



## 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**

**January 12, 2023**

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### **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 (Dawn Kelsey as proxy)	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		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Dylan Ward			X	
Bob Grewe		X		

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn 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): From Weinbach to Boeke, the roadway has been restored to the intermediate course. Construction of the multi-use path continues. Traffic is allowed in from Boeke and several north-south side sideroads have been opened to accommodate residential traffic. From Boeke to Vann, staggered barricades have been placed to reduce through traffic movements. Waterline extension will begin soon along the corridor.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Right of way acquisition is complete and the project is ready for letting.

#### **Vanderburgh County**

- Franklin St Bridge (over Pigeon Creek): Construction was completed in December 2022.
- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Right of way activities are continuing with 37 of 48 parcels secured. Permit applications have been submitted.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Field work for wetland delineation and archeology sampling is complete. Right of way engineering is underway. Consultant is working on Stage 2 plans and utility coordination.
- Epworth Rd (SR 662 to SR 66): Survey activities underway. A kick-off meeting was held on October 11, 2022.

#### **City/County of Henderson**

- Wathen Lane (US 60 to city limits): All parcels have been secured. The Consultant is working on final plans for letting.

#### **KYTC**

- Watson Lane (Sunset Ln to Green River Rd): Appraisal activities are under contract and 19 appraisals are expected to be completed in March.
- US 60 Spottsville Bridge: All construction activities are complete.

### **INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler**

- (B-43148) US 41 Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Bridge deck is poured. Working on SB pavement.
- (B-44156) US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave: Project is posted on the January 19<sup>th</sup> letting; have received several contractor questions.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Project files sent to central office to be advertised for the February 10, 2023 letting.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Environmental complete. RW is in buying and working through getting utility relocations started.
- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Project bundled, awaiting fees from Burgess & Niple to complete design of the structures. Working on Shared Use Agreement with CSX.
- (R-42287) SR 62 – Road construction and intersection improvements along the Lloyd Expressway: Working on Stage 2 design. Also working on environmental and utility coordination. RW Engineering complete and starting the acquisition process.

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

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Draft MTP 2050 Update and Conformity Determination – presented by Pam Drach and Erin Schriefer**

Pam Drach provided a high-level overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the associated air quality conformity determination and how they all work together. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 5-year program of projects with financial commitment for the project development & construction. When a government agency is ready to move forward with financial commitment to a project under their jurisdiction, they would select a project from the MTP or another planning document, such as safety, asset management, bicycle and pedestrian, or local capital improvement plan, and submit the project as part of the Call for Projects process. Once selected during the call, the project would then be programmed into the TIP.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 contains a list of identified needs proposed for funding within the 20-plus year timeframe of the plan. The needs have been identified through the planning process which includes, but is not limited to data analysis, modeling, coordination with State and local stakeholders, and input from advisory groups.

The projects included in the plan must be fiscally constrained. Only those projects that can be supported by a fiscal plan based on identified funding that is reasonably expected to be available for the 20-year time frame can be included in the plan. It is not until the project is placed in the TIP with a funding commitment made that the specific years for development and construction are set.

Timeframes used in the MTP correspond with the air quality conformity process. A conformity determination for the MTP and TIP is required, however, modeling itself is not a requirement at this time.

Exempt vs Non-Exempt projects are labeled in both documents. These terms are in reference to conformity regulations. Exempt projects do not need to be a part of any analysis and typically include preservation, safety and alternative mode projects. Non-exempt projects need to be included in the conformity determination and typically include capacity added projects. Prior to non-exempt projects being programmed in the TIP, the project must first be in the MTP.

Erin Schriefer provided more details on the completed draft of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 and associated conformity determination. The purpose of this document is to guide the decision-making process related to roadways, public transportation, freight movement, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the region while conforming to federal standards. The MTP 2050 is a guide for regionally significant transportation projects through the year 2050 and will replace the MTP 2045 plan once adopted.

The Recommendations chapter from the MTP 2050 is included in your packets. The first three tables include the roadway projects identified as a result of the planning process. These projects are broken down into three open to traffic timeframes: 2024-2030, 2031-2040, and 2041-2050. These projects are fiscally constrained, meaning the estimated construction costs for these projects fall within the amount of federal funding the MPO is anticipated to receive through 2050. The projects included in these three tables are regionally significant. LPAs may have plans for road and bridge preservation and maintenance, intersection improvements and other projects that are considered non-regionally significant, but these project types are not included in the MTP.

There are ID numbers associated with each project in the MTP. These numbers do not reflect a priority of any kind - it's just a tracking number for reference to the map.

The next table in the recommendation chapter is for illustrative needs projects. These are projects that have been identified as a need but are not included in the financial constraints of the plan.

