



**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**

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. ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

Webex/Phone: Nick Hall, Karen Brooks, Jeff Whitaker, Lora Phillippe, Rick Wilson, Steve Roelle, Nate Hahn, Kari Carmany-George, Thomas Witt, Lorie Van Hook, Jonathan Siebeking, Shawn Hayden, Matthew Bullock, Bernadette Dupont

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Matt Schriefer, Erin Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Xinbo Mi, Brooke Vorbeck, Nicole Chandler

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Lorie Van Hook seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

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 Matthew Bullock, 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.
- (B-42725) SR 62 over Barker Ave: Contract awarded to E&B Paving, pre-construction meeting scheduled for July 18, 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-41410) US 41 from N or SR 66/SR 62 to N of SR 66: All 8 right of way parcels have moved to buying status.
- (R-40551) SR 62, various locations between SR 61 and West Jct SR 161: Had meeting with CO Utility group and found three of four Des# in conflict instead of original two thought to be. Moving forward with getting workplans.
- (B-42185) US 41, N of Jct SR 57: Working through 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.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 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
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 ml. 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

Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 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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All amounts in thousands															
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.

Bernadette Dupont commented that FTA requires this plan to be updated every three years and asked if the EMPO plans on updating the plan again later this year when the new Census data comes out. Matt Schriefer explained that the EMPO updates the plan annually because KYTC requests updates every year. The update that the EMPO completes every five years is to include the new Census data and estimates, and this update includes the 2020 Census data. He also noted that the EMPO will probably be making minor updates at the beginning of the year with things that KYTC, INDOT, FHWA or FTA remind us that might need to be included or updated which we do every year.

Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Erin Schriefer 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.

- *Nate Hahn asked about a newsletter article from the Evansville MPO Express about federal funding sources and if those funding sources were built into this call. Erin Schriefer answered that it was.*

- *Bernadette Dupont asked how much Carbon Reduction Program money the EMPO received from Indiana. Pam Drach knew that for the Kentucky portion the EMPO will receive about \$93,000 a year, but didn't know off the top of her head how much the Indiana portion will receive.*
- *Bernadette Dupont also mentioned she talked with Jackie Jones about CMAQ funding and they are planning to have a Call for Projects in September.*

Erin Schriefer also 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.

- *Nate Hahn asked how the survey response number compared to surveys in the past. Erin Schriefer explained that it was a little short of the survey responses we received during the MTP 2045 plan, but overall, our last two MTP updates have received far more surveys than the ones in the past.*

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.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erin Schriefer announced that the Evansville MPO just finished the Spring/Summer edition of the Evansville MPO Express Newsletter. This edition, as well as older editions, can be found on the front page of the MPO website (<http://www.evansvillempo.com/newsletter.html>)

7. UPCOMING DATES

- **CY 2022 EMPO Technical Meetings:**
 - September 8
 - November 10

Meeting adjourned.