



**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**

**May 9, 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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).*

**1. ROLL CALL**

| Policy Members                      | Organization  | In Person | Webex/<br>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<br>(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/<br>Phone | Absent |
| Seyed Shokouhzadeh                  |   | X         |                 |        |
| Pam Drach                           |   | X         |                 |        |
| Erin Schriefer                      |   | X         |                 |        |
| Amir Varshochi                      |   | X         |                 |        |
| Kari Akin                           |   | X         |                 |        |
| Jennifer Scott                      |   | X         |                 |        |
| Lorenzo Marsh                       |   | X         |                 |        |
| Others Present                      |   | In Person | Webex/<br>Phone | Absent |
| La’Kesha Stewart                    |   |           | X               |        |
| Bobby Howard                        |   |           | X               |        |
| Nick Atherton                       |   | X         |                 |        |
| Chai Mamidala                       |   | X         |                 |        |

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Buzzy Newman 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): The Vann Ave speed table reconstruction is complete. Project to be complete and open to the public by mid/late May.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Stormwater sewer installation is continuing along the corridor from Kentucky Ave to Denby Ave.

#### **Vanderburgh County**

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Contractor is staking and clearing for the utility relocations and water main relocation is underway.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Hearing certification received from INDOT. Environmental document resubmitted to INDOT after addressing comments. Forty-one parcels in appraising; the remainder are in Appraisal Problem Analysis (APA) process.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): Utility verification plans provided to the utilities. Stage 1 plans submitted.

#### **Warrick County**

- Telephone Rd (Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd): Utility relocation is underway.
- Epworth Rd (SR 662 to south of SR 66): The county has submitted a request to INDOT to phase the corridor project with Phase 1 from Tecumseh Dr north to SR 66 and Phase 2 from SR 662 north to Tecumseh Dr.
- Oak Grove Rd (SR 261 to Anderson Rd): Topography survey nearing completion. Subsurface utility engineering to begin in May. PE and environmental tasks started.

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

- Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr): Right-of-way activities are complete. Consultant is preparing the final bid documents for state submittal.
- Wathen Lane (US 60 to City Limits): Contractor is installing water main line and working on grading.

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

- (R-40567) SR 65 over I-64 Bridge Replacement: Construction is ongoing.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Completion by late summer.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Finalizing R/W acquisition. Moving crane to begin work on foundations on the west side of US 41.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Contractor will finish installing Temp Barrier Wall. Milling will continue on northbound lanes followed by concrete demo crew.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Construction is set to begin at Vann and Stockwell by July 1, 2024.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (improvements west of St Joseph Ave): Project was awarded to Ragle and E&B Joint Venture for \$142,459,537.95. Asphalt was the winning pavement type. Pre-construction meeting was scheduled for May 2, 2024.
- (R-39923) US 41 at Lynch Rd: In process of changing letting dates due to Technical Services adding a right turn lane. New letting date is being finalized, but potential for a 2028 letting.

*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 modified 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 |          |           |            |   |             |  |              |         |             |             |              |                         |               |         |             |
| INDOT                    | 45035    | 2300710   | SR 62      | At Green River Rd. 1.5 mi W of I-69           | Vanderburgh | Intersection Improvement                                 | NHS          | 80/20   | Add Project | 2025        | PE           | \$0                     | \$702         | \$562   | \$140       |
| INDOT                    | -        | 2400077   | Various    | Completion of Phase IV of the HELPERS program | Various     | Planning/Feasibility Studies for Local Roads and Streets | HSIP         | 90/10   | Add Project | 2025        | PE           | \$0                     | \$289         | \$260   | \$29        |
|                          |          |           |            |   |             |  |              |         |             | 2026        | PE           | \$0                     | \$289         | \$260   | \$29        |
|                          |          |           |            |   |             |  |              |         |             | 2027        | PE           | \$0                     | \$289         | \$260   | \$29        |
| Warrick County           | 45500    | 2301607   | Stanley Rd | Bridge #37 over Wabash Erie Canal             | Warrick     | Bridge Deck Overlay                                      | STBG-R       | 80/20   | Add Project | 2025        | PE           | \$0                     | \$210         | \$168   | \$42        |
| KYTC                     | -        | 02-935.00 | US 41      | At Wolf Hills Rd and Stratman Rd              | Henderson   | Convert Intersection to an RCUT                          | HSIP         | 90/10   | Add Project | 2025        | CN           | \$0                     | \$1,800       | \$1,620 | \$180       |

