



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

January 9, 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:

Greg Wathen, Chris Gentry, Matthew Bullock, Jeff Whitaker, Shawn Will, Bill Harty, Barry House, John Petkovsek, Nick Hall, Keirsten Jagers, Sierra Nunez, Rusty Fowler, Angie Higgins

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Gentry made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

Barry House asked about the US 41 at Hillsdale INDOT project in the project update section of the minutes. He was interested in knowing if there are many J-turn intersections in this area or if this was a new treatment. Chris Gentry said that there are currently four J-turns in the Vincennes District (2 in northern Knox County and 2 near Dale in Spencer County). They have been open for 2 or 3 years and is a newer design that is functioning well. Barry said they have a few in Kentucky and once people got used to them, they seem to like them.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Ave: The right-of-way has been certified. The construction inspection consultant has been selected and the agreement with the City has been executed. This is currently on the February 5, 2020 letting.

Walnut St – Phase 1: The construction inspection consultant has been selected and the agreement with the City has been executed. This is currently on the February 5, 2020 letting.

Walnut St – Phase 2: The Early Coordination letters and associated documents have been distributed to the consultation group as part of the Environmental process.

Washington Ave/2nd Street/Parrett St: The project was let on the December 11 bid letting and the contract was awarded to Blankenberger Brothers, Inc for the low bid of \$2,127,724.00.

Signal Preemption: The Request for Proposals from manufacturers of Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) equipment was posted on December 19, 2019. Proposals are due to the City on January 16, 2020.

Signal Head Replacement: Notice to proceed with design was issued to the consultant.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Concrete patching is underway and will continue through winter. Beam repairs have also started.

Franklin Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Field check meeting for the historic bridge alternatives analysis is scheduled for January 16, 2020.

Green River Rd: The west half of the road construction activities, Phase 2, is complete. Phase 3 construction has started with storm sewer installation underway.

Oak Hill Road: Stage 1 plans were submitted to INDOT on December 23, 2019.

WARRICK COUNTY

Telephone Road: The notice to proceed with design was given to the consultant on December 29, 2019.

CITY OF HENDERSON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Wathen Lane Bridge: Construction timeline was extended to December 18, 2019 due to conflicts with existing utilities. *Nick Hall added that the bridge is now open to traffic.*

INDOT UPDATES – presented by Chris Gentry, INDOT

US 41 at Hillsdale: Made contact with CSX, Geotech work is scheduled for December 16-20. Stage 1 plans were received for review on December 23, 2019 and a public meeting is currently being planned.

SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Have had conversations with Warrick County Economic Development and met with Central Office Mobility to discuss traffic modeling; looking at modeling different traffic counts. The project is ongoing and a public hearing is in the works.

US 41 NB Ramp over Eagle Creek/US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave: Approach survey completed, preliminary plans are expected in July.

US 41 from Lloyd Expwy to Diamond Ave: Looking at increasing the work on Morgan Ave to the east; also looking at drainage along the mainline.

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): Round 1 scoring is complete. Stage 2 interviews and scoring are scheduled for January 21 and 22, 2020. The MPO scored on Stage 1 and will score on Stage 2.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Title VI Goals and Accomplishments Report – presented by Matt Schriefer

At the beginning of each year, the Evansville MPO develops a list of Title VI accomplishments from the prior year and Title VI goals for the upcoming years. These goals and accomplishments include completed and upcoming trainings and workshops, updates to Title VI documents and surveys, and the total number of Title VI complaints from the previous year.

The complete list forms the annual Title VI Goals and Accomplishments Report. The report will be added to the appendices of the Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan. The Plan can be found on the Evansville MPO's website at <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Links.html> under the "Civil Rights" tab.

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# 1902738: Various Locations within the Vincennes District: Bridge Rehabilitation (Contract B-42643). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total of \$207,000. The project will be funded with 80% Federal STBG funds and 20% state match.

Des# 1801411: Various Locations within the Vincennes District: Traffic Signal Modernization – Lighting Installation/Maintenance (Contract T-41269). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total of \$114,000 and CN in FY 2021 for a total of \$1,289,777. The project will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP funds and 10% state match.

Des# 1902845: Various Locations along I-64: Install Lighting (Contract T-42653). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total cost of \$527,777. The project will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP funds and 10% state match.

Des# 1902861: SR 66/Diamond Ave at New Harmony Rd, Mill Rd, Happe Rd and Detroy Rd: Adding turn lanes (Contract R-42655). Add project to the TIP with PE in FY 2020 for a total cost of \$160,000. The project will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP funds and 10% state match.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Bill Harty seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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

Des# 1602162: Various Locations in the Vincennes District (Contract T-39985): Raised Pavement Markings project, (Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips). Add Construction (CN) in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$796,000. Costs will be funded with 90% Federal HSIP and 10% state match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.