



**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**

January 12, 2023

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: Michael O’Daniel

Webex/Phone: Doug Boom, David Broderhausen, Karen Brooks, Matthew Bullock, Cathy Burgin, Nate Hahn, Nick Hall, Shawn Hayden, McKenzie May, John Petkovsek, Steve Roelle, Lorie Van Hook, Crystal Windhaus, Thomas Witt, John Ballantyne

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock 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.

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- **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.

INDOT Updates – presented by Matthew Bullock, INDOT

- (B-42643) I-69 Over Baseline Rd: Pre-Con was held on October 13, 2022, and the final acceptance was sent out on December 7, 2022.
- (R-40567) SR 65 over I-64 EB/WB Lanes: Contract was awarded to Blankenberger Brothers for \$12,923,950.
- (B-42718) SR 66 over Locust Creek/Pigeon Creek: Project has been awarded to Ram Construction.
- (R-41160) SR 68 from SR 161 to US 231: Project was awarded to JH Rudolph.
- (B-39418) SR 68 over Simpson Branch: Project has been pushed from a November 2022 to a January 2023 letting date due to utility issues.
- (B-44156) US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave: Project is posted on the January 19th letting and have received several contractor questions.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Project files have been sent to Central Office to be advertised for the February 2023 letting.
- (R-39421) US 66 (between New Harmony Rd and Detroy Rd): Project is ready to be posted for the February 2023 letting.
- (B-39367) I-64 over Plum Creek: Received all permits, project is ready to be posted on the March 2023 letting.
- (R-42753) Various locations in the Vincennes District, including I-69 and SR 57: Project moved to the April 2023 letting. Environmental CE-3 was submitted for review. Will post public notice near the end of January.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Environmental complete. RW is in buying and working through getting utility relocations started.
- (R-41410) US 41 (SR 66/SR 62 to SR 66 (Diamond)): RW is working through the buying and condemnation process.
- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Project was bundled. Awaiting fees from Burgess & Niple to complete design of the structures. Working on Shared Use Agreement with CSX.
- (R-42287) Lloyd4U project: Working on Stage 2 design. Also working on environmental and utility coordination. RW Engineering complete and starting the acquisition process.
- (B-43235) SR 68 over Mill Creek: Received Waters Report, working on Permit Determination.

Shawn Hayden asked if the project update could be sent out after the meeting. Pam Drach commented that we could, and that it is also posted on our website on the morning of the meetings.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 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/Source	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 (SR/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/Source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	N/A	2101183	Various	Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2022-2025	Vanderburgh	Bridge Inspections	Multiple	80/20	Revise Est.	2023	PE	\$286	\$199	\$150	\$40
										2024	PE	\$16	\$40	\$32	\$6
										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
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	N/A	2201652	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
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	01.08 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	\$1,605	\$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
										Includes:	2200714, 2200715	I-64 over Indiana Southern RR, 3.0 mi W of SR 61			
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
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.

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/S ource	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
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
										2027	CN	\$0	\$165	\$132	\$33
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		NHPP	100	Add Project	2023	PE	\$0	\$4,302	\$4,302	\$0
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 EMP-23-003, 004	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	-	-

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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	-	-

Nate Hahn commented that the welcome center on I-69 was an interesting project and asked if it is something that has been planned for a while because of I-69. He asked if it was recommended by the state, and Pam said that it was recommended from INDOT's Central Office. Shawn Hayden asked where the welcome center will be on I-69. Pam said that that is part of what this funding is for, to begin a study and determine the location.

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

c. 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.

Nate Hahn asked if this came from something else or if this is something that the MPO developed. Pam explained that it was developed in conjunction with other agencies and it ultimately gets approved by Federal Highway. Thomas Witt asked what major changes there were from the previous document. Pam explained that there aren't major changes; there

were clarifications about timelines. The actual protocol was developed by Federal Highway, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and US Environmental Protection Agency and provided to us for approval. Thomas also commented that Kentucky wasn't included on the agreement and asked if this was because Henderson doesn't have an air quality issue. Pam confirmed that is the case.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Erin Schriefer provided an update on the long-range transportation plan and conformity determination. The MTP is the long-range transportation plan for the region that identifies regionally significant transportation projects. A link will be sent out in the next week for you to review the draft plan online. A 30-day public comment period will begin on January 25th and be open through February 24th. There will also be public open house events in February. Information on these events will also be provided in the email with the link to the plan.

Pam Drach provided an update on the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. The two-year TIP cycle coincides with the MTP 2050 update and conformity determination. Pam will send out the draft TIP project listing that was developed in coordination with state DOTs, LPAs, transit agencies and non-profit organizations. At this time, the list does not include the I-69 ORX project. The MPO is working with the ORX team to get that information. Once the ORX team is finished with their financial plan, the MPO can include that information in the TIP.

Projects are identified for the TIP through the Call for Projects. 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 TIP will be available for public comment during the same timeframe as the MTP and will be available at the open house events.

Nate Hahn asked what the Technical Committee could do to assist the MPO with this process. Pam answered that reviewing the program of projects and providing input and asking questions will be a help.

Matt Schriefer provided an update on the 2023-2027 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan that is being updated along with the MTP and TIP. This plan looks at the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities through the Section 5310 Program. Within the next week, a draft document will be sent to the committee for review. The plan will be available for public comment during the same timeframe as the MTP and TIP and will be available at the open house events.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2023 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - March 9th; May 11th; July 13th; September 14th; November 9th.

Meeting adjourned.