



**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**

November 14, 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 (Dawn Kelsey)	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Chris Cooke	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		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
La’Kesha Stewart			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Contractor has installed a new traffic signal at Kentucky/Walnut. Much of the construction from US 41 to Elliot St is complete. Utility relocations and storm sewer installation continue from Elliot St to Heidelbach Ave.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Asphalt in place for Phase 1 Eastwood Dr to Voit Rd. Box culvert installed by Oak Hill Elementary School.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Right of way acquisition is ongoing; 8 parcels clear and 6 secured.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): Environmental process underway. Geotechnical investigation completed.

Warrick County

- Telephone Rd (Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd): Right of way clearing underway. Utility relocation ongoing.
- Epworth Rd Phase 1 (Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66): Preliminary Field Check held September 18, 2024. Environmental process underway.
- Epworth Rd Phase 2 (SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr): Request for Proposals for preliminary engineering posted with responses due November 12, 2024.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr): KYTC comments received and the final bid documents have been updated.
- Wathen Lane (US 60 to the City Limits): Excavating, grading and placement of stone for walking trail and roadway is continuing. Installation of stormwater structures and associated piping is nearing completion. Utility pole relocation is complete.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Working on reflectivity of pavement markings and added “no turn on red” signs on the displaced left.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Continue push to get the pedestrian bridge finished and as much of the RCI as possible this fall. The pedestrian bridge could be open this winter, the official RCI could be finished next spring.
- (B-42187) I-64 over abandoned N and S RR: Project is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Getting close to Phase 3 where traffic will shift to NB lanes.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Vann Ave left turns and signal has been removed. Work on Stockwell Ave median complete. Working through utility conflict on the south. Division St closed September 4, 2024.
- (R-42748) SR 61 (Lynnville): Bridge is complete. Patching should now be complete and continue with paving.
- (R-44971) SR 66 2.76 mi W of US 41: Project was awarded. Waiting for the pre-construction meeting to be scheduled.

- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (improvements west of St Joseph Ave): Traffic is shifted into the eastbound lanes. Demolition work has started for pavement and bridges.
- (B-43235) SR 68 over Mill Creek: Stage 3 files submitted on October 31, 2024 and are at Central Office for review.
- (R-43248) I-64 from 0.5 mi E of US 41 to 0.41 mi E of I-69: All documents with contracts section. Letting date is January 15, 2025.
- (R-44695) SR 68 from 1.2mi E. of US 41 to 4mi W. of SR 61 intersection: Working with Centerpoint to relocate.
- (R-40551) various locations on SR 62, SR 161, SR 261: Still has a tight RFC, but documents are coming together to be in on time for Central Office review.
- (B-39418) SR 68 over Simpson Branch: Final tracing documents turned into Central Office for review.
- (B-44147) SR 62 over Harper Ditch: Working on final tracing documents.
- (R-45152) SR 62 at Wabash, St Joseph: Working to determine lighting locations with the City of Evansville.

He also mentioned the Ohio River Crossing (ORX) Section 3 project. A successful groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 17 with the governor. Phase 3 Maintenance of Traffic was implemented on November 1, moving I-69 northbound back on two open travel lanes. Both lanes are reduced to 11 feet wide with 2-foot shoulders. There's about one mile of temporary concrete barrier walls located along the right shoulder. This MOT configuration will be in place until the end of the job, anticipated late in 2026. This contract does not impact I-69 southbound. Temporary haul roads, construction entrances, and laydown yards have been constructed. The causeway over the pond is partially complete. The bulk of the work going on now consists of pile driving at the bridge foundations and will continue through the winter, weather dependent.

Dan Saylor shared that he has received several positive comments regarding the intersection improvements at SR 66 and Epworth Road, and that he agrees the intersection operations have improved. Rusty Fowler thanked Dan for his comments and will pass it along to others at INDOT. Rusty also agreed that traffic has improved through the intersection.

