



EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 318
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana

February 13, 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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Lorie Van Hook, Greg Wathen, Jordan Conaway, Matthew Bullock, Shawn Will, Barry House, Jeff Whitaker, Nate Hahn

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CY 2020 OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Seyed Shokouhzadeh nominated Greg Wathen for Chairman; Jeff Whitaker made a motion for approval and Shawn Will seconded the motion; motion carried.

Seyed Shokouhzadeh nominated John Stoll for Vice Chairman; Jeff Whitaker made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Jeff Whitaker seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Ave: The project was let on the February 5, 2020 bid letting and a low bid of \$5,995,580.85 was received from JBI Construction. It is anticipated that the bid will be awarded.

Greg Wathen asked where JBI Construction was based and how many bidders are typical for a project similar to this. Pam Drach responded that they are local, and bids from three companies were received. Seyed Shokouhzadeh added that for the Covert Ave and Walnut St projects, the bids were higher than anticipated but the Evansville MPO was able to use unspent federal funds from other Indiana MPOs.

Walnut St – Phase 1: The project was let on the February 5, 2020 bid letting and a low bid of \$5,313,408.10 was received from Blankenberger Brothers. It is anticipated that the bid will be awarded.

Walnut St – Phase 2: The draft environmental document was sent to INDOT for review and comment.

Washington Ave/2nd Street/Parrett St: Notice to Proceed to construction was issued January 14, 2020. The preconstruction conference was held on January 27, 2020.

Signal Preemption: Interviews and second round scoring for the RFP from manufacturers of Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) equipment was completed February 12, 2020.

Signal Modernization – on Green River Rd and on Washington Ave: The Preliminary Field Check was held on January 23, 2020. A public information meeting has been scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Signal Modernization – at First Ave and Mill Rd and at Green River Rd and Vogel Rd: The Preliminary Field Check was held on January 23, 2020. A public information meeting has been scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Nate Hahn asked if these projects were upgrading the systems or if changes were being made to the signal timings. Pam Drach responded that it is upgrading the system, but with the system upgrade come opportunities for other changes to be made.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Franklin Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Section 106 Early Coordination letters were sent to consulting parties. A field check meeting for the historic bridge alternatives analysis was held on January 16, 2020.

WARRICK COUNTY

Warrick Trails SRTS: All offers provided to property owners and two owners have accepted offers. Two of three permits are approved. Utility coordination is ongoing.

Nate Hahn asked how many offers were being made. Pam Drach answered it was less than 10, with several parcels belonging to the school.

Telephone Road: The survey and utility coordination activities have started.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Green River Rd: The Categorical Exclusion for Minor Projects was approved.

Wathen Ln: Palmer Engineering was selected to do the project design. A preliminary line and grade meeting was held on November 11, 2019.

KYTC

Watson Ln: The Phase 1 plans are complete and an alternative has been selected.

US 60 Spottsville Bridge: Tree clearing and utility work is underway.

KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Phase 2 design plans are complete.

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Matthew Bullock, INDOT

SR 61 (E of W Jct SR 62 to E Jct SR 62): Project was awarded and a pre-construction meeting is set for March 2, 2020.

SR 62 (E of E Jct of SR 61): Project was awarded and a pre-construction meeting was held on February 12, 2020.

SR 62 (various locations between First Ave and Green River Rd): Project was awarded and a pre-construction meeting was held on February 10, 2020.

SR 662 (I-69 to Ellerbusch Rd): Project was awarded and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2020. A public information meeting will be held before construction.

Pam Drach added that the public information meeting may be a joint meeting for SR 662 and Covert Ave because of how they connect together. Matthew Bullock added that this is an opportunity to explain when the project will start and how it will affect daily travel.

SR 61: Project was awarded and a pre-construction meeting is set for March 2, 2020.

University Parkway Bridge over SR 62 and SR 66/St. Joseph Ave over Locust Creek: Plans are advertised for the March 4, 2020 letting.

US 41 at Lynch Rd: Permit determination complete; no permits are required.

SR 62 over Bruce Ditch: A Preliminary Field Check was held on February 11, 2020.

US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Working through hydraulic designs and a Preliminary Field Check is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Setting up a meeting with stakeholders in two to three weeks to discuss modeling.

Greg Wathen asked what the additional modeling would entail. Matthew Bullock responded that different options were requested to be looked at during the stakeholder and public interactions; the meeting that will be set up is to present the modeling findings to the stakeholders. Greg asked if the modeling has the potential to change any designs, and Matthew explained that it might; discussions with stakeholders can sometimes impact a project. Greg also wanted clarification on if the upcoming meeting will be for both stakeholders and the public. Matthew explained that this particular meeting will not be a public meeting; it will only be for invited stakeholders.

Barry House asked who does the modeling for these projects. Matthew Bullock explained that a consultant that is hired by INDOT does the modeling. Seyed Shokouhzadeh added that they use the MPO model.

SR 62 Pedestrian Walk near St. Joseph Ave: Structure type is being finalized from geotechnical findings.

SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and W Jct SR 161): Right-of-way engineering is finished and will be sent to INDOT by the end of the month. Environmental is to be submitted before April 1, 2020.

US 41 from Lloyd Expwy to Diamond Ave: Received fee proposals for additional design work.

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): Stage 2 scoring completed on February 5, 2020. Central Office was to approve the selection on February 12, 2020.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2020 – 2024 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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

Des# 1902738: Various Locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42643). Add project to the TIP with CN in FY 2022 for a total of \$690,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 2000456: Various Locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42699). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total of \$252,000 and CN in FY 2022 for a total of \$1,260,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Nate Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Barry House asked about the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), explaining that drafts of the UPWP are due at the end of February in Kentucky. He asked what the Evansville MPO's schedule was for completing the UPWP and if the Technical Committee would be reviewing it. Seyed Shokouhzadeh stated that the Technical Committee does not review it, but the MPO is on schedule to submit the UPWP to both states. Barry asked why the Technical Committee does not see the draft UPWP. Kari Akin explained that the UPWP is an administrative document that explains how the MPO uses their budgetary funds; it is not a document that contains specifics about projects. Kari also added that she sends the draft to all federal, state and local partners and they provide comments back to the MPO before it is taken to the Policy Committee for approval. Seyed responded that the MPO will take it under advisement, but reiterated that the Policy Committee does a thorough review of the UPWP before approving.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.