



**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**

September 8, 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: Molly Barnhill, Karen Brooks, Matthew Bullock, Kari Carmany-George, Mychelle Christian, Chris Gentry, Nate Hahn, Shawn Hayden, James Mosley, Jared Peterson, Cynda Phillips, Rick Wilson

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Pam Drach, Matt Schriefer, Erin Schriefer, Brooke Vorbeck, Kari Akin

Webex/Phone: Nicole Chandler (EMPO intern)

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Rick Wilson offered to serve as the Vice Chair. Matthew Bullock made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Wilson made a motion for approval and Matt Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. EVANSVILLE MPO REGION: CLIMATE STRESSORS, RISKS, AND ADAPTATIONS – presentation by Nicole Chandler, IU McKinney Climate Fellows Program and Evansville MPO Intern

Nicole Chandler interned with the Evansville MPO during the summer and presented the research she conducted on climate change and ways to plan for its impacts.

The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Environmental.html>

The audio from the meeting can be heard here: <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html>

Nate Hahn asked if the presentation was being shared with people outside of the MPO, such as city and county engineers. Nicole explained that she has talked to one county engineer and talks are happening about how else to share this information.

James Mosley asked if there will be a way to access the PowerPoint. Nicole said that we will be putting the presentation on the EMPO website. James also commented on Nicole's discussion on heat islands and how complete streets, green infrastructure and tree canopies can help, especially in the inner city.

Brooke Vorbeck let everyone know that access to the presentation and audio from the meeting will be included in the meeting minutes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Seven parcels have been secured.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George): Work is continuing on the design, right-of-way engineering, utility coordination and the environmental document.

Warrick County

- Epworth Rd (SR 662 to SR 66): Notice to proceed with the preliminary engineering was given July 26, 2022.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr): Twelve of the 15 parcels are secured.
- Wathen Lane (US 60 to city limits): Fifteen of the 18 parcels are secured. Utility plans are complete.

KYTC

- Watson Lane (Sunset Ln to Green River Rd): Appraisal activities are under contract and appraisals should be ready in a couple months with offers to follow. Utilities are working on plans.
- US 60 Spottsville Bridge: Bridge was opened to traffic on August 23, 2022.
- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: The project construction is complete, pending some corrective work.

INDOT Updates – presented by Matthew Bullock, INDOT

- (B-40541) SR 68 over Pigeon Creek and Wallace Creek: Pre-construction meeting held on August 15, 2022.
- (B-42643) I 69 over Baseline Rd: Project was awarded on the August 10, 2022 letting to Ram Construction Services of Michigan for \$297,169.17.
- (B-39367) I 64 over Plum Creek: Revised Maintenance of Traffic from a Crossover to Phased, working to update plans accordingly.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at US 41 and Washington Ave: Environmental Document submitted for Final Review.
- (R-42753) Various pavement projects: Received Stage 3 submittal, revised Pavement Design Patching and Joint work quantities. Working on Environmental Document and determining needed permits.
- (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): Second round of Traffic Management Plan meetings were held August 18 and 19, 2022.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. CY 2022 Call for Projects – presented by Erin Schriefer

On July 13, 2022, the Evansville MPO announced a Call for Projects for FY 2025 and beyond for Kentucky LPAs and FY 2028 and beyond for Indiana LPAs. Two applications were received and reviewed, and both were determined to be eligible for federal funding. Applications received include:

LPA	Project	Fed. Funding Requested
Warrick County	Oak Grove Road IV (SR 261 to Anderson Road)*	\$8,160,000
	Project includes adding left turn lanes at major intersections, including at Castle North Middle School. The roadway will be widened for bike lanes and a sidewalk to tie into the previous phases of Oak Grove Road. Drainage curb and gutter and storm sewers will be improved.	
Vanderburgh County	Wimberg Road Bridge #2430 Replacement	\$3,021,600
	Project includes replacing the existing concrete arch bridge with a new concrete beam structure. Roadside ditches will be piped or reconstructed as necessary.	

*This section of Oak Grove Road is classified as a local road; therefore, it is not currently eligible to receive federal funds. The Evansville MPO, on behalf of Warrick County, will submit to INDOT a request to reclassify this section based on the changing role the road plays in the regional network. Once approved, it will be eligible to move forward using the requested federal funding.

Your approval designates these projects for MPO funding. The federal participation level and program years for these projects will be determined as part of the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process.

Matthew Bullock asked if the funding requested was federal only, or if it included the local match as well. Erin Schriefer stated that it is only the federal funding requested, but would confirm that.

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 August 31, 2022 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year (7/22 to 6/23)	Phase/Source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry			Cost to Complete (amount not in Active TIP)	Project Total	Fed Authorization Date and Phase (INDOT USE)
													Total	Federal	State/Local			
													All amounts in thousands			All amounts in thousands		
INDOT	B-44549	2200893	I-69	5.53 miles south of I-64	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	NHPP	90/10	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$194	\$175	\$19	\$ -	\$ 1,728	
										2024	CN	\$0	\$1,534	\$1,381	\$153			
INDOT	B-44551	2200910	I-69	1.55 miles north of SR 66	Vanderburgh	Bridge Painting	NHPP	90/10	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$210	\$189	\$21	\$ -	\$ 1,071	
										2025	CN	\$0	\$861	\$775	\$86			
Henderson	N/A	02-382	Wethen Lane	US 60 to the city limits	Henderson	Upgrade with widened lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalks	INFRA	80/20	Add Funding	2023	UT	\$0	\$205	\$164	\$41			

Nate Hahn asked if bids were coming in higher across the board. Pam Drach stated that bids have been coming in higher and the MPO is trying to adjust how we are coming up with estimates. Matthew Bullock added that INDOT is also seeing higher prices and it's hard to tell what the cause is – if it's the timeframe for projects and contractors bidding in risks, or if it's material costs. He also stated that the executive staff has said there is a trend for commodity prices to come back down.

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

9. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2022 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - November 10

Meeting adjourned.