA mentioned the future addition of express routes, with fewer stops and higher speeds to help transport people more quickly than a typical fixed route.</li> <li>METS continues to replace buses beyond their useful life; older buses are typically replaced with buses that kneel.</li> <li>METS and HART have been very helpful in getting public notices onto the buses and terminals, and will continue to do so. The MPO will also continue to place notices in the newspaper.</li> </ul>

The Evansville MPO also received several comments from KYTC that lead to changes in the Draft Plan document. These comments and changes include:

KYTC Comment (summarized)	Change made in MTP 2045
Chapter 6: Funding – fiscal constraint for KYTC projects is not clearly demonstrated	A new table (Table 6.8) and accompanying language were added on page 60 to clearly demonstrate KYTC fiscal constraint
Chapter 7: Recommendations – no Kentucky projects have been identified on the 2036-2045 project list	The following Kentucky projects were added to the MTP 2045 project lists. These projects derived from KYTC's SHIFT process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2026-2035; City of Henderson: Atkinson St reconstruct from KY 136 to KY 812/Clay St</li> <li>2036-2045; City of Henderson: S Main St reconstruct from Drury Ln to Yeaman Ave</li> <li>2036-2045; KYTC: KY 351 reconstruct from Denise Dr to Bishop Ln</li> <li>2036-2045; KYTC: KY 416 reconstruct from US 41 to US 41A</li> </ul>

Greg Wathen asked about the Goals and Objectives tables (Table 5.1) and what the difference between federal and non-federal performance measures were. Pam Drach explained that FHWA has issued performance measures that States and MPOs are required to track. These federally required performance measures are shown in Table 5.1 with a checkmark in the “Federal” column. The performance measures that do not have a checkmark in the “Federal” column are measures that were established locally by the Evansville MPO with input from LPAs and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. These performance measures are not required by FHWA to be tracked. Greg Wathen also asked if there were targets set for the performance measures. Erin Schriefer explained that State DOTs were required to set targets for the federally required performance measures, and MPOs were given the option of either setting their own targets or supporting the targets set by the state DOTs. The Evansville MPO elected to support the state’s targets. For the locally set performance measures, however, the MPO has not set targets. The MPO will track and monitor all performance measures and compile a report card every year.

Greg Wathen made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.

**c. 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO is requesting approval of the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP was developed cooperatively with local governments, transit operators, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other appropriate state and federal agencies. The purpose of the TIP is to fulfill federal requirements and to serve local officials and the public as a complete program of federally funded transportation improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five years (fiscal years 2020-2024) in the Evansville-Henderson Metropolitan Planning Area.

The first four fiscal years of the TIP program of projects are fiscally constrained and the projects included in the TIP are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045 and air quality conformity determination.

The final TIP includes only minor changes to the draft TIP presented at the February 14, 2019 meetings. These changes include:

Changes from Draft TIP to Final			
Project Updates or Additions			
Sponsor	Des/Item#	Projects	Change
Warrick County	1802906	Myers Rd Bridge #113	Added to the TIP. Project received INDOT funding as part of the Call for Projects
Vanderburgh County	1801924	Mill Rd Railroad Overpass	Added the project to the TIP using State funding with Local match
INDOT	1702066	Pedestrian Walk at St Joe and SR 62	Removed duplicate project in TIP
Warrick County	1600739	Shilo Rd Bridge	Moved \$50K in FY 2021 from construction line in TIP to the right-of-way line
Boonville	1600891	Sycamore St	Removed Preliminary Engineering funding from 2020 and 2021. Funding provided in FY 2019.
INDOT	Various	Operating Assistance for SIDC	Added FTA 5311 funding for FY 2020 through 2024

The Draft 2020-2024 TIP was advertised for a public comment period from February 11 through March 12, 2019. The Evansville MPO received the following comment:

Date Received	Comment	Evansville MPO Response
2/17/19	Pg 25 of Funding the TIP - Why does the Local Project Fed Funding drop so precipitously from 2020 to 2021 (\$22,328,000 to \$10,731,000) ?	Local Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funding includes prior year balances carried forward (approximately \$10.75M). These balances will be spent in FY 2020 leaving only annual allocation amounts available for funding projects in FY 2021-2024.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Angie Higgins seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. 2019 Transit Asset Management Targets – presented by Matt Schriefer**

In July 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a final rule requiring recipients of FTA funds to maintain – and document – minimum Transit Asset Management (TAM) standards. The Evansville MPO worked closely with METS and HART to develop the initial Group TAM Plan for the region, including a detailed list of METS’ and HART’s assets, which was completed in September 2018. Moving forward, annual TAM Targets for METS and HART will be developed at the beginning of each year and added to the appendices of the Group TAM Plan. Although not required, the MPO will also track non-profit vehicles in a separate table annually for your approval. This will allow the MPO to help non-profits maintain a state of good repair on their vehicles.

The following tables shows Performance Measure definitions for each asset class, the actual Performance Metrics for the beginning of 2019 and the TAM Targets for the end of 2019, based on the number of vehicles each agency is anticipated to acquire in 2019.

