



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

October 10, 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:

John Petkovsek, Sierra Nunez, Jordan Conaway, Angie Higgins, Chris Gentry, Shawn Will, Cinda Phillips, Jeff Whitaker, Nick Hall, Keirsten Jagers, Erica Tait, Greg Wathen

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Seyed Shokouhzadeh/Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Chris Gentry seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Walnut St – Phase 1: Stage 3 design plans and supporting documentation submitted to INDOT on September 11, 2019.

Walnut St – Phase 2: Finalizing the Utility work plan documents.

Washington Avenue: The Phase 2 Limited Site Investigation results were clean (soil testing). Final plans were submitted to INDOT in preparation for the December 11 bid letting.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: Work continues on side streets, sodding, and pavement markings.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Paving of the path complete. Sodding, fencing, guardrail and sign installation is ongoing. All work should be complete by the intermediate completion date of October 10, 2019.

Jeff Whitaker announced that a ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 23, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Signal Preemption: A project kick-off meeting was held to review and confirm the project scope and development timeline.

Sign Replacement – Phase 3: A pre-construction meeting was held on September 30, 2019.

Signal Modernization (on Green River Rd and on Washington Ave): The PE survey work is underway.

Signal Modernization (First Ave/Mill Rd and Green River Rd/Vogel): The PE survey work is underway.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Construction is expected to begin October 14, 2019.

Franklin St Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Environmental field work for Section 106 and the Waters Report is complete. The scour analysis has begun.

Oak Hill Road: Historic Property Report and Archaeology Report have been prepared and are ready for review and comment by consulting parties. The early coordination letter was sent to consulting parties on September 24, 2019.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road: Utility agreements are being circulated for signatures.

Oak Grove Road: Driveways and sidewalks in Phases II and III are being poured.

Telephone Road: A request for funding is being processed.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Green River Road: Comments received are being reviewed.

Wathen Lane Bridge: Notice to proceed was issued September 30, 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin October 14 with a November 14, 2019 completion target.

KYTC

Watson Lane: Comments received are being reviewed.

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: The letting date for the project has been moved to October 25, 2019.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Chris Gentry, INDOT

SR 62 between First Ave and Green River Rd (various locations): Final tracings have been sent to Central Office and will be advertised on the December 11, 2019 letting.

SR 662 (I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd): Working on final plans for Shared Use/Road Diet connection with Covert Ave.

SR 66 (over Little Creek): Stage 2 complete, Environmental Document has been sent back to the consultant with revisions requested. Stage 3 due back to INDOT in January.

US 41 at Hillsdale: Engineer's Report is finalized and a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019. The recommended alternative is a J Turn.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Stage 2 is complete; awaiting pavement design. A stakeholder meeting was held and a public hearing is in the works.

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 released to the 12 month list. Round 1 scoring in late November and early December.

John Petvoksek asked where the Hillsdale stakeholder meeting will be held. Chris Gentry replied that it will be held at Central Library in downtown Evansville for stakeholders that are directly impacted by the project. A public meeting will be held at a later date.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2020-2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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

Des# 1902105: DNR Recreational Trails Program at Interlake State Recreation Area: Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2020 for a total of \$1,096,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1593068: I-64 over Plum Creek, 3.92 miles west of SR 61: District bridge rehabilitation project. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 for a total of \$289,000. PE costs will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% State match.

Chris Gentry made a motion for approval and John Petkovsek seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2020 – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO will announce the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2020 on or before Friday, October 4, 2019. **The applications are due Friday, November 1, 2019.**

The Call for Projects will be sent by email to the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) and will be included on the October 21 RTAC meeting agenda for discussion. The call and application will also be added to the front page of the MPO website. This call is only for projects eligible for Section 5310 funding (acquisition of buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information, technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call systems; and mobility management programs to aid in the transportation of seniors and/or individuals with disabilities). Eligible applications include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Hall introduced Keirsten Jagers; she took Keith Todd's place as KYTC's District 2 Public Information Officer.

Angie Higgins thanked the Evansville MPO for administering the Section 5310 grant program. Easterseals recently picked up their two buses and are excited about the new features.

Cinda Phillips also thanked the Evansville MPO. The Arc of Evansville recently received their van that is used to transport their clients with disabilities.

Seyed Shokouhzadeh announced that INDOT's Community Crossings Matching Grant was announced earlier in the morning. Between Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson and Warrick counties, the Evansville MPO region received nearly \$4.2 million.

Meeting adjourned.