



EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.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.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

In person: Greg Wathen, Angie Higgins

Webex/Phone: Doug Boom, Matthew Bullock, Jordan Conaway, Khalil Dughaiash, Bernadette Dupont, Chris Gentry, Nate Hahn, Nick Hall, Shawn Hayden, Kelly Mitchell, Mike O'Daniel, John Stoll, Lorie Van Hook, Shawn Will, Thomas Witt

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Matt Schriefer, Erin Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Kari Akin

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shawn Will made a motion for approval and Kelly Mitchell seconded the motion; motion carried.

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 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 Matthew Bullock, INDOT

- SR 66 at Green River Rd: Pre-final meeting held, construction is completed.
- 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.

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.

Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Mike O'Daniel 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. 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 Friday, November 1, 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.

Angie Higgins noted that November 1 is a Sunday, and Matt Schriefer said that was an oversight and that the applications are due Monday, November 2, 2020. Nate Hahn asked how many applications the MPO usually receives. Matt Schriefer answered that typically, 1 or 2 applications are received, but sometimes it could be as many as 3 or 4.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seyed Shokouhzadeh answered Bernadette Dupont's question (are there any slides associated with the project updates?) that was asked via chat in Webex. He explained that there are no slides, but the project update is always posted on the MPO's website.

Meeting adjourned.