



EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Ballroom BC
Old National Events Plaza
Evansville, Indiana

June 11, 2020

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.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

In person: Jack Corn

Online/phone: Ron Beane, Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William “Buzzy” Newman, Gene Pfeiffer, Todd Robertson

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Jeff Hatfield, Bill Hubiak, Christy Powell, Dan Saylor

Members Present (non-voting):

Online/phone: Nick Hall, Thomas Witt

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Erica Tait, Marisol Simon, Cecilia Godfrey, Thomas L. Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Mike Hancock, Amanda Spencer, Melissa Duff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Kari Akin, Erin Schriefer, Matt Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Xinbo Mi

Online/Phone: Laura Lamb

Others Present:

In person: Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Deneatra Henderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Signal Preemption: Plans are in development.

Sign Replacement: Project is approximately 60-65% complete and RoadSafe has submitted for a 90 day completion extension.

Signal Head Replacement: Preliminary Engineering work is being finalized by the City for submittal to the consultant.

Signal Modernization – on Green River Rd and on Washington Ave: Consultant submitted the Environmental Document on May 16, 2020. A contract supplemental has been executed for soil testing at Green River Rd and Powell Ave.

Signal Modernization – at First Ave and Mill Rd and at Green River Rd and Vogel Rd: Consultant submitted the Environmental Document on May 16, 2020.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The asphalt paving has been completed on the approaches and the bridge was reopened to traffic on June 5, 2020. Work is continuing on the bridge piers.

Franklin Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Work is continuing on the Preliminary Field Check plans and on utility coordination.

Green River Rd: Asphalt surface is being placed during the week of June 8.

Oak Hill Rd: Preliminary Field Check was held on May 13, 2020.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Wathen Ln Bridge: Punch list items were identified and are being addressed.

KYTC

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: The contractor has recently finished the KY 1078 realignment. This realignment was necessary to make way for the new bridge.

US 41 and Wolf Hills Rd: The project, as proposed, has been eliminated from the program given the proposed I-69 ORX alignment.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Rusty Fowler

SR 62 (1.86 mi E of E Jct of SR 61): Construction is ongoing, moving waterline that is in the way.

SR 662 (from I 69 to Ellerbusch): Project is finished. A complaint was received about the signal at Epworth and 662; they are recutting new loops in so this should be taken care of soon.

US 41 at Lynch Rd: Stage 3 plans are reviewed. Appraisers are hired and working on right of way.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Have been meeting with stakeholders regularly to discuss the design. The project letting has been moved out one year.

US 41 from Lloyd Expwy to Diamond Ave: Stage 1 plans were submitted on April 2 and project is continuing.

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): Notice to Proceed (NTP) sent out for eastside modeling on June 8, 2020. Others will follow.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Fix for 41: Signs are down and the job is complete.

Lloyd Expressway Bridge Overlay Project: Work is still continuing on and overlay work has started. The completion date is still set for September 25, 2020.

I 69 Bridge Overlay: Project is going well; overlay work has started north of Lynch; mid- to late-June overlay work will move to bridges south of Lynch Rd. The completion date is still set for October 1, 2020.

Lloyd Patching: Work is going well and is nearly complete; some repaving of shoulders and sealing is going on. Curb ramps and striping is being worked out now. Completion is still set for June 26, 2020.

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

b. FY 2021 Budget – presented by Kari Akin

The proposed FY 2021 Evansville MPO budget, the 10-year budget trend sheet and a sheet explaining the changes in budget from the previous year were presented. These are the same values that were approved in March for the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). There are no increases in local shares from the previous ten years.

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. Notice of Funding Availability (Call for Projects): Updates to the Application Process – presented by Erin Schriefer

Last month, an updated application form, reference guide and prioritization metrics were presented in preparation for announcing a Notice of Funding Availability (Call for Projects) for FY 2025-2026. The application has been updated from the previous application to allow LPAs the opportunity to provide the EMPO with more information on proposed projects. Changes to the application include:

- An updated fillable PDF form;
- A project information section divided into three parts based on mode;
- A project readiness/phases complete section;
- A purpose and need statement;
- A three-question project details sections; and
- A source of cost estimates included with the project budget table.

A reference guide was also developed to assist LPAs in completing the application. The guide provides instructions on the application process, details for each section of the application, and sample wording for the required financial commitment letter. The guide also includes the updated process and metrics the EMPO will use when prioritizing projects for federal funding.

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Amendments

i. TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

Item# 02-321: Green River Road sidewalk construction from Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr. Add Right of Way (RW) in FY 2020 at a total of \$35,000 and move Construction (CN) from FY 2020 to FY 2021. Costs will be funded with 80% Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds with a 20% local match.

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.

ii. Ratification of the April 2020 Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

Due to the COVID-19 Executive Orders, the April 9, 2020 Evansville MPO Policy Committee meeting was canceled. The EMPO requested action on the following amendments to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) via electronic action. The amendments were approved with a 12-0 vote. We are requesting the Committee confirm the approval of the April 9th amendments.

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

Des# 2000639: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42718). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$408,000 and CN in FY 2023 for a total of \$1,460,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000889: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Pavement Project (I) (Contract RS-42753). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total of \$1,252,000. PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$153,000 and CN in FY 2023 for a total of \$11,527,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000485: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42187). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$304,000 and CN in FY 2024 for a total of \$875,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2001114: SR 57 from S. Jct. of I-69 (end of asphalt) to 0.8 mile north of S. Jct. of I-69 (fly over ramp over I-69): Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract RS-42787). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$48,000 and CN in FY 2024 for a total of \$340,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000860: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract R-42748). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$495,000, RW in FY 2023 for a total of \$150,000 and CN in FY 2024 for a total of \$3,997,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000987: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Small Structure Project (Contract R-42736). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$725,000 and CN in FY 2024 for a total of \$2,417,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 1800176: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract R-41407). Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add PE in FY 2020 for a total of \$565,000, RW in FY 2023 for a total of \$28,000 and increase CN in FY 2023 for a total of \$5,956,000.

Des# 1900115: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42186). Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$765,000 and increase CN in FY 2024 for a total of \$6,339,000.

Des# 1601066: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract R-41410). Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add CN in FY 2022 for a total of \$560,000 and increase CN in FY 2023 for a total of \$23,035,000.

Des# 1900099: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42187). Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$119,000 and increase CN in FY 2024 to a total of \$3,485,000.

Des# 1900308: Various locations within the Vincennes District: Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract R-42287). Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add CN in FY 2020 for a total of \$285,000 and increase CN in FY 2024 to a total of \$66,116,000.

Des# 1500041: SR 62 over CSX Railroad, Carpenter Creek and Tekoppel Ave, west of US 41: Bridge Replacement (Contract B-38710). Eliminate as a separate contract. The project has been added to Contract R-42287.

Des# 1902709: Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington Ave (Contract B-42876): Increase the PE in FY 2020 to a total of \$833,000. Add RW in 2022 for a total of \$20,000, add CN in 2022 (UT), 2023, and 2024 for \$35,000, \$2,081,000, and \$2,081,000 respectively. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funding with a 20% local match using tapered match.

Ron Beane made a motion for approval and Rusty Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn announced that the meeting should be held in the Civic Center next month, but information will be sent out to confirm.

Meeting adjourned.