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															
INDOT	39923	1601011	US 41	Intersection with Lynch Rd., 1.0 mi. N of SR 66	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement with turn lanes	HSIP	90/10	Add Phase	2025	PE	\$0	\$175	\$158	\$18
										2026	PE	\$0	\$60	\$54	\$6
INDOT	45762	2401495	I-69	From SR 66 north to I-64	Vanderburgh	Pavement, Other	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$6,600	\$5,280	\$1,320
										2029	CN	\$0	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$7,500
INDOT	45795	2401528	US 41	Intersections with Covert Ave and Riverside Dr	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement with new signals	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,260	\$140
										2029	CN	\$0	\$6,400	\$5,760	\$640

Rusty Fowler made a motion for approval and Chris Cooke 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																
24-Sep-24	INDOT	45152	2301254	SR 62	from 3.92 mi W of S US 41 (Ingle Ave to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave.) Includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 2400672	Vanderburgh	Pavement Replacement	NHPP, CRP, HSIP	80/20	Move Funding	2024	CN	\$7,531	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2025	CN	\$0	\$7,531	\$6,025	\$1,506
	Warrick County	42810	2002539	Epworth Rd	From Tecumseh Dr to SR 66	Warrick	Road Reconstruction	STBG, CMAQ	Varies	Split Project	2025	RW	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$0	\$2,900
											2027	CN	\$11,275	\$9,500	\$7,600	\$1,900
	Warrick County	45745	2401367	Epworth Rd	From SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Warrick	Road Reconstruction	STBG, CMAQ	Varies	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$900	\$3	\$697
											2029	RW	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$20
2031											CN	\$0	\$8,470	\$6,776	\$1,694	
19-Oct-24	Warrick County	N/A	2300132	Various	Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2025-2028	Warrick	Bridge Inspections	STBG	80/20	Add Funding	2026	PE	\$0	\$237	\$190	\$47
											2027	PE	\$0	\$10	\$8	\$2
											2028	PE	\$0	\$239	\$191	\$48
											2029	PE	\$0	\$11	\$9	\$2
	INDOT	44506	2200972	I-64	From 0.82 Miles E of SR 65 to 0.96 miles S SR 65 Add Des# 2400720. Also includes Des# 2200919	Vanderburgh	Slide Correction	NHS	80/20	Add Des# and Funding	2025	PE	\$0	\$33	\$26	\$7

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

c. 2025 Safety Target Setting Recommendations – presented by Pam Drach

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities;
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Number of serious injuries;
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets for each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOTs statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas within 180 days of that date. At this time, the Evansville MPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

INDOT and KYTC Proposed Targets		Indiana	Kentucky
		2025 Targets	2025 Targets
Safety	Number of Fatalities	812.4	745.0
	Rate of Fatalities (per 100 million VMT)	1.009	1.540
	Number of serious injuries	3031.9	2542.0
	Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million VMT)	3.402	5.840
	Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	363.4	311.0

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Mary Allen seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. FY 2025 Transit MOAs for METS and HART – presented by Jennifer Scott

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following FY 2025 Memorandums of Agreement (MOA):

- Memorandum of Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS)
- Memorandum of Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART)

The MOAs identify activities the EMPO will perform in FY 2025 for METS and HART in exchange for compensation by both. It also identifies the activities METS and HART must complete in order for the EMPO to complete their tasks.

Jack Corn asked if there were any major changes to the MOAs since the last agreements. Jennifer Scott confirmed that there were no major changes.

Mary Allen made a motion for approval and Chris Cooke seconded the motion; motion carried.

e. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2025 – presented by Jennifer Scott

The Evansville MPO announced the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2025 on Friday, November 1, 2024. The applications are due Monday, December 2, 2024.

The Call for Projects was sent by email to the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) November 1, 2024. The call and application have been added to the front page of the MPO website. This call is only for projects eligible for Section 5310 funding (acquisition of buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information, technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call disabilities). Eligible applications include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

If there are any questions about the Call for Projects or application, please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@evansvillempo.com or 812-436-7832.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rusty Fowler shared that last week, INDOT held an event in Pike County for the Community Crossing Matching Grant awarded money and just over \$17.5 million was awarded in the Vincennes District, and several communities within the Evansville MPO area were awarded part of this money.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2025 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - January 9
 - March 13
 - May 8
 - July 10
 - September 11
 - November 13

Meeting adjourned.