



**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 14, 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. ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

In person: Thomas Witt, Mike Labitzke

Webex/Phone: Rick Wilson, Karen Brooks, Matthew Bullock, Catherine Burgin, Duane Decker, Nick Hall, McKenzie May, John Petkovsek, Cinda Phillips, Steve Roelle, Jonathan Siebeking, Holly Trevino, Lorie Van Hook

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

In person: Kathleen Kania, Robert Kania

Webex/Phone: Jennifer Scott

Rick Wilson directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Roelle made a motion for approval and Jonathan Siebeking 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):** The project is approximately 85% complete. The Vann Ave speed hump is under construction and will be open on September 8th. The Boeke Ave intersection is operating in a 4-way flashing red condition on the signal. The Weinbach Ave intersection will be closed within the month for 30-day reconstruction.
- **Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41):** The first phase of the project is under construction from US 41 to Kentucky Ave. This will take approximately 30 to 45 days. Utility relocation is being completed along the rest of the corridor with gas relocation currently at Denby and Walnut.
- **2nd St/Parrett St/Jefferson St:** Additional public meeting was held on August 16, 2023.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Right of way activities are continuing with 45 of 48 parcels secured.

City/County of Henderson

- Wathen Lane: The environmental document is being updated.

INDOT Updates – presented by Matthew Bullock

- (B-42718) SR 66: Project complete.
- (B-44156) US 41 Small Structures and Bridge Decks: Bridge decks are complete and the small structures and drain construction is ongoing.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Construction is ongoing.
- (R-42753) I-69: Construction is ongoing. The off ramp at Boonville New Harmony Rd is closed.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Ground breaking is scheduled for September 28, 2023.
- (B-42187) I-64 over abandoned N & S RR: Project pushed back from September 13, 2023 letting to the October 12, 2023 letting.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Final plans sent to central office to be published on the October letting. Finalizing revisions to avoid utility conflicts.
- (R-44898) Various intersection improvements on SR 66: Final plans were sent to central office; finalizing pre-print revisions. Set to be advertised on the November letting.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project: Three project numbers were separated out of this contract (Wabash Ave, St Joe Ave and the pavement between Barker Ave and Wabash Ave); these three moved out to a July 2025 letting. This is to accommodate utility relocations. The rest of the projects in this contract are set to let in February; final field check held August 29, 2023; Stage 3 plans will be submitted in September; INFRA Grant Application submitted. Working on utility reimbursement agreements. Public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2023.
- (B-42728) SR 62 bridge thin deck overlay: Final field check scheduled for September 7, 2023; questions/comments coming shortly. Environmental document is being reviewed.
- (B-42199) SR 66 from 2.76 mi west of US 41: geotechnical report was submitted on August 30, 2023.
- (T-45152) SR 62 Lloyd4U project: New contract for the three projects separated out from R-42287 to allow for utility relocations. Public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2023.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024-2028 TIP Amendment – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO amended the FY 2024-2028 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 Total	New TIP Entry				
													Total	Federal	State/Local		
All amounts in thousands																	
INDOT	42287	1900308	SR 62	From Vanderburgh/Posey County Line to St Joseph Ave	Vanderburgh	Road reconstruction and intersection improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$0	\$1,031	\$825	\$206		
				Includes Des# 1500041, 1600060, 1602258, 1702066, 1900258, 1900260, 1900262, 1900264, 2001917, 2100041									\$510	\$833	\$208		
													\$77,078	\$74,900	\$59,920	\$14,980	
													\$46,172	\$23,300	\$18,640	\$4,660	
												\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000			
INDOT	44898	1900292	SR 66	Burkhardt Rd, Cross Point Blvd, Vann Ave and Stockwell Rd.	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Separate Contract	2024	ROW	\$0	\$65	\$52	\$13		
				Includes des 1900268, 1900317, 2000217, 2201283									\$0	\$21,801	\$5,450		
													\$0	\$10,600	\$8,480	\$2,120	
INDOT	45152	2301254	SR 62	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Separate Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$10	\$8	\$2		
				Includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 1900308									\$0	\$32	\$8		
													\$0	\$3,670	\$2,936	\$734	
													\$0	\$34,411	\$27,529	\$6,882	
INDOT	44763	2201283	SR 62/ SR 66	2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave) to 0.18 mi E of SR261	Various	Pavement Markings	HSIP	90/10	Remove Contract	2024	CN	\$1,051	\$0	\$0	\$0		
				Remove as a separate contract and add to Contract 44898													
INDOT	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	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$284	\$900	\$720	\$180		
				Includes Des# 2200519						2027	CN	\$1,231	\$3,321	\$2,657	\$664		
INDOT	42748	2000860	SR 61	From 0.81 mi N of SR 68 (N Town Limits Lynnville) to SR 64	Warrick	Pavement and bridge deck overlay	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$4,020	\$8,500	\$6,800	\$1,700		
													\$0	\$0	\$0		
INDOT	44987	2300274	Various	Electric vehicle charging infrastructure at various locations along Indiana Interstates	Various	Other Type Project	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2024	PE	\$0	\$5,540	\$4,986	\$554		
														\$0	\$21,215	\$16,972	\$4,243
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KYTC	-	02-10091	KY 145	At Beaver Dam Creek	Henderson	Bridge Project	BR	100	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$390	\$1,241	\$993	\$248		