#### **Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measure Definitions:**

Asset Class	Performance Measure	Definition
<i>Rolling Stock</i> All revenue vehicles	Age	% of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
<i>Equipment</i> Non-revenue/service vehicles	Age	% of non-revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
<i>Facilities</i> All buildings and structures	Condition	% of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA’s Transit Economic Requirement Model (TERM) Scale

#### **2019 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets: METS and HART:**

Asset Class			Beginning of 2019 Performance Metrics	End of 2019 Targets
			% exceeding useful life	% exceeding useful life
<i>Rolling Stock</i> All revenue vehicles	Bus	METS	18%	14%
		HART	0%	0%
		Combined	18%	14%
	Cutaway	METS	55%	55%
		HART	38%	17%
		Combined	50%	46%
<i>Equipment</i> Non-revenue/service vehicles	METS	93%	67%	
	HART	67%	33%	
	Combined	89%	61%	
			% below 3.0 condition rating	% below 3.0 condition rating
<i>Facilities</i> All buildings and structures	METS	0%	0%	
	HART	0%	0%	
	Combined	0%	0%	

#### **2019 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets: Non-Profits:**

Asset Class			Beginning of 2019 Performance Metrics	End of 2019 Targets
			% exceeding useful life	% exceeding useful life
<i>Rolling Stock</i> All vehicles used to transport clients	Cutaway	Non-Profits	0%	11%
	Vans/Cars	Non-Profits	39%	37%

*Angie Higgins made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**b. 2020 Kentucky SHIFT Regional Project Sponsorship – presented by Laura Lamb**

As part of the SHIFT Kentucky Ahead transportation priority plan, the Evansville MPO must select six of their highest priority projects from Kentucky’s unfunded projects list to “sponsor”. The selected projects, along with those sponsored by the KYTC District 2, will then be analyzed and given a data-driven score based on safety, congestion, economic growth, asset management and benefit/cost. Local and regional agencies will then have a chance to review the scores and apply “boost points” to any project that has merit above and beyond the identified performance measures.

The MPO has selected the following projects in coordination with local leaders in the City of Henderson and Henderson County. The next step will be submitting these projects to KYTC for sponsorship by March 15, 2019.

CHAF ID	CHAF Description
IP20040011	Atkinson St – Improve level of service and reduce congestion
IP20070066	Improve safety and level of service on KY 351
IP20080088	Reconstruct KY 416 to improve safety and level of service
IP20080098	Elm St – Improve efficiency and pedestrian safety and mobility
IP20190168	Reconstruct KY 1539/Zion Larue Rd to improve safety and level of service
IP20190173	Reconstruct CS-1227/South Main to improve safety and level of service

*Nick Hall made a motion for approval and John Petkovsek seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**c. 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 February 26, 2019 to March 13, 2019.

The City of Evansville requested the following amendments:

Des# 1802795: Traffic Signal Visibility Improvements – Replace all 8” signal heads with 12” signal heads. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$50,000 and Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total of \$497,000. PE costs will be funded with 100% Local funding and CN costs will be funded with 80% Federal funds and a 20% Local match.

Des# 1802798: Traffic Signal Modernization on Green River Rd from Bellemeade Ave to Covert Ave and on Washington Ave at Erie Ave. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$120,000 and Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total of \$1,395,000. PE costs will be funded with 100% Local funding and CN costs will be funded with 80% Federal funds and a 20% Local match.

Des# 1802793: Traffic Signal Modernization at Green River Rd and Vogel Rd, and at First Ave and Mill Rd. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$40,000 and Construction (CN) in outer year (2022) at a total of \$387,000. PE costs will be funded with 100% Local funding and CN costs will be funded with 80% Federal funds and a 20% Local match.

Des# 1801969: Traffic Signal Pre-Emption, Various locations in the City of Evansville Fire Dept. response area. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$382,000 and Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total of \$4,432,000. PE costs will be funded with 90% Federal funds and 10% Local match. CN costs will be funded with \$3,960,000 in Federal funds and a \$472,000 Local match.

Warrick County requested the following amendment:

Des# 1802906: Myers Rd Bridge Replacement – Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$395,000. PE costs will be funded with 80% Federal funds and a 20% Local match.

The Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART) requested the following amendments:

ID# N/A: Capital Assistance: Revise cost estimates in FY 2019. Annual costs of \$644,000 are programmed with \$528,000 in FTA 5307, \$70,000 FTA 5339, \$58,000 KYTC funding and a \$58,000 Local match. This includes the addition of Toll Credits for a portion of the Local match.

ID# N/A: Fixed Route Bus: Revise cost estimates in FY 2019. Annual costs of \$140,000 are programmed with \$140,000 FTA 5339 funding and the use of Toll Credits for Local match.

The Evansville MPO requested the following amendment:

Des# Various: Capital Assistance (Non-Profit Organizations): Revise cost estimates in FY 2019. Annual costs of \$258,000 are programmed with \$206,000 in FTA 5310 and a \$52,000 Local match.

*Nate Hahn asked for an explanation of Capital Assistance. Matt Schriefer explained that capital assistance for Section 5310 is the purchase of buses or vans for the non-profits that serve individuals with a disability and/or seniors.*

*John Stoll made a motion for approval and Nate Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

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

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

Des# 1900534: Various locations in the Vincennes District (Contract RS-41966): District Pavement Project, Patch and Rehab Pavement (Grouped Project: Pavement Preservation) Add Construction (CN) in FY 2019 at a total cost of \$3,374,044. Costs will be \$2,699,235 Federal STBG and \$674,089 state match.

Des# 1900536: Various locations in the Vincennes District (Contract RS-41968): District Pavement Project, Patch and Rehab Pavement (Grouped Project Pavement Preservation). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2019 at a total cost of \$2,622,454. Costs will be \$2,097,963 Federal STBG and \$524,491 state match.

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

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Pam Drach announced that INDOT will be hosting public open houses to solicit input regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Open houses will be held across the state in all sub districts. The Vincennes District meeting in the Evansville MPO area will be held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Benjamin Bosse High School from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. INDOT's flyer is attached for more information.*

*Matthew Bullock (INDOT) provided a response to Bill Harty's public comment from last month regarding sidewalks on the Lloyd Expressway bridge over Pigeon Creek. Matthew stated that the contractors will be replacing sidewalks over the Pigeon Creek bridge, and that is expected to be complete in August 2019.*

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.