



**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**

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.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

In person: Luke Hill, Thomas Witt

Webex/Phone: Lorie Van Hook, Nick Hall, Matt Hughes, Karen Brooks, McKenzie May

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

In person: Chai Mamidala

Lorie Van Hook directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McKenzie May made a motion for approval and Thomas Wit 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 Luke Hill

- (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.
- (R-44013) SR 62 Morgan Ave) at Boeke Rd and Stockwell Rd: Utility coordination is ongoing, while State 1 plans are being designed.
- (R-44499) US 41 at SR 57, Petersburg Rd, and St George Rd: Kick-off meeting held in November, early development for Stage 1 plans and Utility Coordination meetings are ongoing and survey is being completed. Met with the Evansville Airport to discuss plans and R/W.

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/S ource	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
										2028	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

Thomas Witt made a motion for approval and Karen Brooks seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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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		
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All amounts in thousands																
19-Mar-24	INDOT	43231	2002024	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District <small>Includes Des# 2002046, 2002134, 2002135, 2002368, 2200910, 2200911</small>	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 <small>Includes Des# 2200038, 2200039</small>	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 <small>Grouped Project: Highway signage</small>	Henderson	Signing Improvements	HSIP	100	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$40	\$40	\$0
KYTC	-	2-943.00	KY 416	From MP 10.7 to MP 15.7 <small>Grouped Project: Highway signage, Pavement markers and striping</small>	Henderson	Signing, Striping, and Guardrail Improvements	HSIP	100	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$230	\$230	\$0	
18-Apr-24	INDOT	42199	1900300	SR 66 & SR 237	Various locations in the Vincennes District <small>Remove Des# 2000128. Remaining Des# included on contract 1900287, 1900291, 1900294, 1900295, 2001057</small>	Vanderburgh	Slide Correction	STBG	80/20	Remove Des#	2024	CN	\$13,410	\$12,890	\$10,312	\$2,578
														\$0	\$0	
	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 66 <small>Remove Des# 2001942 from contract</small>	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 <small>Add Des# 2001942 to the contract. Also includes 1701058, 1702071, 1702072, 1900115</small>	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Des#, Move FY	2024	CN	\$2,467	\$0	\$0	\$0	
25-Apr-24	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)) <small>Includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 1900308</small>	Vanderburgh	Pavement Replacement and Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$0	\$7,531	\$6,025	\$1,506
										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.

McKenzie May made a motion for approval and Karen Brooks seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

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

Meeting adjourned.