



**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**

July 14, 2022

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. ROLL CALL

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 (Thomas Witt as proxy)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet		X	
Nick Stallings	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		
Ben Shoulders (Robb Myers as proxy)	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		
Matt Schriefer		X		
Erin Schriefer		X		
Amir Varshochi		X		
Xinbo Mi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Brooke Vorbeck		X		
Nicole Chandler (Summer Intern)		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
David Goffinet (Lochmueller Group)		X		
Jeff Whitaker (Lochmueller Group)		X		
Troy Arnold (INDOT)		X		

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY PRESENTATION

Lochmueller Group and INDOT were present to give an overview of proposed intersection improvements on the Lloyd Expressway between Cross Pointe Blvd on the east side and the Vanderburgh/Posey County line on the west side. Jeff Whitaker (Lochmueller Group) showed renderings of the proposed improvements and explained how the intersections would flow if these improvements are implemented.

The full presentation and discussion can be heard online at:

https://evansville.granicus.com/player/clip/5090?view_id=14&redirect=true

There is also a project website that contains the information discussed during the meeting at: <https://thelloyd4u.com/>

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Erin Schriefer

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): Construction is underway; primarily on utilities.
- Signal Head Replacement: Project is complete.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: Bridge construction is underway with the work on the north side expected to be completed by the end of July.
- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Right of way activities are continuing with 17 parcels secured, 18 in buying, 13 in appraising and 1 in condemnation. County advertised for the opportunity to request a public hearing with no requests received.

Warrick County

- Telephone Rd: Right of way activities are underway.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd: Offers have been made on 11 parcels.
- Wathen Lane: Offers have been made for 9 out of the 18 parcels. Utility plans are nearing completion.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: Updated right of way plans were submitted at the end of April. Offers are expected to be made in the fall.
- US 60 Spottsville Bridge: Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

- (B-43148) US 41 Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Bridge deck is poured, working on southbound pavement.
- (B-42109) US 41 NB Ramp over Eagle Creek: Night work on Lynch Rd over I-69 will begin July 12, 2022.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Project moved to October 13, 2022 letting; waiting on signed MOU from county.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington Ave: Held public hearing on June 29, 2022. Once the two-week comment period is over, the NEPA document will be finalized.

- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Working through the shared use agreement with CSX.
- (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): Working on Stage 2 design. Also working on environmental, utility coordination and right of way engineering. Looking to schedule next round of TMP meetings in August. Keep checking the project website <https://thelloyd4u.com/>

Rusty Fowler provided an update to the high-mast lighting project at US 41 and I-69. The light replacements have made a tremendous difference at nighttime. They are still waiting on pre-final inspection.

Rusty also mentioned the Summer 2022 Community Crossings Call for Projects. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, August 31, 2022 until 5:00 PM eastern.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2021 EMPO Audit – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO FY 2021 audit covering the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was conducted by Crowe LLP through a contract with the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Copies of the audit have been sent to the State Pass-Through Agencies, Federal agencies and the KY State Clearing House. The report shows the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Sixteen grants were administered in FY 2021 totaling \$892,986 in Federal expenditures. The report also lists the schedule of findings and questioned costs in which no matters were reportable.

The MPO has also received information stating that Crowe will be starting the FY 2022 audit this month.

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

b. TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO amended the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
													All amounts in thousands		
Warrick County	B-44286	2101750	New Harmony Rd	Bridge #140 over Tributary of Pigeon Creek	Warrick	Bridge Deck Replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$980	\$784	\$196
										2025	RW	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$50
										2026	CN	\$0	\$2,030	\$1,624	\$406
INDOT	R-39921	1400195	SR 66	0.16 mi. E of I-69 at Epworth Rd	Warrick	Other Intersection Improvement	NHPP	80/20	Move & Revise CN	2022	CN	\$4,144	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	CN	\$0	\$6,872	\$5,498	\$1,374

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on June 29, 2022 with the following:

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Warrick County	R-42810	2002539	Epworth Rd	SR 662 to SR 66	Warrick	Road widening, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and drainage improvements	STBG/CMAQ	-	Move PE & Increase Fed\$	2022	PE	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	PE	\$0	\$900	\$360	\$540
INDOT	B-44361	2200942	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District: Grouped Project - Bridge preservation	Various	District wide bridge maintenance	STBG	80/20	Add Grouped Project	2023	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200

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

c. Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan Update – presented by Matt Schriefer

The *Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan* identifies the actions of the MPO to ensure that the organization conducts all programs, policies and activities without regard to race, color or national origin. The Plan also identifies the procedures for filing a complaint in the case an individual feels they have been subjected to discrimination due to the actions of the MPO.

The plan is updated annually with the annual goals and accomplishments report, current Title VI Policy Statement, current Notification to the Public of their Rights under Title VI, required updates from FHWA/FTA, and any suggested edits from INDOT and KYTC. Approximately every 5 years, a full update of the Plan is completed to include new demographic data, charts, and maps and reflect any changes in policies and programs made by the MPO since the last update.

The MPO is requesting your approval and adoption of the full update to the *Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan*. The final version can be found on the MPO website at www.evansvillempo.com. The last full update of the Plan was adopted on January 11, 2018. The next full update will be in approximately five years.

Dan Saylor made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Drach announced the CY 2022 Call for Projects for federal funding. Funds awarded will cover construction only and will be programmed for fiscal years 2025 and beyond for Kentucky LPAs and fiscal years 2028 and beyond for Indiana LPAs. Eligible applicants include local jurisdictions within the Evansville Urbanized Area in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Henderson counties. Any project eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, Transportation Alternative funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds, Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, and the new Carbon Reduction Program funds are eligible during this call. Project applications are due to the MPO by Wednesday, July 27, 2022 and can be emailed to eschriefer@evansvillempo.com.

Seyed Shokouhzadeh introduced Nicole Chandler and Brooke Vorbeck. Nicole has an internship with the MPO through the McKinney Climate Fellows Program at IU and will be returning back to school at the end of the summer. Brooke is joining the MPO fulltime as an Environmental Scientist and has spent her career in the private sector. Brooke graduated from Murray State University, is a registered environmental manager and certified in the NEPA process.

Matt Schriefer provided an update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050. Since the May meeting, the MPO distributed a public opinion survey. We heard from 424 people and received a lot of comments, suggestions and ideas. The top three overall transportation priorities are improvements/expansion of roadways, improvements/additions to pedestrian facilities, and improvements/additions to greenways and shared use paths. The next steps for the plan update include creating a Citizen's Advisory Committee that will help with updating the objectives that help guide the plan and meeting with each LPA to begin project development discussions.

8. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2022 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - September 8
 - November 10

Meeting adjourned.