



**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**

July 11, 2024

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

Policy Members	Organization	In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Jack Corn, Jr.	Chairman	X		
Mayor Stephanie Terry	City of Evansville		X	
Mary Allen	Evansville City Council	X		
Rusty Fowler	Vice Chairman, Indiana Department of Transportation	X		
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council	X		
Deneatra Henderson (Thomas Witt)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet		X	
Nick Stallings	Henderson County Appointment			X
William “Buzzy” Newman	City of Henderson Appointment			X
Andrea Balboni	Town of Newburgh Appointment			X
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment		X	
Dan Saylor	Warrick County Commission		X	
Cheryl Musgrave	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		
Kari Akin		X		
Matt Schriefer		X		
Erin Schriefer		X		
Amir Varshochi		X		
Jennifer Scott		X		
Lorenzo Marsh		X		
Cory Marshall		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
La’Kesha Stewart		X		
Susan Johnson		X		
Nick Hall			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Stoll made a motion for approval and Mary Allen 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 construction is substantially complete, and the corridor is open to traffic. Contractor is working on punch list items.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Contractor has started roadway reconstruction from Kentucky Ave to Denby Ave. Waterline relocation has been extended to Governor St.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Utility relocations are underway.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Right of way acquisition is ongoing; offers for ten parcels have been approved. Utility coordination is continuing.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): A field check will be scheduled for the end of July or start of August.

Warrick County

- Telephone Rd (Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd): Project was let for bid on July 10 with an apparent low bid of \$8.82M received from Blankenberger Brothers Inc.
- Oak Grove Rd (SR 261 to Anderson Rd): Utility engineering is ongoing.

KYTC

- Watson Lane (Sunset Ln to Green River Rd): Appraisal activities are underway with 15 of 19 parcels completed.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Completion by late summer.
- (R-42753) I-69 Concrete Pavement Restoration near SR 57: Switched MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) around on I-69.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Loons have been placed and bridge foundations well underway. Ironing out aesthetics.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Revising the subgrade treatment that will work better with the soil present. Installing storm sewer.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Construction is set to begin at Vann and Stockwell by the end of August 2024.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (improvements west of St Joseph Ave): Shoulder strengthening is ongoing on the south side. Utility relocations are ongoing throughout the corridor.

Rusty Fowler briefly mentioned the Ohio River Crossing (ORX) project. It is a design/build contract and was awarded as a partnership between Walsh and Traylor Brothers. The only work done to date has been tree clearing and geotechnical borings, and MOT will soon start so the left lane of I-69 N can be closed to widen/strengthen the shoulder. A shift in traffic should take place in early August.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

b. CY 2024 Call for Projects – presented by Erin Schriefer

The Call for Projects for FY 2031 and beyond was officially announced yesterday. An email was sent to our Indiana LPAs announcing that the Call is now open. The application, along with the Reference Guide and a budget table, has been posted to the Evansville MPO website: www.evansvillempo.com.

The Call for Projects is open to Indiana LPAs to apply through us for Federal Highway Administration funding. Any project, regardless of anticipated FHWA funding source, is eligible for submission. Project applications should be submitted through an Employee of Responsible Charge. As has been in the past, a Letter of Financial Commitment and project budget must be submitted with the application. Applications are due back to the MPO by the end of the day on Friday, July 26, 2024.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024-2028 TIP Amendments – 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/Source	Current TIP Entry Total	New TIP Entry			
													Total	Federal	State/Local	
All amounts in thousands																
KYTC	-	-	N/A	Development of a Regional Safety Action Plan	Henderson	Planning	SS4A	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$216	\$173	\$43	
Includes Counties, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster													\$0	\$0		
INDOT	45653	2400584	Various	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Various	Other Type Project (Miscellaneous)	EVC-RAA	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$153	\$122	\$31	
Funding: Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) Grant													\$0	\$44	\$35	\$9

The first project listed, adding the Development of a Regional Safety Action Plan to the TIP, a public review and comment period was publicized for June 26 through July 10, 2024.

The second project listed, adding an INDOT project for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, is an emergency amendment request. The project is exempt from conformity, meaning the project will not cause a new negative air quality impact. The request was not received in time to include in the publicized public review and comment period.

Jill Hahn asked if we knew where the charging stations were going to be located. Pam Drach responded that we don't have specific locations for them, but we know there are 52 locations across the state and maybe one or two will be located in our area. She also explained that the actual funding is for repairing or replacing existing non-operational level 2 chargers, and not for developing new locations for new chargers.

Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and John Stoll 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 with the following:

Date Processed	Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
														Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands																
5-Jun-24	INDOT	44971	2000129	SR 66	From 2.76 miles West of US 41 JCT.	Vanderburgh	Erosion Control	NHS	80/20	Revise Funding	2025	CN	\$520	\$625	\$500	\$125
														\$0	\$0	\$0
	INDOT	42653	1902846	I-64	Various Locations along I-64 Includes Des# 1902848, 2002351	Vanderburgh	Lighting Installation /Maintenance	HSIP	90/10	Revise FY and Estimate	2024	CN	\$5,847	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2025	CN	\$0	\$5,862	\$5,276	\$586	
11-Jun-24	INDOT	45284	2301164	SR 161	Various Locations along SR 161 Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert and small structure preservation. Includes Des# 2301070	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$2,300	\$1,840	\$460
														\$0	\$0	\$0
11-Jun-24	INDOT	45455	2400049	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District Grouped Project: Pavement preservation.	Various	Pavement Preservation	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$250
											2026	CN	\$0	\$250	\$200	\$50
	INDOT	45456	2400048	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert and small structure preservation.	Various	Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200
														\$0	\$0	\$0
21-Jun-24	INDOT	45273	2301087	SR 161	From 2.63 mi N of SR 66 to 3.48 mi N of SR 68 Grouped Project: Bicycle / Pedestrian Facilities	Warrick	Bike/Pedestrian Facility	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$767	\$614	\$153
														\$0	\$0	\$0
3-Jun-24	INDOT	45265	2201275	I-69	Evansville Welcome Center	Vanderburgh	Rest Area Modernization	NHPP	100	Revise Funding and FY	2026	RW	\$2,000	\$401	\$401	\$0
											2028	RW	\$0	\$7,006	\$7,006	\$0
											2028	CN	\$43,273	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INDOT	40551	1700170	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District Add Des# 1900116, 2001938. Includes Des# 1701038, 1702071, 1702072, 2001942	Various	Small structure replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Des#s & Revise Funding	2025	CN	\$4,932	\$5,932	\$4,746	\$1,186
														\$0	\$0	\$0

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

c. Memorandum of Agreement between EMPO, INDOT, KYTC, and METS – presented by Pam Drach

Federal regulations require there be an agreement between the State DOTs, MPO, and Transit agencies that identifies the roles and responsibilities for the transportation planning process. The Evansville MPO Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was developed in cooperation and coordination with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) and specifies the responsibilities of each agency in carrying out planning activities in the metropolitan planning area.

Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Memorandum of Agreement between EMPO and METS – presented by Jennifer Scott

The Evansville MPO requests approval of the agreement for services to assist METS with grants and financial reporting of their grants for CY 2024. Compensation will be \$52,500 in local funds. The legal services have reviewed the document and Board of Public Works approved the METS signatures on May 23, 2024.

Mary Allen made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2024 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - September 12
 - November 14

Meeting adjourned.