*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/Source | Current TIP Entry | New TIP Entry |                              |             |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---|---------|
|                          |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    |             |              |                   | Total         | Federal                      | State/Local |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
| All amounts in thousands |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    |             |              |                   |               |                              |             |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
| 19-Mar-24                | INDOT   | 43231    | 2002024  | Various  | Various locations in the Vincennes District | Vanderburgh  | Bridge Rehabilitation            | STBG         | 80/20          | Revise Funding     | 2024        | PE           | \$600             | \$210         | \$168                        | \$42        |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|                          |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    | 2025        | PE           | \$0               | \$355         | \$284                        | \$71        |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|                          | INDOT   | 44500    | 2301075  | Various  | Various locations                           | Vanderburgh  | Intersection Improvement Project | NHPP         | 80/20          | Add Des# & Funding | 2025        | PE           | \$0               | \$1,280       | \$1,024                      | \$256       |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|                          | KYTC    | -        | 2-942.00 | KY 351   | From MP 6.8 to MP 12.891                    | Henderson  | Signing Improvements             | HSIP         | 100            | Add Project        | 2025        | CN           | \$0               | \$40          | \$40                         | \$0         |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
| 18-Apr-24                | INDOT   | 42199    | 1900300  | SR 66 & SR 237   | Various locations in the Vincennes District | Vanderburgh  | Slide Correction                 | STBG         | 80/20          | Remove Des#        | 2024        | CN           | \$13,410          | \$12,890      | \$10,312                     | \$2,578     |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|                          |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    | 2025        | CN           | \$0               | \$0           | \$0                          | \$0         |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
| 25-Apr-24                | INDOT   | 44971    | 2000129  | SR 66  | from 2.76 miles W of US 41                  | Vanderburgh  | Slide Correction                 | NHPP         | 80/20          | Add Project        | 2025        | CN           | \$0               | \$520         | \$416                        | \$104       |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
|                          |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    | INDOT       | 43232        | 2001938           | SR 261        | Over UNT, 3.7 mi N Jct SR 68 | Warrick     | Small Structure Replacement | STBG    | 80/20 | Remove Des# | 2025  | CN    | \$1,652 | \$1,147 | \$918                                       | \$229   |
|                          |         |          |          |  |   |  |                                  |              |                |                    |             |              |                   |               |                              |             |                             |         |       |             | INDOT | 40551 | 1700170 | Various | Various locations in the Vincennes District | Warrick |
| INDOT                    | 45152   | 2301254  | SR 62    | SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of US 41 (Ingle Ave to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)) | Vanderburgh                                 | Pavement Replacement and Intersection Improvements | NHPP                             | 80/20        | Revise Funding | 2024               | CN          | \$0          | \$7,531           | \$6,025       | \$1,506                      |             |                             |         |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |
| INDOT                    | -       | -        | -        | -  | -   | -  | -                                | -            | -              | -                  | -           | -            | 2027              | CN            | \$34,411                     | \$26,880    | \$21,504                    | \$5,376 |       |             |       |       |         |         |   |         |

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

**c. CY 2024 Call for Projects: Project Application and Prioritization– presented by Erin Schriefer**

This July, the Evansville MPO will be announcing a Call for Projects for Indiana LPAs. This call will be for construction funding starting in FY 2031 and beyond.

The biggest change to the application process this year is the format. In previous years, the application has been completed as a PDF form. This year, the application is online, with space to type answers, check boxes, and places to drag and drop or attach requested files.

The application contains the same content as the previous application cycles, with the addition of new green infrastructure and safety questions. These questions give LPAs the opportunity to explain what green infrastructure and safety features the proposed project will have, potentially earning the project more points during the prioritization process.

There is also a Guidance Document that explains the Call for Projects process, provides details on each application section, and explains the prioritization process.

The prioritization process is also mostly the same as the last several application cycles, with just a few changes. The process is broken down into 3 sections – project elements, which provides points based on physical aspects of the project; project location, which provides points based on demographics, population and employment data around the project, and project readiness, meaning points can be awarded for any phase of the planning process being complete.

These prioritization measures are all based on the MTP 2050 goals and objectives to tie planning efforts together.

The Call for Projects will be announced in July.

*Mary Allen made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **d. FY 2025 Budget – presented by Kari Akin**

The proposed FY 2025 Evansville MPO budget, the budget trend sheet, and a sheet explaining the changes in the budget from the previous year were sent out for review. These are the same values that were approved in March for the FY 2025 UPWP.

*Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

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

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **7. UPCOMING DATES**

- CY 2024 EMPO Policy Meetings:
  - July 11
  - September 12
  - November 14

Meeting adjourned.