



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

November 14, 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:

Kelly Mitchell, Matthew Bullock, Nick Hall, Greg Wathen, Jordan Conaway, Shawn Hayden, Bill Harty, Chris Gentry, John Petkovsek, Nate Hahn, John Stoll

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Ave: The right-of-way activities are nearing completion. Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a February 5, 2020 letting.

Walnut St – Phase 1: Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a February 5, 2020 letting.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Work is complete and the road is open to traffic.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Project is complete and the trail is open.

Signal Preemption: A draft RFP completed in coordination with INDOT. The RFP is needed to support a public interest finding as it relates to a Proprietary Materials Use Justification.

Signal Head Replacement: Preliminary Engineering contract has been awarded to First Group Engineering.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Current construction activities include preparation for patching.

Green River Rd: The west half of the road construction activities, Phase 2, should be complete by the end of November.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Construction is nearing completion.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: Final Tracings were submitted in preparation for a January 15, 2020 letting.

Oak Grove Road: Construction is anticipated to be complete by November 22, 2019.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Wathen Lane Bridge: Construction started November 4, 2019 with completion targeted for December 4, 2019.

KYTC

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: The project was awarded to C J Mahan Construction on November 1, 2019.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Chris Gentry, INDOT

SR 61 (from .17 mi E of W Jct SR 62 to E Jct SR 62): Plans are with Central Office to be re-advertised for the December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 62 (1.86 mi E of E Jct of SR 61): Final Tracings have been submitted to Central Office.

SR 62 between First Ave and Green River Rd (various locations): Plans are with Central Office to be advertised for the December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 662 (I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd): Plans are with Central Office to be advertised for the January 15, 2020 letting.

SR 66 (2.2 mi E of SR 61 to E Jct SR 161 Reo): Plans are with Central Office to be advertised for the January 15, 2020 letting.

SR 66 (over Little Creek): Environmental Document is complete.

US 41 (at Lynch Rd): Stage 1 is complete, CE is approved, and the pavement design is complete.

SR 62 (over Bruce Ditch): Preliminary Plans have been received and a Preliminary Field Check will follow soon.

US 41 at Hillsdale: A stakeholder meeting was held on November 13, 2019. The recommended alternative is a J-turn/Median U-turn.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: An additional stakeholder meeting was held. A public hearing is in the works.

SR 62 Pedestrian Walk (near St. Joseph Ave): Utility coordination has started.

SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and West Jct SR 161): Preliminary Right of Way plans are in and the geotechnical and environmental work has been started; looking into eliminating guardrails.

SR 62 and SR 66 (Lloyd Expressway: Intersection improvement projects located at St. Joseph Ave, Rosenberger Ave, Vann Ave, Burkhardt Rd, and Cross Pointe Blvd): The RFP has been advertised with Round 1 scoring in late November and early December.

Bill Harty asked if a study has ever been completed at Hogue Rd and Rosenberger Ave. He voiced concerns that once construction starts on the Lloyd Expressway, the traffic will be rerouted to Hogue Rd and he doesn't feel that the capacity is there to handle the extra traffic. He recommended that work be completed on Hogue Rd and Rosenberger Ave to hold the extra traffic before the Lloyd Expressway work starts.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Safety Target Performance Measure Recommendations – presented by Laura Lamb

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities;
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Number of serious injuries;
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets to each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas by February 27, 2020. At this time, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

2020 Safety Targets	INDOT	KYTC
Number of fatalities	907.7	754.0
Number of serious injuries	3,467.4	2,706.0
Fatality rate (per 100M VMT)	1.097	1.500
Serious injury rate (per 100M VMT)	4.178	5.400
Number non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	405.9	287.0

Nate Hahn asked what the state's process is to determine their targets. Laura Lamb explained that it is typically a 5-year average of several factors, including but not limited to VMT, vehicles miles travelled, gas prices, and the economic outlook.

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

b. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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

- Des# 1702066: SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR 62 EB/WB: Bridge replacement project (Contract B-40560). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$64,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% state match.
- Des# 1601011: US 41 Intersection with Lynch Rd: Intersection improvement with turn lanes (Contract R-39923). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$20,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% state match.
- Des# 1592941: SR 161 from east junction with SR 62 to west junction with SR 68: Pavement HMA overlay, structural (Contract R-39380). Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 for a total of \$40,000. RW costs will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funding and a 20% state match.
- Des# 1801401: Various locations in the Vincennes District: Battery backup for signals (T-41254). Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2021 for a total of \$103,000. The project will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP funds and a 10% state match.

Nate Hahn asked about the RW for SR 161; Matthew Bullock explained that adding RW was for ADA ramps in Tennyson.

Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Wathen made note of the 2020 meeting schedule that was included in the packets. The regularly scheduled Policy and Technical meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month on the 3rd floor of the Civic Center Complex; 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708. The technical meetings are held at 10:00 AM in room 318. The policy meetings are held at 4:00 PM in room 301. The 2020 meeting dates are as follows:

- January 9, 2020*
- February 13, 2020*
- March 12, 2020*
- April 9, 2020*
- May 14, 2020*
- June 11, 2020*
- July 9, 2020*
- August 13, 2020*
- September 10, 2020*
- October 8, 2020*
- November 12, 2020*
- December 10, 2020*

Meeting adjourned.