



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

October 8, 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.

NOTE: The agenda items appear in the minutes in the order of which they happened during the meeting, not the order that they appear on the agenda. All items are still numbered as they are on the agenda.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

In person: Jack Corn, Todd Robertson

Webex/Phone: Ron Beane, Rusty Fowler, Nick Hall, William “Buzzy” Newman, Christy Powell, Dan Saylor

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Jeff Hatfield, William “Bill” Hubiak, Angela Koehler Lindsey, Gene Pfeiffer

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

In person: Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dan Saylor made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

d. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2021 – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO announced the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2021 on Friday, October 2, 2020. The applications are due Monday, November 2, 2020.

The call for projects will be sent by email to the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) and will be included on the October 19 RTAC meeting agenda for discussion. The call and application will also be added to the front page of the Evansville 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 applicants include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

If there are any questions about the call for projects or application, please contact Matt Schriefer at mschriefer@evansvillempo.com or 812-436-7833.

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Covert Ave: Paving from Green River Rd to Newburgh Rd is complete. Work between Vann Ave and Joyce Ave is ongoing.
- Walnut St Phase 1: Phase 1a of construction between Weinbach Ave and Rotherwood Ave will be complete October 16, 2020. Water main and storm sewer work between Rotherwood Ave and Lodge Ave is ongoing.
- Washington Ave: Phases 1 and 2 are complete. Construction on Washington Ave is underway.
- Signal Preemption: Final Tracings were submitted to INDOT in preparation for the January 13, 2021 letting.
- Sign Replacement: Only minor items need to be completed.
- Signal Modernization (7 intersections): Project let for bid on October 7, 2020 with low bid of \$935,122.30 received from Ragle, Inc.
- Signal Modernization (First/Mill and Green River/Vogel): Project let for bid on October 7, 2020 with low bid of \$384,311.75 received from Ragle, Inc.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: Utility coordination has started.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: TIP Amendment requested for design funding.
- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Right of way should be clear shortly. Utility design is ongoing. KYTC is working on the signal design.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

- SR 66 at Epworth Rd: County is unable to participate at this time. Proceeding with hybrid intersection design.
- US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Stage 3 plans submitted and a resubmittal was requested.

- 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): Stakeholder meeting has been scheduled, website being finalized for launch October 2020.
- US 41 Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington: INDOT and HNTB had a meeting on September 28, 2020 to review and discuss the Preliminary Alternatives Report. HNTB is updating the report based on feedback from that meeting and we will be looking into scheduling a meeting with the City and MPO in mid to late October to discuss this report and get feedback before finalizing.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lloyd Expressway Bridge Joint and Overlay Project: Placing pavement markings is finished and there is a waiting period now before doing reflectivity testing. A pre-final check is scheduled for October 9, 2020 and should have a final acceptance very shortly.
- I 69 Bridge Overlay: Majority of work is complete, just a few incidental items need to be done. Completion is still set for the end of the month.

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# 1902738: Various Locations in the Vincennes District: Bridge rehabilitation projects (Contract B-42643) Eliminate the Des# location from the contract and reduce the total of CN in FY 2022 from \$690,000 to \$650,000. The remaining contract will be funded with 80% Federal STBG Funds and 20% State match.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requested the following amendment:

Item# 02-383: Watson Lane from Sunset Lane to Green River Road: Improve safety and reduce congestion. Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2021 for a total of \$500,000, RW in FY 2021 for a total of \$1,630,000, UT in FY 2021 for a total of \$1,580,000 and CN in FY 2023 for a total of \$6,340,000. The project will be funded with federal STBG funding with a State match.

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

b. FY 2020-2024 TIP Modification – presented by Pam Drach

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requested the following modifications:

ID# 02-997: Various locations on US 41 in Henderson County: Replacement of targeted guardrail end treatments (Grouped Project: Median guardrail/cable projects with no change to access). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total cost of \$520,000. Costs will be funded with 100% Federal HSIP funding.

ID# 02-998: Various interchanges in Henderson County: Replacement of targeted guardrail end treatments (Grouped Project: Median guardrail/cable projects with no change to access). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2021 at a total cost of \$335,000. Costs will be funded with 100% Federal HSIP funding.

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

c. 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. (A copy of the proposed bylaws were provided.) 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, at a minimum quarterly” (page 8).
- New signature page (page 9).

Kari Akin clarified the 5th bullet point. The original sentence was “each LPA must commit to the provision of the local share when the annual budget is approved in June”. The change is removing “in June”, because the budget may be approved in May moving forward.

This item was informational and did not require a committee action. Approval will be requested at the November meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.