



## EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301  
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building  
Evansville, Indiana

March 12, 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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).

### ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Jr., Ron Beane, Gene Pfeiffer, Angela Koehler Lindsey, Bill Hubiak (called in), Buzzy Newman, Christy Powell

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Jeff Hatfield, Dan Saylor, Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson

Members Absent (non-voting):

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

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Don Gibbs

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

*Jack Corn introduced and welcomed Ron Beane as a new member of the Evansville MPO Policy Committee.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Gene Pfeiffer made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Covert Ave: Construction awarded to JBI Construction for the low bid of \$5,995,580.85. A pre-construction conference was held on March 6, 2020.

Walnut St – Phase 1: Construction was awarded to Blankenberger Brothers for the low bid of \$5,313,408.10. The pre-construction conference has been set for March 20, 2020.

Walnut St – Phase 2: Comments from INDOT have been addressed and the revised environmental document was sent back to INDOT on March 5, 2020. INDOT has since approved the environmental document.

Signal Preemption: The consultant submitted the formal proprietary material justification request to INDOT for review and approval.

Signal Modernization – on Green River Rd and on Washington Ave: A public information meeting was held on February 19, 2020.

Signal Modernization – at First Ave and Mill Rd and at Green River Rd and Vogel Rd: A public information meeting was held on February 19, 2020.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The bridge had to be closed due to the extent of the concrete removal; the closure is expected to last until April 13, 2020.

Franklin Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The historic property report was submitted to INDOT, comments were received, and the revised report was resubmitted on March 6, 2020.

Oak Hill Rd: The hydraulic report was submitted to the County in February.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

Bell Rd: Construction was awarded to JBI Construction for the low bid of \$7,470,897.58.

### **INDOT UPDATES – presented by Pam Drach**

SR 61 (E of W Jct SR 62 to E Jct SR 62): Construction will start in two weeks.

SR 662 (I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd): A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at McGary Middle School from 6-8 PM eastern time.

University Parkway Bridge over SR 62 and SR 66/St. Joseph Ave over Locust Creek: Ragle was the lowest bidder and the contract was recommended for award.

SR 66 (from 2.2 miles E of SR 61 to E Jct SR 161 Reo): Project moved to May letting. Final plan documents have been submitted to contracts.

SR 66 over Little Creek: Final Field Check is scheduled for March 17, 2020.

US 41 at Lynch Rd: Right of way plans are complete; moving to appraising.

US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Working through Utility Coordination to determine depths/conflicts.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: A public hearing is being planned. Received new traffic counts from the MPO. A meeting with Warrick County is scheduled for March 12, 2020.

SR 62 Pedestrian Walk near St. Joseph Ave: Right of way is moving to the Engineering stage.

US 41 from Lloyd Expwy to Diamond Ave: Added bridge deck overlay on NB US 41 over Pigeon Creek.

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): Lochmueller Group was selected for design. A scoping meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

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

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. FY 2021 & FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program – presented by Kari Akin**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes the FY 2021 sources of funding, FY 2022 partial funding and activities in the scope of work the office will complete. The following table represents FY 2021 funding amounts.

Source	FY 2021			
	Federal	State	Local	Total
IN PL/5303	\$452,382	\$0	\$113,096	\$565,478
IN HSIP 100%	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
IN STBG	\$90,000	\$0	\$22,500	\$112,500
IN SPR – Planning	\$39,260	\$1,892	\$7,923	\$49,075
IN SPR – State Traffic Counts	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$0	\$62,500
KY FTA 5303	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
KY FTA 5307	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
IN FTA 5307	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
FTA Section 5310	\$24,967	\$0	\$0	\$24,967
KY Planning Funds	\$65,600	\$4,100	\$12,300	\$82,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$852,209</b>	<b>\$18,492</b>	<b>\$163,319</b>	<b>\$1,034,020</b>

The 2021 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) have been added in the work elements of the UPWP and the introduction section. The Indiana and Kentucky Division Offices of FHWA and FTA issue PEAs to focus on implementing the FAST Act. They include:

