



**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**

November 10, 2021

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.

1. ATTENDANCE

Policy Members	Organization	In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Jack Corn, Jr.	Chairman	X		
Mayor Lloyd Winnecke	City of Evansville	X		
Ron Beane	Evansville City Council	X		
Rusty Fowler	Vice Chairman, Indiana Department of Transportation	X		
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council	X		
Deneatra Henderson	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet		X	
William “Bill” Hubiak	Henderson County Appointment			X
William “Buzzy” Newman	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Christy Powell	Town of Newburgh Appointment			X
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment		X	
Dan Saylor	Warrick County Commission		X	
Robb Myers	Vanderburgh County Commission	X		
John Stoll	Vanderburgh County Commission Appointment		X	
EMPO Staff Members		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Seyed Shokouhzadeh		X		
Pam Drach				X
Erin Schriefer				X
Matt Schriefer				X
Amir Varshochi		X		
Laura Lamb				X
Xinbo Mi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Dawn Kelsey			X	
Nick Hall			X	
Thomas Witt			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Amir Varshochi

City of Evansville

- Covert Ave: Construction is complete.
- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): Final Tracings packet submitted on October 26, 2021 in preparation for the January 12, 2022 letting.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Final environmental document has been submitted. Right of way engineering complete. Preliminary field check held on November 3, 2021.
- Signal Preemption: Construction activities are complete.
- Signal Head Replacement: Construction awarded to Ragle Inc. for the low bid of \$220,952.75.
- Signal Modernization (Green River and Washington): Construction is complete.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: Final tracings were submitted on September 28, 2021 in preparation for a December 8, 2021 letting.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Comments on the Stage 1 plans were received from INDOT.

Warrick County

- Bell Rd: Current schedule is to complete the corridor before the end of November.
- Warrick Trails SRTS: Current schedule is to complete the corridor before the end of November.
- Telephone Rd: The draft environmental document was submitted for review and comment on October 28, 2021. Preliminary right of way engineering completed for 40 out of 75 parcels.
- Epworth Rd: Consultant selection for preliminary engineering is underway.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd: The right of way funding has been obligated.
- Wathen Lane: Request for right of way and utility funding has been approved.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: Joint inspection meeting held on October 28, 2021.
- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Tentative letting changed from November 2021 to January 2022.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

- (B-43148) US 41 Bridge over Pigeon Creek: NB passing lane and inside shoulder paving is complete. Switching over to NB driving lane from creek to end of project. Piling work has begun.
- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Right of way process with railroad has met delays. Project will likely need to be moved out.
- (R-41410) US 41 from N of SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expwy) to N of SR 66 (Diamond Ave): Preliminary Field Check was held on November 2, 2021. Will need additional funding. Working to summarize the drainage improvements and tree clearing need.
- (R-42287) SR 62 from Rosenberger Ave to Wabash Ave; US 41 over SR 66/Diamond (including various intersections improvements from Rosenberger Ave to Cross Pointe Blvd): Completed east and west end

stakeholder meetings. Performing cost-benefit analysis at St Joe intersection. Completed final review of videos to be shared in November.

Rusty Fowler provided an update to the traffic job at US 41 and I 69 that includes the high-mast lighting. Work on the project has started with construction drives and lighting foundations.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Holiday Schedule Handbook Amendment – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO requests approval of the following change in the Evansville MPO Employee Handbook regarding the Holiday Schedule. The red text has been added to the current policy. This will assure that the EMPO and the City and County holidays are all the same, as the Civic Center is closed to the public on these days and the EMPO will not have to separately approve the holidays annually. Juneteenth has been added as a new holiday for 2022 and is noted in the amended information below:

Section 2.90.195 Holidays

All regular fulltime employees will receive regular pay for the holidays **approved by the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County annually**; New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, President’s Day, Good Friday, Primary Election Day or Lincoln’s Birthday, Memorial Day, **Juneteenth**, Independence Day, Labor Day, General Election Day or Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve.

Regular part time and temporary employees do not receive compensation for holidays.

