



## 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

September 10, 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).

### ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

*In person:* Jack Corn, William “Bill” Hubiak, Todd Robertson

*Webex/Phone:* Ron Beane, Rusty Fowler, Deneatra Henderson, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William “Buzzy” Newman, Christy Powell, Dan Saylor

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Jeff Hatfield, Gene Pfeiffer

Members Present (non-voting):

*Webex/Phone:* Erica Tait, Nick Hall

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

*In person:* Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Kari Akin, Amir Varshochi, Xinbo Mi

Others Present:

*In person:* Don Gibbs

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **City of Evansville**

- Signal Preemption: Stage III plans were submitted to INDOT for review and comment.

#### **Warrick County**

- Bell Rd: Storm sewer work has commenced south of Oak Grove Rd and utility work is ongoing north of Oak Grove Rd.

#### **Henderson County**

- Green River Rd: Title Work is underway.

### **INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT**

- US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Public Hearing was held in July, Environmental Document is being reviewed by INDOT, R/W Engineering for CSX parcel is ongoing.
- 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): All fees accepted for FY 24 projects.
- US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: HNTB is currently performing an alternatives analysis. Stakeholder meeting will be scheduled once the alternatives analysis is complete.

### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

- Lloyd Expressway Bridge Joint and Overlay Project: A majority of the work is now complete; a few joints, pavement markings and punch list items are left. The completion date is still set for September 2020.
- I 69 Bridge Overlay: Project is ongoing with night and weekend work. The completion date is still set for October 2020.

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

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. FY 2020 Completion Report – Performance and Expenditures – presented by Kari Akin**

The Annual Unified Planning Work Program Performance and Expenditures Completion Report for FY 2020 presents a summary of the activities and products completed by the Evansville MPO during FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). Described in the report is the progress attained in completing each of the work elements contained in the approved FY 2019 and FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. This report is submitted to Indiana and Kentucky state agencies by September 20<sup>th</sup> and to FHWA by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Each work element includes a purpose, finished products and funds expended. The document also includes budget and expenditure summary tables for each funding source and staff hours per element.

The electronic copy will be available by September 9, 2020 on the Evansville MPO website at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com) under “publications and links” and “finance”. Hard copies are available upon request.

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

**b. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach**

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

Des# 1800176: SR 61 from 0.14 mi S of I-64 to 0.88 mi N of SR 68: Pavement Project (Non-I) (Contract R-41407). Add Des# 2001933 to add sidewalks to the contract. Revise project in the TIP as follows: Add RW in FY 2022 for a total of \$252,000 and increase CN in FY 2023 to a total of \$6,663,000. Project will be funded with federal STBG funding with a State and local match.

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

**c. Indiana LPA Call for Projects Listing – presented by Pam Drach**

On July 8, 2020, the Evansville MPO announced a Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 for Indiana LPAs. Four applications were received and reviewed, and all four were determined to be eligible for federal funding. The following provides a summary of these projects, listed by LPA:

LPA	Project	Fed. Funding Requested
Vanderburgh County	<b>Oak Hill Road</b>	<b>\$4,860,000.00</b>
	Project includes a three-lane cross section on Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St. George Rd) with bike lanes and sidewalk along one side of the road. ADA compliant curb ramps and crosswalks will be included, and curbs and storm sewers will be included for the road drainage system.	
Warrick County	<b>Epworth Road</b>	<b>\$9,020,000.00</b>
	Project includes a three-lane cross section on Epworth Rd (SR 662 to Lincoln Ave) with curb and gutter, bike lanes and a sidewalk along one or both sides of the road. A five-lane cross section (Lincoln Ave to Frontage Rd, just south is SR 66) is included with a shared-use path being constructed on the west side of Epworth Rd from Lincoln Ave to the Deaconess Hospital campus.	
METS	<b>Mobility Bus Purchase</b>	<b>\$60,800</b>
	Purchase a new mobility bus with an increased wheelchair capacity to replace a vehicle that is past the useful life benchmark for use for METS Mobility service.	
	<b>35' Bus Purchase</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>
Purchase a new 35' bus to replace a vehicle that is past the useful life benchmark for use on METS' fixed route system.		

Approval designates these projects for MPO funding. The federal participation level and program years for these projects will be determined as part of the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process.

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

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Approval of Bills**

*Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Jack Corn commented that the MPO has been looking at operating procedures since COVID-19 started and have decided to switch MPO meetings to every other month. This would change the schedule from 12 meetings a year to six. Some updates would need to be made to the bylaws and Public Participation Plan. These changes will probably be presented in October, and then voted on in November. The new schedule would start in January 2021. We have found out that Indy meets every quarter, and have researched and found that there is nothing saying that this cannot be done. We've also checked with the Federal Highway Administration, and they have said that the meeting schedule is up to us.*

Meeting adjourned.