



## 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

September 12, 2019

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### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Kyanna Moon, Nick Hall, Bill Harty, Lorie Van Hook, John Petkovsek, Greg Wathen, Sierra Nunez, Thomas Witt, Nate Hahn

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

*Greg Wathen 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

*Pam presented the Project Update in a new format that will be used moving forward. This format includes the same information as the previous format, but better demonstrates the project's phase and how far along the project is. Project Updates will be provided for local projects in Indiana and Kentucky, as well as KYTC projects. An INDOT representative will be providing updates for INDOT projects.*

### CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Of the 132 right-of-way parcels needed, 100 parcels are secured and 9 condemnations have been filed.

Washington Avenue-2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Parrett Street Area: A Phase 2 Limited Site Investigations is complete and it will take 2-3 weeks for the results.

Weinbach Ave Road Diet: The intersection of Weinbach Ave and Bellemeade Ave opened September 5, 2019. Mill then paving work from Bellemeade Ave to Walnut St is expected to begin on September 12.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage: Mid-Levee Connection: Paving expected to begin the week of September 16.

Signal Pre-Emption: The PE contract has been fully executed and the request for federal funding has been sent to INDOT for processing.

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The preconstruction meeting was held on August 20, 2019. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in mid-September.

Franklin St Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Work is underway on the Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis.

Green River Road: Storm sewer and curb inlet installation work is continuing; earthwork for the west half of the road is continuing; cement stabilization of the soils was done on portions of the west half of the road.

Oak Hill Road: The consultant is continuing to work with INDOT on the purpose and need statement for the project.

## **TOWN OF NEWBURGH**

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: A redesign plan for a portion of the trail is complete. The surveyor is setting the new grade stakes over the redesigned area. Grading work is underway.

## **WARRICK COUNTY**

Bell Road: All 67 right-of-way parcels have been secured.

Telephone Road: The PE consultant has been selected and the negotiated contract is being executed.

## **CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY**

Green River Road: A public information meeting is scheduled for September 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Bend Gate Elementary School.

Wathen Lane Bridge: Notice to Proceed will be issued upon receipt of required documents.

## **KYTC**

Watson Lane: A public information meeting is scheduled for September 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Bend Gate Elementary School.

## **INDOT UPDATES – presented by Kyanna Moon, INDOT**

US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Intersection improvement project with a recommended J Turn alternative and an anticipated letting date of Dec 2020. The Engineer's Report is final and a stakeholder meeting is currently being planned.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Intersection improvement project with an anticipated letting date of January 2021. The Preliminary Field Check has been held, Stage 2 design is complete, awaiting pavement design, and a public hearing is being planned.

US 41 between SR 66/62 (Lloyd Expwy) and SR 66 (Diamond Ave): Pavement replacement project with an anticipated letting date of January 2023. The consultant has been selected, survey is complete, Stage 1 plans are due July 2020.

SR 62 and SR 66 (Lloyd Expwy): Intersection improvement projects located at St. Joseph Ave, Rosenberger Ave, Vann Ave, Burkhardt Rd, and Cross Pointe Blvd all with an anticipated letting date of November 2023. The RFP has been released to the 12-month list. Round 1 scoring will be in late November and early December.

*Greg Wathen asked if INDOT has been coordinating with the medical facilities for the SR 66 at Epworth Rd intersection project. Kyanna Moon stated that they have been.*

*Bill Harty commented that INDOT should speed workers up on the Pigeon Creek Bridge project. He suggests that INDOT should write incentives for the construction phases into contracts.*

*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# 1400157: SR 68 Small Structure Replacement, 0.08 miles W of SR 61 junction (Contract R-38721). Add right-of-way (RW) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$134,100. RW will be funded with 80% Federal NHPP funding and a 20% State match.

Warrick County requested the following amendment:

Various Des# : Bridge Inspections: Inspection of all county bridges over 20 ft. in length. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2022 for a total of \$198,000, in FY 2023 for a total of \$22,000 and FY 2024 at a total of \$172,000. PE costs will be funded with 80% Federal funding and a 20% local match.

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

#### **b. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update – presented by Xinbo Mi**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of an update to the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture. The Architecture was updated with the cooperation of regional ITS Stakeholders to meet federal requirements and to serve as a planning tool for future ITS projects.

A regional architecture is required for areas implementing ITS projects in order for those projects to receive federal funding. The City of Evansville's signal pre-emption project for the signal system in the city's fire department service area is such a project, and the approval of the ITS Architecture update is the final step in the eligibility approval for funding of the project.

*Greg Wathen asked if there was a cost associated with this project; Xinbo Mi stated that there is not.*

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

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

*Pam Drach demonstrated the new, interactive TIP map that is now on the Evansville MPO's website. The goal is to update this map on a regular basis as projects and amendments are approved. The projects are color-coded by project type and once one is clicked on, a box will pop up with project details.*

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

None.

Meeting adjourned.