Policy level recommendations are also included in this chapter for public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, freight, safety, and a new section discussing sustainability, climate and resiliency recommendations.

A 30-day public comment period will begin on January 25<sup>th</sup> and close February 24<sup>th</sup>. We encourage Policy members to review and comment on the draft MTP 2050. If you have comments and wish for them to be addressed in the draft plan before the public comment period starts, we ask that you please provide those comments to me (my email address is in the memo) by next Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be hosting public open house events in February. These meetings are currently scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, but we will be sending out an email with more details tomorrow, along with a link for you to review the entire plan online. The final MTP will be presented for approval at the March Policy Committee meeting. Please reach out to us with any questions.

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

**b. TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on November 16, 2022 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	42287	1900308	SR-62	From Rosenberger Rd (4.59 mi W of S Jct US-41) to 2.72 mi W of S Jct US-41	Vanderburgh	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	NHPP	80/20	Move PE	2022	PE	\$6,222	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	PE	\$0	\$6,222	\$4,978	\$1,244
INDOT	43969		I-64	EBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Warrick	Bridge Deck Overlay	NHS	80/20	Move PE	2022	PE	\$672	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	PE	\$0	\$672	\$538	\$134
INDOT	43231	2002024	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Bridge Rehabilitation	STBG	80/20	Move PE	2022	PE	\$395	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	PE	\$0	\$395	\$316	\$79

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on November 23, 2022 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	N/A	2101163	Various	Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2022-2025	Vanderburgh	Bridge Inspections	Multiple	80/20	Revise Est.	2023	PE	\$286	\$199	\$159	\$40
										2024	PE	\$16	\$40	\$32	\$8
										2025	PE	\$117	\$175	\$140	\$35
										2026	PE	\$16	\$32	\$26	\$6
INDOT	R-44695	2201132	SR 68	From 1.2 mi E of US 41 to 4.0 mi W of SR 61	Warrick	Small Structures & Drains Construction	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$135	\$108	\$27
										2024	RW	\$0	\$60	\$48	\$12
										2024	CN	\$0	\$150	\$120	\$30
										2025	CN	\$0	\$575	\$460	\$115

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on December 13, 2022 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
INDOT	N/A	2201612	Various	Inspection for permits, small structure inventory, and misc. inspections	Various	Other type project	STBG	80/20	Add project	2023	PE	\$0	\$150	\$120	\$30
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	B-44505	2200518	I 64	From 3.32 miles E of SR 65 interchange to 1.69 miles W of SR 37 interchange	Vanderburgh	Small Structures & Drains Construction	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$1,270	\$1,016	\$254
										2027	CN	\$0	\$11,683	\$9,346	\$2,337
INDOT	B-44509	2200684	SR 57	0.108 miles S of I-69	Vanderburgh	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$211	\$169	\$42
										2025	PE	\$0	\$24	\$19	\$5
										2026	CN	\$0	\$20	\$16	\$4
										2027	CN	\$0	\$1,608	\$1,284	\$321
INDOT	B-44512	2200688	SR 61	00.21 miles S of SR 68	Warrick	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$240	\$192	\$48
										2027	CN	\$0	\$902	\$722	\$180
INDOT	T-44365	2200945	Various	Replace Synsy Pucks with Loops at Various Signal Locations Within the Vincennes District - Modernize	Various	Traffic Signal Repair	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$2,424	\$2,182	\$242
										Includes: 2200944					
INDOT	R-44763	2201283	SR 62/SR 66	2.72 mi W of US 41 Interchange (Wabash Ave) to 0.18 mi E of Junction SR261	Various	Pavement Markings	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$900	\$100

