



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

November 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.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

In person: Jack Corn, Todd Robertson, Brent Schmitt

Webex/Phone: Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson, Dawn Kelsey, Christy Powell

Members Absent (voting):

Ron Beane, Jeff Hatfield, William “Bill” Hubiak, Angela Koehler Lindsey, Gene Pfeiffer, Dan Saylor

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

In person: Don Gibbs

Webex/Phone: Nick Hall

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Brent Schmitt seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Covert Ave: Work from Green River Rd to I 69 is nearing completion. Construction from Vann Ave to Green River Rd is ongoing.

- Walnut St Phase 1: Phase from Weinbach Ave to Rotherwood Ave is complete. Grading and subgrade treatment work between Rotherwood Ave and Lodge Ave is underway.
- Signal Preemption: The project has been moved to the February 9, 2021 letting.
- Signal Head Replacement: A structural analysis will be required for the reuse of signal poles.
- Signal Modernization (7 intersections): Project was awarded to Ragle, Inc for the bid of \$935,122.30.
- Signal Modernization (First/Mill and Green River/Vogel): Project was awarded to Ragle, Inc for the bid of \$384,311.75.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: Environmental document was submitted to INDOT on October 16, 2020.

Warrick County

- Bell Rd: Vann Rd to High Pointe Dr, mainline construction nearing completion. Utility relocation complete between Oak Grove Rd and Vann Rd and storm sewer installation underway.
- Warrick Trails SRTS: Seven of 9 properties are secured. Final tracings submitted on November 2, 2020.

City of Henderson

- Green River Rd: Title work is complete and the documents have been submitted to KYTC. City is waiting on the right-of-way funding obligation from KYTC.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: TIP Amendment for design funding was approved. Waiting on the federal authorization of the additional design funding.
- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Right-of-way is clear.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

- SR 62 from Rosenberger Ave to Wabash Ave (also includes intersection improvement projects located at Rosenberger Ave, St. Joseph Ave, Vann Ave, Burkhardt Rd, and Cross Pointe Blvd): Had press conference to announce project. Website and social media accounts are now live. Design work is proceeding.
- US 41 Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington: INDOT, HNTB, MPO and the City of Evansville met on October 23, 2020 to discuss the Preliminary Alternatives report and the preferred alternative of a pedestrian bridge as close to Washington Ave as possible. A stakeholder meeting and a public information meeting are both scheduled for November 18, 2020.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- I 69 Bridge Overlay: Work is complete, 0a few incidental items will be wrapped up soon.

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

b. Bylaws Amendment - presented by Kari Akin

The bylaws of the Evansville MPO were adopted on June 5, 2014. The Evansville MPO is requesting a minor update to address a change in the frequency of meetings and to update outdated information. The following changes include:

- Update the EMPO logo (cover).
- Update the Metropolitan Planning Area Map by updating interstate labels from I-164 to I-69 and removing local roads for a more readable map (page 1).

- Update Federal Transportation Bill references from MAP-21 to FAST Act (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation) (pages 3 and 5).
- Change “The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected annually from the eligible voting members at the second regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year” to “...a regularly scheduled meeting during the first quarter of the calendar year” (page 6).
- Change “the budget is approved in June” to “the annual budget is approved” (page 7).
- Change “Policy Committee will be held monthly” to “Policy Committee will be held regularly, every other month” (page 8).
- Add VII H: The Evansville MPO will follow Federal and state regulations and state and local executive orders that may impact the ability to hold meetings.
- New signature page (page 9).

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Brent Schmitt seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2021 EMPO Safety Performance Measure Target Recommendation (INDOT & KYTC) – presented by Pam Drach

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rule making 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 within 180 days of that date. At this time, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

2021 Safety Targets	INDOT	KYTC
<i>Number of Fatalities</i>	817.3	720.0
<i>Number of Serious Injuries</i>	3311.4	2590.0
<i>Fatality Rate (per 100M VMT)</i>	1.006	1.500
<i>Serious Injury Rate (per 100M VMT)</i>	4.008	5.400
<i>Number Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries</i>	393.6	285.0

Brent Schmitt made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 2021 EMPO 4-Year Performance Measure Target Recommendation (INDOT & KYTC) – presented by Pam Drach

INDOT

The 2-year (2019) and 4-year (2021) performance measure targets for Truck Travel Time Reliability, NHS Bridge Condition, and Interstate and Non-Interstate Pavement Condition, along with other federally required targets, were

originally approved by the EMPO Policy Board on November 8, 2018. As allowed by federal regulations, and given the additional years of baseline data, INDOT has opted to revise the 4-yr (2021) targets as shown:

	Baseline data			Original 4-Year (2021) Target	Revised 4-Year Target
	2017	2018	2019		
Reliability					
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index				1.24	1.30

Bridge Condition					
Percentage of NHS Bridges Classified as in Good Condition	50.0	49.7	48.0	48.3	47.2
Percentage of NHS Bridges Classified as in Poor Condition	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.6	3.1

Pavement Condition					
Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good Condition	50.0	49.7	48.0	48.3	47.2
Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.6	3.1

MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT’s statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas within 180 days of that date of the revision (10/5/20). As with the original submittal in 2018, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of these revisions to the INDOT statewide targets.

KYTC

The 2-year (2019) and 4-year (2021) performance measure targets for Truck Travel Time Reliability, NHS Bridge Condition, and Interstate and Non-Interstate Pavement Condition, and Mobile Source Emissions, along with other federally required targets, were originally approved by the EMPO Policy Board on November 8, 2018. As allowed by federal regulations, and given the additional years of baseline data, KYTC has opted to revise the 4-year (2021) targets as shown:

	Baseline	2-Year Performance	Original 4-Year (2021) Target	Revised 4-Year Target
Reliability				
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.24	1.24	1.25	1.30

Bridge Condition				
Percentage of NHS Bridges Classified as in Good Condition	34.8	29.7	35	27.0
Percentage of NHS Bridges Classified as in Poor Condition	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.6

Pavement Condition				
Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in Poor Condition		1.1	3.0	4.0

Mobile Source Emissions				
CMAQ volatile organic compounds (VOC)	4.930	41.045	200.000	48.000
CMAQ oxides of nitrogen (NOx)	33.400	97.856	200.000	36.000

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Brent Schmitt made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Brent Schmitt seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.