Matt Bullock made a motion for approval and Steve Roelle seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 2024-2028 TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 14, 2023 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															
City of Henderson	-	02-382	Wathen Ln	From US 60 to city limits; lane widening, sidewalks, and curb & gutter	Henderson	Road upgrade	SHN	80/20	Add Contract	2024	CN	\$0	\$5,484	\$4,387	\$1,097
				Contract carried forward from previous TIP.											
City of Henderson	-	02-321	Green River Rd	Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr	Henderson	Sidewalk construction	TA	80/20	Add Contract	2024	CN	\$0	\$380	\$304	\$76
				Contract carried forward from previous TIP.											

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 15, 2023 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															
EMPO	N/A	2101668	N/A	STBG UPWP Planning Activities	Various	UPWP Planning	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$125	\$255	\$204	\$51

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 29, 2023 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	44499	2200044	US 41	At St. George Rd and SR 57 <small>Includes Des# 2200040</small>	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$956	\$2,362	\$1,890	\$472
INDOT	44547	2200879	I-64	3.04 miles E of SR 65 <small>Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert, and small structure preservation Includes Des# 2200870, 2200880</small>	Vanderburgh	Bridge Painting	STBG	80/20	Add Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$200	\$160	\$40
INDOT	44356	2101774	Various	Wrong Way Ramp Entry Initiative - Various locations <small>Grouped Projects (Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips)</small>	Vanderburgh	Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings	NHPP	90/10	Add Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$300	\$270	\$30
INDOT	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 and Drain Construction	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$1,270	\$1,499	\$1,199	\$300
INDOT	44890	2300158	I 64	LED Luminaire conversion at various routes and locations in Vincennes District <small>Grouped Project: Traffic signal system improvements and lighting</small>	Vanderburgh	Lighting Project	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$1,480	\$1,184	\$296
KYTC	-	02-383, 02-383.1	US 41	Intersection at Watson Ln (from Catalina Dr to MP 1.2)	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2024	CN	\$2,840	\$0	\$0	\$0
KYTC	-	02-383.2	Watson Ln	Sunset Ln to Catalina Dr, and MP 1.2 to Green River Rd	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2025	CN	\$0	\$2,820	\$2,256	\$564
KYTC	-	02-383.2	Watson Ln	Sunset Ln to Catalina Dr, and MP 1.2 to Green River Rd	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2024	CN	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
KYTC	-	02-383.2	Watson Ln	Sunset Ln to Catalina Dr, and MP 1.2 to Green River Rd	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2026	CN	\$0	\$1,555	\$1,244	\$311

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 31, 2023 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															
KYTC	-	02-930.00	Various	Installation of Wrong Way Driving Signs and Pavement Markings on Various Off Ramps in District 2 <small>Grouped Project: Highway signage and Pavement markers and striping</small>	Various	Signs and Pavement Markings	HSIP	100	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$0

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

c. Henderson 2023 SHIFT Regional “Boost” Projects – presented by Pam Drach

As part of the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) Transportation Prioritization Plan, the Evansville MPO must select two of their highest priority projects from Kentucky’s statewide projects list to “boost”. The projects selected to boost will have additional points added to the KYTC quantitative scoring to increase the potential ranking going into the statewide selection of projects.

In coordination with local leaders from the City of Henderson and Henderson County, the MPO has selected the following projects for submittal to KYTC to “boost” by September 15, 2023.

- Watson Lane and US 41 intersection: CHAF-IP20230196
- KY 1539/Zion Larue Road from KY 351 to Kimsey Lane: CHAF-IP20080095

Public comment will be accepted on the proposed selection starting September 7 and continuing through the public meeting scheduled for September 14.

Nick Hall made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2023 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - November 9th

Meeting adjourned.