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

**c. 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
INDOT	B-44506	2200972	I 64	From 0.82 miles E of SR 65 to 0.96 miles E of SR 65	Vanderburgh	Slide Correction	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$284	\$227	\$57
										2027	CN	\$0	\$1,231	\$985	\$246
INDOT	B-44508	2200649	US 41	Over Pond Flat Ditch 02.01 miles S of I-64	Vanderburgh	Bridge Replacement	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$568	\$454	\$114
										2026	CN	\$0	\$250	\$200	\$50
										2027	CN	\$0	\$4,960	\$3,968	\$992
INDOT	R-44499	2200044	US 41	1.57 miles S of SR 57 At St. George Road	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement	NHPP HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$781	\$625	\$156
										2024	PE	\$0	\$175	\$140	\$35
										2025	RW	\$0	\$285	\$228	\$57
										2025	PE	\$0	\$700	\$560	\$140
										2026	PE	\$0	\$600	\$480	\$120
										2026	CN	\$0	\$165	\$132	\$33
										2027	CN	\$0	\$7,045	\$5,636	\$1,409
INDOT	R-44500	2200038	SR 66	2.23 miles W of SR 65 at University Parkway Intersection	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$174	\$139	\$35
										2025	RW	\$0	\$15	\$12	\$3
										2026	PE	\$0	\$20	\$16	\$4
										2027	CN	\$0	\$1,363	\$1,090	\$273
INDOT	R-44501	2200978	SR 61	From SR 66 to E Jct with SR 62	Warrick	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$804	\$643	\$161
										2025	PE	\$0	\$8	\$6	\$2
										2025	RW	\$0	\$12	\$10	\$2
										2026	CN	\$0	\$20	\$16	\$4
										2027	CN	\$0	\$6,550	\$5,240	\$1,310
										INDOT		2201275	I-69	New Welcome Center near Evansville	N/A
EMPO	N/A	TBD	N/A	Operating Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations	Various	Operating Assistance	5310	50/50	Add Project	2023	N/A	\$0	\$126	\$63	\$63
EMPO	N/A	EMP-23-0001	N/A	Operating Assistance to METS	Vanderburgh	Operating Assistance	Various	-	Revise Funding	2023	5307	\$0	\$1,294	-	-
										2023	5310	\$0	\$238	-	-
										2023	PMTF	\$2,218	\$2,278	-	-
										2023	Local	\$3,382	\$2,842	-	-
EMPO	N/A	EMP-23-002	N/A	Capital Assistance to METS	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	Various	-	Revise Funding	2023	5307	\$ 1,716	\$1,815	-	-
										2023	5339	\$ 226	\$0	-	-
										2023	5310	\$ 76	\$0	-	-
										2023	Local	\$ 505	\$454	-	-

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															
EMPO	N/A	TBD	N/A	Fixed Route Bus - Acquisition	Vanderburgh	Transit, Purchase Vehicles	Various	-	Add Project	2023	5307	\$0	\$623	-	-
										2023	5339	\$0	\$273	-	-
										2023	Local	\$0	\$224	-	-
EMPO	N/A	EMP-23-006	N/A	Paratransit Bus - Acquisition	Vanderburgh	Transit, Purchase Vehicles	Various	-	Revise Funding	2023	5310	\$ 60	\$0	-	-
										2023	5307	\$ -	\$152	-	-
										2023	Local	\$ -16	\$38	-	-

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

**d. Transportation Air Quality Conformity Protocol – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the interagency consultation group Transportation Air Quality Conformity Protocol. The protocol outlines the process for determining the conformity of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program with state and federal air quality plans and procedures.

Ron Beane made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Before moving to Other Business, Pam Drach and Matt Schriefer added the following information:**

Pam Drach provided the draft program of projects for the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP was developed in coordination with state DOTs, LPAs, transit agencies, and non-profit organizations. The state DOT’s programs have more of a preservation and safety aspect. The Evansville MPO gets approximately \$8.5 million in federal dollars for the local program for Indiana and about \$1 million for Kentucky, and transit for the urbanized area gets about \$4 million per year.

Projects in the TIP are identified during the Call for Projects process, in which LPAs submit their application and letter of funding commitment for a project. Once the project is selected, it will go into the TIP. Project update meetings are held quarterly with LPAs, consultants and INDOT to track the progress of the project and collaborate on any challenges identified to meet the project schedule and budget.

It is the policy of the Evansville MPO to fully fund construction and other construction-related activities first, and if there are any balances remaining, that money is distributed to projects that are eligible for development costs.

In this draft of projects, the I-69 ORX is not included. The ORX team is finalizing the financial plan, and once that plan is complete, the information will be used to determine how to show the project in the TIP. The ORX will be added before the draft TIP goes out for public comment. A turn lane project on Airline Road and KY 812 in Henderson may also be added to the TIP before going out for public comment.

The TIP will be going out for public comment, along with the MTP and associated conformity determination, on January 25, 2023.

Matt Schriefer announced that the Evansville MPO has also completed a draft of the 2023-2027 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan includes a list of the Section 5310 eligible projects through the FTA that are planned for implementation by either METS, HART, or area non-profits to help improve transportation access for seniors and individuals with disabilities. This updated coordinated plan will cover projects to be completed in 2023 through 2027. A draft of the coordinated plan will be sent out to the Policy Committee, Technical Committee, and the Regional Transit Advisory Committee for review and comment. The public comment period and open houses will be coordinated with the MTP and TIP comment period and open houses.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Approval of Bills**

*Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None.*

## **7. UPCOMING DATES**

- CY 2023 EMPO Policy Meetings:
  - March 9<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>; July 13<sup>th</sup>; September 14<sup>th</sup>; November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.