To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must work the last scheduled working day before and the next scheduled working day after each holiday, unless the employee is on paid vacation, sick or bereavement leave. If an eligible employee works on a recognized holiday, he or she will receive holiday pay wages at one- and one-half times his or her straight time rate for the hours worked on the holiday. Straight time or base rate pay is the employee’s annual salary divided by scheduled hours for that calendar year.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendments – presented by Amir Varshochi

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Active TIP	New TIP
INDOT	R-41407	1800176	SR 61	From 0.14 mi S of I-64 to 0.88 mi N of SR-68 (Lynnville)	Warrick	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	STBG	80/20	Remove Des#	2022	RW	\$345	\$30
		2000890	SR 257	From SR 64 to SR 356	Pike	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance				2023	CN	\$6,840	\$5,936
		2001113	SR 364	From SR 61 to End of Road (Pike State Forest)	Pike	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance							
		2001933	Various	Sidewalks along SR 61—Eastside SR68 to 4th St and Westside SR68 to 3rd St.	Warrick	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities							
INDOT	-	2101318	PR 69 (ORX)	I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX) New Terrain Approach from Indiana State Line in Vanderburgh County to I-69 South of Evansville	Vanderburgh	New Road Construction	STBG, NHPP	80/20	Add Funding	2022	PE	\$0	\$25,900
										2022	RW	\$0	\$1,000
										2023	RW	\$0	\$3,000
										2023	UT	\$0	\$100
										2024	CN	\$0	\$220,000

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Rusty Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. TIP Modifications – presented by Amir Varshochi

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization processed administrative modifications to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on October 21, 2021. The modifications are to projects currently in the TIP documents and are detailed in the following table:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Active TIP	New TIP	Project Total
												All amounts in thousands		
INDOT	R-39921	1400195	SR 66	At Epworth Road, 0.16 mile E I-69	Warrick	Other Intersection Improvement	HSIP	90/10	Move CN	2023	CN	\$4,144	\$0	\$ 5,079
										2022	CN	\$0	\$4,144	
INDOT	R-39923	1601011	US 41	At Lynch Road, 1.0 mi N of SR-66	Vanderburgh	Added Travel Lanes, Construct Turn Lanes	HSIP	90/10	Move and Revise CN	2024	CN	\$1,277	\$0	\$ 1,540
										2026	CN	\$0	\$1,337	
INDOT	B-42876	19002709	US 41	Pedestrian walk at US41 & Washington Ave	Vanderburgh	New Bridge Construction	NHPP	80/20	Combine Des#s Under One Contract	2023	RW	\$254	\$254	\$ 7,067
	R-49254	2000186	US 41	0.87 mi S of SR62/66 (Washington Ave)	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement, Median U-Turn				2024	CN	\$3,346	\$3,346	
INDOT	R-42287	1900308	SR 62	Rosenberger Rd (4.59 mi W of S Jct US-41) to 2.72 mi W of S Jct US-41 (Wabash Ave)	Vanderburgh	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	NHPP	80/20	Combine Des#s Under One Contract Revise PE, CN	2022	PE	\$5,169	\$6,222	\$ 139,338
	R-43197	2001917	SR 62	Poasy / Vand. Co. Line to Rosenberger Rd	Vanderburgh	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay	NHPP	80/20		2022	RW	\$64	\$64	
				Lead Des# and Contracts noted. Additional Des#: 1500041, 1600060, 1602258, 1702066, 1900263, 1900264, 1900268, 1900292, 1900317, 1900262, 2000187, 2000217, 2100041.						2023	RW	\$300	\$300	
										2024	RW	\$510	\$510	
										2024	CN	\$68,755	\$76,799	
									2025	CN	\$44,832	\$46,172		
INDOT	B-42728	2000485	SR 62	Over Caney Creek, 6.34 mi W of SR 261, EBL	Warrick	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	STBG	80/20	Revise PE	2022	PE	\$54	\$304	\$ 1,179
		2000486	SR 62	Over Caney Creek, 6.34 mi W of SR 261, WBL	Warrick	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		2000487	SR 62	Over Stollberg Ditch, 5.35 mi W of SR 261, EBL	Warrick	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		2000488	SR 62	Over Stollberg Ditch, 5.35 mi W of SR 261, WBL	Warrick	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		2000720	SR 68	Over Big Creek, 0.76 mi E of SR 65	Gibson	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		2000723	SR 68	Over Jordan Ditch, 3.02 mi E of SR 65	Gibson	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
INDOT	B-42109	1900772	US 41	NB Ramp over Eagle Creek, 0.31 S I-164	Vanderburgh	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	NHPP	80/20	Remove Des#	2022	CN	\$3,520	\$2,000	\$ 2,000
		1900775	I-69	Lynch Road WB over I-69 NB/SB, 0.14 mi N SR-62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		1900776	I-69	Lynch Road EB over I-69 NB/SB, 0.14 mi N SR-62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay								
		1900786	SR 61	Over McCool Ditch, 0.92 mi N SR-66	Warrick	Bridge Deck Overlay								
		1900782	US 41	SR-66/Diamond Ave, 00.46 mi N SR-62	Vanderburgh	Bridge-Deck-Overlay								
INDOT	R-41410	1601066	US 41	SR 66/62 (Lloyd) to 0.02 mi S of SR 66, N Jct (Diamond Ave).	Vanderburgh	Pavement Replacement	NHPP	80/20	Add Des#	2023	CN	\$15,388	\$16,908	\$ 19,873
		1901940	US 41	1.27 miles N of SR66 to 0.44 miles S of SR57	Vanderburgh	Small Structures & Drains Construction								
		2000638	US 41	Pigeon Creek, .37mi N SR 66- JB NB	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay								
		1900782	US 41	SR-66/Diamond Ave, 00.46 mi N SR-62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay								
INDOT	T-44128	2101636	Various	Various Signal Locations within the Vincennes District Grouped Project: Traffic Signal System Improvements	Various	Traffic Signal Repair	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2022	CN	\$0	\$500	\$ 500

