



**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**

May 12, 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):

In person: Jo Ann Volz

Webex/Phone: Rick Wilson, Lorie Van Hook, Jeff Whitaker, John Petkovsek, Nate Hahn, Cheryl Mullis, Kari Carmany-George, Michael O’Daniel, Matthew Bullock, Lea Dycus, Nick Hall, Thomas Witt

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Matt Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Erin Schriefer, Xinbo Mi

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorie Van Hook made a motion for approval and Jeff Whitaker seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Erin Schriefer

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): Project was relet on April 6, 2022 and awarded to Blankenberger Brothers, Inc. for a low bid of \$13, 819,100. Utility relocations are underway and construction is expected to begin in May.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Right of way APAs (Appraisal Problem Analysis) are complete and offers are being made.
- Signal Head Replacement: All 12 intersections are complete. Waiting on the pre-final inspection.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: Clearing activities complete. A pre-construction meeting was held on March 28, 2022. Bridge construction has not started, waiting on railroad to approve their submittal.

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Thirteen parcels have been secured. County advertised for the opportunity to request a public hearing.

Warrick County

- Telephone Rd: The public meeting was held February 1, 2022 with hearing certification received on March 1, 2022. Environmental document was approved April 1, 2022. Preliminary right of way engineering completed for 79 parcels. Pavement design complete March 10, 2022.
- Epworth Rd: PE contract awarded to Lochmueller Group.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd: Offers have been made on 5 parcels.
- Wathen Lane: Anticipate making offers to property owners in May.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: Project split into 2 sections/phases with the intersection improvement phase a priority. Plan changes are being made to the intersection improvement phase.
- US 60 Spottsville Bridge: Work on the deck, barriers and painting to be completed so traffic can be shifted to the new bridge this summer. Utilities are beginning to relocate to the new bridge.
- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Utility relocations are complete. Construction activities began April 18. The work is expected to take approximately 4 to 5 months.

INDOT Updates – presented by Matthew Bullock, INDOT

- (B-43148) US 41 Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Beams are scheduled to be completed. Working on southbound pavement.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Project moved to the August 8, 2022 letting. A public hearing was held March 9, 2022. Waiting on signed MOU from county.
- (R-40551) SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR 161): Letting requested to be moved to October 12, 2023 due to Utility Coordination causing delay. This move will allow to bundle with another project in the same area of roadway. CMA in progress for move.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington Ave: RW Engineering completed and RW is now in appraising. Still waiting on the environmental review to be released for public involvement. Pending environmental review, looking to schedule the Public Hearing in June.
- (R-41410) US 41 from N or SR 66/SR 62 to N of SR 66: Working with Evansville Arborist to evaluate the trees that will be cut.
- (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): Starting RW Engineering and working towards Stage 2. Also working on Pavement Design.

Nate Hahn asked if there was an estimated completion date for the Pigeon Creek Bridge project on US 41. Matthew Bullock thinks it will be complete yet this year. Jeff Whitaker agreed that it should be finished later this year. Matthew Bullock added that their construction season wraps up at the end of November, so it should be complete by then at the latest.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. TIP Modifications – presented by Erin Schriefer

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program on April 6, 2022 with the following:

2020-2024 TIP Modification: April 6 2022								MPO Action:	4/6/22	Resolution, Minutes, or N/A:	N/A	Air Quality Conformity (AQC) Date or N/A:	1/7/22
Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Active TIP	New TIP
												All amounts in thousands	
INDOT	B-44156	2000638	US 41	Over Pigeon Creek, 0.37 mi N SR 66-JBNB	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	STBG	80/20	Add Contract as approved in the 2022-2024 TIP	2022	CN	\$0	\$560
		1900782	US 41	Over SR-66/Diamond Ave. 00.46 mi N SR-62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay				2023	CN	\$0	\$2,996
		1901940	US 41	From 1.27 miles N of SR66 to 0.44 miles S of SR57	Vanderburgh	Small Structures & Drains Construction				2023	CN	\$0	\$199

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

b. Section 5310 Program Management Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO has completed an update to the *Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Management Plan (PMP)*. The PMP identifies the policies and procedures the MPO follows to administer the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program. It also identifies the requirements the subrecipients must follow in order to be eligible for Section 5310 funding.

Changes since the last PMP, which was adopted in 2018, include:

- Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC)
 - The RTAC was established after adoption of the previous PMP. This update includes the role that the RTAC plays in the Section 5310 program.
- Operating funds as an eligible activity
 - Previously, the MPO only provided Section 5310 funds for capital expenses, primarily the acquisition of accessible minivans or buses for non-profit agencies. Per Section 5310 regulations, up to 35% of our region’s available Section 5310 funding can be used for operating. Moving forward, the MPO will utilize up to 35% of funds for operating expenses for non-profit agencies, pending the number of vehicles requested.
- On-site visits to the non-profit transportation providers
 - The MPO is increasing their oversight of Section 5310 subrecipients moving forward. This update includes an on-site visit checklist that the MPO will now use to evaluate the non-profit agencies that provide transportation.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Michael O’Daniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Erin Schriefer commented that the Evansville MPO is at the beginning stages of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the long-range plan that identifies projects to be completed into the future. This plan will include projects to the year 2050 and will replace the current 2045 plan. Right now, the MPO is putting together a public opinion survey to be distributed within the next few weeks. The MPO will send an email to committee members with the link for the survey. Please take it and consider sharing with friends, family and coworkers. Nate Hahn asked if the survey was mostly for people on this committee or if the MPO wants as much feedback as possible. Erin Schriefer responded that we want as much feedback as possible.

Matt Schriefer announced that the MPO is also in the middle of updating the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, essentially the short-term plan for transit in the region for seniors and individual with disabilities. There is currently a second survey out now that will close on May 27, 2022. Even though the plan is geared towards seniors and individuals with disabilities, the survey is open to everyone and the MPO would like as much feedback as possible. The survey is available on the front page of the Evansville MPO website.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2022 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - July 14
 - September 8
 - November 10

Meeting adjourned.