



**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**

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.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

In person: Mychelle Christian, Lori Van Hook, Angie Higgins, Lora Phillippe, Karen Brooks

Webex/Phone: Greg Wathen, Nate Hahn, Noura Akkad, Doug Boom, Kari Carmany-George, Bernadette Dupont, Nick Hall, Aubrey Howder, Brian Jones, Cheryl Mullis, Jeff Whitaker, Thomas Witt

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Amir Varshochi, Kari Akin, Xinbo Mi

Greg Wathen directed the meeting via Webex.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Lorie Van Hook seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

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 Aubrey Howder, INDOT

- (RS-39357) SR 66 from E of SR 161 to E Jct SR 161 Reo: Construction was delayed due to failed material. Working to complete pavement this week.
- (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.
- (B-42109) US 41 NB Ramp over Eagle Creek: Project documents are being assembled for advertisement.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Stage 2 estimate is higher than anticipated. Working through funding options. Environmental work is ongoing. Public hearing anticipated in late fall or early winter.
- (R-40551) SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR 161): Tree clearing to now be done under this contract due to right of way not being clear in time, this will then require a delayed start.
- (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.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

| Sponsor | Contract | Des#/ID# | Road | Description | County | Work Type | Funding Type | % Split | Action | Fiscal Year | Phase/S ource | Active TIP | New TIP | |
|---------|----------|----------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | All amounts in thousands | |
| 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 | |

Mychelle Christian made a motion for approval and Angie Higgins seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

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 | 1902709 | 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-43254 | 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 | 2022 | PE | \$5,169 | \$6,222 | \$ 139,338 |
| | R-43497 | 2001917 | SR 62 | Posey / 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 | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | |
| 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, 01.14 mi N SR-62 | Vanderburgh | Bridge Thin Deck Overlay | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1900776 | I-69 | Lynch Road EB over I-69 NB/SB, 01.14 mi N SR-62 | Vanderburgh | Bridge Thin Deck Overlay | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1900786 | SR 61 | Over McCool Ditch, 0.392 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- JBVB | 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 |

Pam Drach made mention that the Evansville MPO processed an emergency amendment that did not make it into the packets. The amendment is to add a project to repair a signal on the Lloyd Expressway at Fielding Road that was hit during an accident.

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

c. 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 |

Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Mychelle Christian seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. 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.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernadette Dupont announced that she will be contacting all MPOs and Federal Land Management Agencies regarding Federal Highway's new initiative called Enterprise Activities. There are six of them total with two incorporating planning. She will be reaching out the MPOs about Integrated Planning. They are interested in activities that will implement the 3C approach and the planning process between the Federal Land Management Agencies, the states, the locals, and the MPOs. She will be sending out a survey and will hold interviews in the future.

6. 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.