- IN – Updating Planning Roles and Responsibilities Cooperating Operating Manual (PRRCOM) – update
- IN – Traffic Incident Management (TIM) – inclusion
- IN – Local Road Safety Plans (LRSPs) – assistance in reducing roadway fatalities and injuries
- IN – Participation Plans – new strategies using social media and Virtual Public Involvement tools
- KY – Transportation Improvement Program – Transportation Performance Measures
- KY – Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Environmental Mitigation

The draft UPWP was sent to the MPO's federal and state planning partners for review. The only comment received to this point was from Kentucky; it was requested that the entire Cost Allocation Plan was included in the UPWP. If there are general comments made between now and the April meeting, those comments will be discussed; however, if any material comments are received, for example anything over the \$100,000 threshold, an amendment approval will be sought at the April meeting.

*Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Christy Powell 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# 1801399: Various Locations within the Vincennes District: Signal Project (Contract T-41252). Add project to the TIP with Construction (CN) in FY 2021 for a total of \$260,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG Funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000701: Barker Ave Bridge over SR 62: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42725). Add project to the TIP with Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2021 for a total of \$110,000 and Construction (CN) in FY 2023 for a total of \$520,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG Funds and 20% state match.

Des# 1902794: Boonville New Harmony Rd Bridge over Tributary of Big Creek: Bridge Replacement (Contract B-42809). Add project to the TIP with Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2021 for a total of \$175,000, Right of Way (RW) in FY 2023 for a total of \$62,000 and Construction (CN) in FY 2024 for a total of \$1,230,000. The PE and RW will be funded with 100% local funding and the CN will be funded with 80% Federal STBG Funds and 20% local match.

Des# 1902795: Wallace Fork Rd Bridge over Little Pigeon Creek: Bridge Replacement (Contract B-24810). Add project to the TIP with Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2021 for a total of \$310,000, Right of Way (RW) in FY 2024 for a total of \$50,000 and Construction in outer FY 2025 for a total of \$2,110,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG Funds and 20% local match.

*Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **c. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach**

The City of Henderson requested the following modification:

ID# 02-711.00: Intersection upgrade at KY 2084 and KY 812: In FY 2020, increase Right of Way (RW) estimate from \$20,000 to \$100,000 and Utilities from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Move Construction (CN) from FY 2020 to FY 2021.

The Indiana Department of Transportation requested the following modification:

Des# 1801411: Various locations in the Vincennes District (Contract T-41269). District Signal Project, (Grouped Project: Traffic Signal System Improvements and Lighting). Increase the Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 from \$114,000 to \$199,000.

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System requested the following modifications:

Des# 1802815: Operating Assistance: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$17,000 in FTA 5307, \$2,253,000 in PMTF and \$2,480,000 in local match for a total of \$4,750,000.

Des# 1802814: Capital Assistance: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$1,883,000 in FTA 5307, \$26,000 in FTA 5310 and \$477,000 in local match for a total of \$2,386,000.

Des# 1802799: Fixed Route Bus Purchase: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$60,000 in FTA 5339, \$360,000 in CMAQ and \$105,000 in local match for a total of \$525,000.

Des# 1802806: Paratransit Bus Purchase: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$64,000 in FTA 5310, \$64,000 in CMAQ and \$32,000 in local match for a total of \$160,000.

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

ID# N/A: Operating Assistance: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$241,000 in FTA 5307 and \$583,000 in local match for a total of \$824,000.

ID# N/A: Capital Assistance: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$459,000 in FTA 5307, \$57,000 in KYTC and \$58,000 in local match for a total of \$574,000.

ID# N/A: Fixed Route Bus: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$72,000 in FTA 5307 and the use of Toll Credits for local match for a total of \$72,000.

The Evansville MPO requested the following modifications:

Des# 1901938: Capital Assistance: Revise the FY 2020 funding to reflect \$76,000 in FTA 5310 and \$19,000 in local match for a total of \$95,000.

Des# 1901939: Planning Assistance: Revise the FY 2021 funding to reflect \$25,000 FTA 5310 and \$0 in local match for a total of \$25,000.

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

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

##### **a. Approval of Bills**

*Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

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

*Jack Corn announced that the exit audit with the State Board of Accounts will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.*

Meeting adjourned.