Amir Varshochi made mention that the Evansville MPO processed an emergency amendment that was not included on the amendment table. The amendment is to add a project to repair a signal on the Lloyd Expressway at Fielding Road that was hit during an accident.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke mentioned that he appreciates and commended INDOT's really fast response to the signal repair at the Lloyd Expressway and Fielding Road, especially being on a weekend during a marching band event at the high school that caused a lot of heavy traffic. He also appreciates the quick response by the Evansville Police Department.

Rusty Fowler thanked the City for helping in the response and getting the temporary operation up by the end of the day, including the Police Department and Dave Savage.

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

d. 2022 Safety Target Setting Recommendation – presented by Amir Varshochi

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets to each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas within 180 days of that date. At this time, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

2022 Safety Targets	INDOT	KYTC
Number of Fatalities	876.0	752.0
Number of Serious Injuries	2998.2	2568.0
Fatality Rate (per 100M VMT)	1.076	1.535
Serious Injury Rate (per 100M VMT)	3.675	5.241
Number Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	344.5	299.0

Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

e. Evansville-Henderson Regional Transportation Guide Update – presented by Amir Varshochi

The *Evansville-Henderson Regional Transportation Guide* was developed with help from the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) in 2019. Since then, many of the transportation providers included have changed how they operate, some no longer exist, and some new providers have begun providing service. The MPO has spend the last three RTAC meetings working with committee members to update the guide.

The updated *Evansville-Henderson Regional Transportation Guide* is available as a printable PDF and as a website formatted to be easily viewable on mobile devices. The website can be found at evansvillempo.com/guide.html. From there, you can download the PDF version on the top of the page. Links to both the PDF and website are also located on the MPO website (evansvillempo.com) on the right side of the page.

RTAC members have been asked to help share this information with their clients and the general public. We ask that you please share this information as well.

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2022 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - January 13
 - March 10
 - May 12

- July 14
- September 8
- November 10
- Kentucky's Long-Range Transportation Vision – survey open Oct. 22 -Dec. 6 (www.GetThereTogetherKY.org)

Meeting adjourned.