



**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**

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

Members Present:

In person: Luke Hill, Mike Labitzke, La’Keshia Stewart, Susan Johnson, Mike O’Daniel

Webex/Phone: Nate Hahn, Nick Hall, David Broderhausen, Lorie Van Hook, McKenzie May, Jessica Waddle, Lauren Summers, Duane Decker, Jonathan Siebeking, Jeff Whitaker, Karen Brooks, Shawn Hayden, Thomas Witt

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Erin Schriefer, Kari Akin, Matt Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Jennifer Scott, Lorenzo Marsh

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorie Van Hook made a motion for approval and McKenzie May 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 punchlist 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 Luke Hill

- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Construction is ongoing, completion by late summer.
- (R-42753) I-69 Concrete Pavement Restoration: 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; this will be after Epworth construction is completed.
- (R-42736) I-69 near US 41: Pre-construction held at the Evansville District; construction will begin soon.
- (R-44971) SR 66 2.76 mi W of US 41: Final tracings have been submitted; currently being reviewed.
- (R-45152) SR 62 at Wabash, St Joseph: Working on Stage 3 plans and redetermining utility conflicts.
- (R-39923) US 41 at Lynch Rd: Additional right turn lane that was evaluated was ultimately not decided; project is now moving forward.
- (R-44013) SR 62 Morgan Ave at Boeke Rd and Stockwell Rd: Utility coordination is ongoing while Stage 1 plans are being designed.
- (R-44499) US 41 at SR 57, Petersburg Rd, and St George Rd:
 - Petersburg Rd: Stage 1 plans will be completed by late fall with a preliminary field check scheduled for some time this winter. Waters report was submitted and approved.
 - SR 57: Due to shifting Safe Program prioritization project letting was moved to January 16, 2030. Stage 1 plans are ongoing; survey is getting completed.
 - St George Rd: Held meeting with stakeholders across the airport to discuss the traffic flow and maintenance of traffic issues. Due to shifting Safe Program prioritization, project letting was moved to November 15, 2028.

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/S ource	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

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.

Nate Hahn asked for clarification on the public comment requirements, and if this meeting can serve as the opportunity for public comment. Pam Drach explained the meeting can serve as a public comment opportunity, but that the Evansville MPO also has a policy in place for processing emergency amendments in situations like this where the project needs to be included in our document quickly. It will also need to go through review from the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program), so there will be a continued opportunity for anyone to comment on that project.

David Broderhausen made a motion for approval and Thomas Witt 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 ource	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		
	INDOT	42653	1902845	I-64	Various Locations along I-64	Vanderburgh	Lighting installation /Maintenance	HSIP	90/10	Revise FY and Estimate	2024	CN	\$5,847	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Includes Des# 1902848, 2002551											2025	CN	\$0	\$5,862	\$5,276	\$586	
INDOT	45284	2301164	SR 161	Various Locations along SR 161	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$2,300	\$1,840	\$460		
	Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert and small structure preservation. Includes Des# 2301070												\$0	\$0	\$0		
11-Jun-24	INDOT	45455	2400049	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Pavement Preservation	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$250	
		Grouped Project: Pavement preservation.											2026	CN	\$0	\$250	\$200
INDOT	45456	2400048	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200		
	Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert and small structure preservation.												\$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	Warrick	Bike/Pedestrian Facility	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$767	\$614	\$153	
		Grouped Project: Bicycle / Pedestrian Facilities												\$0	\$0	\$0	
3-Jul-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
	INDOT	40551	1700170	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Small structure replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Des#s & Revise Funding	2028	CN	\$43,273	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Add Des# 1900115, 2001938. Includes Des# 1701058, 1702071, 1702072, 2001942											2025	CN	\$4,932	\$5,932	\$4,746	\$1,186	
												\$0	\$0	\$0			

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

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

Meeting adjourned.