



## 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

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:* Matthew Bullock, Greg Wathen, Jordan Conaway

*Webex/Phone:* Rick Wilson, Nick Hall, Angie Higgins, Doug Boom, Shawn Will, John Kinney, Jeff Whitaker, Kelly Mitchell

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Kari Akin, Amir Varshochi, Xinbo Mi

*Greg Wathen directed the meeting.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Jordan Conway 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 Matthew Bullock, INDOT**

- SR 66 over Little Creek: Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020.
- SR 62 over Little Creek: Project documents are with INDOT Central Office for November letting.
- US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: 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.

*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 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.

*Rick Wilson made a motion for approval and Doug Boom seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**b. 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.

*Matthew Bullock asked if the federal funding is 80% and matched with a 20% local match. Pam Drach explained that it will be 80% federal if there is enough funding, but locals may need to have more than a 20% match if there isn't enough federal funding. Greg Wathen asked to clarify that the funding and matches will not be determined until a later date, and Pam Drach confirmed that it will not be determined until the TIP development process.*

*Rick Wilson made a motion for approval and John Kinney seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.