



**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**

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

Members Present:

In person: Luke Hill, Thomas Witt, Chris Weil

Webex/Phone: Doug Boom, Karen Brooks, Nate Hahn, Nick Hall, Shawn Hayden, Matt Hughes, Chai Mamidala, La’Kesha Stewart, Steve Roelle, Jessica Waddle, Ben Weithman, Rick Wilson

Non-Members Present:

In person: Stephen Wilson

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Nate Hahn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thomas Witt made a motion for approval and Luke Hill 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 Luke Hill

- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Working on reflectivity of pavement markings and added “no turn on red” signs on the displaced left.
- (R-39421) SR 66 at New Harmony Rd, Mill Rd, Happe Rd, Detroy Rd: Work is completed.
- (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): Closed Morgan Ave for 37-day closure. Working on surface asphalt for mainline pavement.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Vann work is completed. Working on the outside area of Stockwell.
- (B-44549) I-69 S of I-64: Construction is completed.
- (R-42736) I-69 W to .42 mi W of US 41/I-69 junction: Work is completed.
- (R-44971) SR 66 2.76 mi W of US 41: Project was awarded. Waiting on 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-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 City of Evansville.
- (R-39923) US 41 at Lynch Rd: Project going to be moved back to a 2028 letting. Changes in scope are taking place and discussion about adding a right turn lane are ongoing. Contingent on funds and cost.
- (R-44013) SR 62 Morgan Ave at Boeke Rd and Stockwell Rd: Reviewing Stage 2 design comments and a traffic management plan meeting is in process of getting scheduled.
- (R-44499) US 41 at SR 57, Petersburg Rd, and St George Rd:
 - Petersburg Rd: Environmental investigation and utility coordination are ongoing. Preliminary field check is getting scheduled for a late November/Early December date.
 - SR 57: Project letting was moved to January 16, 2030 due to funds. Stage 1 design plans are currently getting developed.
 - St George Rd: Due to the results of the displaced left turn review, multiple alternatives are getting designed. Continued work on environmental and utility investigations.
- (R-44506) I-64 E/W at SR 65: Soil borings took place in October and geotechnical report is being developed.

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 <small>Includes Des# 2401301, 2401355, 2401385, 2401357, 2401358, 2401359, 2401360, 2401361, 2401362</small>	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

Nate Hahn asked why the last two projects were added, or if they were future projects that moved up. Pam Drach responded that the projects were added as a result of the State’s Call for Projects, and these projects are being added because they were selected for funding in FY 2029.

Shawn Hayden 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/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) <small>Includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 2400672</small>	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	\$897
2029											RW	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$20	
2031	CN	\$0	\$8,470	\$6,776	\$1,694											
15-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 <small>Act Des# 2400720. Also includes Des# 2200919</small>	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

Steve Roelle made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. 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

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

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

Meeting adjourned.