



**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**

**September 12, 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**

**Members Present:**

*In person:* Luke Hill, Thomas Witt, Mike Labitzke

*Webex/Phone:* Karen Brooks, McKenzie May, Steve Roelle

**Non-Members Present:**

*Webex/Phone:* Brian Aldridge (Stantec)

**Evansville MPO Staff Present:**

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

*Seyed Shokouhzadeh directed the meeting.*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mike Labitzke made a motion for approval and Thomas Witt 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 is complete.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Contractor has extended reconstruction to Governor. Final asphalt surface is expected to be placed this quarter from US 41 to Garvin St.

**Vanderburgh County**

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Pipe installation, grading, subbase, curb and gutter, and driveways completed on the east side of Phase 1. The west side work completed includes grading, stabilization, underdrains and subbase installation.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Right of way acquisition is ongoing; 8 parcels secured, offers for 17 parcels have been approved. Geotechnical work has started.

- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): A field check was held on August 17.

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

- Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr): Final bid documents have been submitted to KYTC for comment. Additional funding request has been submitted.
- Wathen Lane (US 60 to the City Limits): Excavating, grading and placement of stone for walking trail is underway. Installation of stormwater structures and associated piping is continuing.

#### **INDOT Updates – presented by Luke Hill**

- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Displaced left turn is open and functioning very well. Some small adjustments to be made.
- (R-42753) I-69 Concrete Pavement Restoration: Over 70% of the project is completed. Slowly opening back up to 2 lanes. I-69 southbound between the 10–15-mile markers will have concrete patching taking place.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Bridge has been set on abutments; working on ramps. Aesthetics are final. Working on pavement for U-Turns.
- (B-42187) I-64 over abandoned N and S RR: Phase 3 eastbound and westbound deck pours took place in the final week of August. Bridge approaches were poured as well. Project expected to be complete by mid-November.
- (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 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-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (improvements west of St Joseph Ave): Crossovers are close to completion; will shift traffic to the south side of median by October. Utility relocations ongoing.
- (R-45152) SR 62 at Wabash, St Joseph: Working on Stage 3 plans and redetermining utility conflicts. Updating contract documents.
- (R-39923) US 41 at Lynch Rd: Revising and reviewing the project scope and schedule from the consultant. Could potentially be moved back.
- (R-44013) SR 62 Morgan Ave at Boeke Rd and Stockwell Rd: This contract was pushed back to a letting date of February 10, 2027 due to traffic funding.
- (R-44499) US 41 at SR 57, Petersburg Rd, and St George Rd:
  - Petersburg Rd: Stage 1 of plan design was submitted on September 3, 2024. Discussion about moving the letting date due to traffic funds are in process.
  - SR 57: Due to shifting Safe Program prioritization, project letting was moved to January 16, 2030. Stage 1 plans are ongoing and survey is now complete.
  - St George Rd: Due to shifting Safe Program prioritization, project letting was moved to November 15, 2028. Geometry review meeting was held on September 11, 2024 to discuss the displaced left turn.
- *Luke Hill also provided an update on I-69 ORX. Barrier walls have been placed on the shoulders of I-69 so they can move on to Phase 3, which is two 11-foot lanes. Phase 3 is intended to start before October. More information can be found online at <https://i69ohiorivercrossing.com/>.*

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

**b. CY 2024 Call for Projects – presented by Erin Schriefer**

In July, the MPO announced the Call for Projects for Indiana LPAs for FY 2031 and beyond. Thirteen applications were received, and all were reviewed following the project selection process that is guided by the goals and objectives set forth in the MTP 2050.

At this time, the MPO is recommending the top project from each Indiana LPA move forward. The following is a summary of these projects:

Project	LPA	Recommended Program Year for TIP 2026-2030
<b>Epworth Rd</b> (Tecumseh Dr to SR 662)	<b>Warrick County</b> Project includes lane widening with curb and gutter, new storm sewers, bike lanes and a sidewalk/trail. This segment of Epworth Rd was previously included in the entire corridor from Frontage Rd to SR 662 approved for Federal funding during the CY 2022 Call. Due to additional environmental work, this segment of the corridor must proceed as a second phase.	<b>FY 2031</b>
	<b>Evansville</b> Project includes adding a two-way center turn lane and various bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including bike lanes, sidewalks, and a sidepath. Signal modifications at various intersections and pedestrian crossing improvements will also be made.	<b>FY 2032</b>
<b>Petersburg Rd</b> (Club House Dr to Boonville New Harmony Rd)	<b>Vanderburgh County</b> The project includes reconstructing Petersburg Rd to provide curbs, storm sewers, and a sidewalk on the east side of the road. Left turn lanes will be added at the entrance to McCutchanville Elementary School and at the intersections with Championship Dr and Keefer Dr.	<b>FY 2033</b>

Your approval designates these projects for MPO funding, and the federal participation level for these projects will be determined as part of the upcoming TIP 2026-2030 development process.

*McKenzie May made a motion for approval and Mike Labitzke seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**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	45621	2400611	Various	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Vanderburgh	Other Type Project (Miscellaneous)	NEVI	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$750	\$600	\$150	
location: 2020 S Greer River Rd, Evansville, IN 47715													\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Thomas Witt made a motion for approval and Mike Labitzke 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																
16-Aug-24	INDOT	45284	2301164	SR 161	Various locations along SR 161 <small>Includes Des# 2301070</small>	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement	NHPP	100	Increase Funding	2025	PE	\$2,300	\$2,710	\$2,710	\$0
											2024	PE	\$5,540	\$1,000	\$900	\$100
	INDOT	44967	2300274	Various	Electric vehicle charging infrastructure at various locations along Indiana Interstates	Various	Other Type Project	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$21,215	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2025	PE	\$5,540	\$8,336	\$7,503	\$834
											2025	CN	\$21,215	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2026	CN	\$21,215	\$19,948	\$15,959	\$3,990
2027	CN	\$0	\$27,243	\$21,794	\$5,449											
2028	CN	\$0	\$18,988	\$15,190	\$3,798											
26-Aug-24	INDOT	43969	2100669	I-64 & SR 64	Various locations in the Vincennes District <small>Includes Des# 2100668, 2100718, 2100717, 2100753</small>	Warrick	Bridge Deck Overlays	NHPP	80/20	Add Funding	2025	PE	\$0	\$106	\$85	\$21
											2025	PE	\$0	\$353	\$318	\$35
	INDOT	45295	2301241	SR 66	From 1.81 mi E of US 41 to 1.91 E of US 41 (EB). <small>Grouped Project: Bike and pedestrian facilities</small>	Vanderburgh	Other Type Project (Miscellaneous)	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2027	RW	\$0	\$20	\$16	\$4
2028	CN	\$0	\$270	\$216	\$54											
29-Aug-24	INDOT	39418	1593066	SR 68	Over Simpson Branch, 2.33 mi E of SR 61	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$40	\$32	\$8
											2025	CN	\$0	\$1,203	\$962	\$241

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

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. INDOT/EMPO Multimodal Connectivity Plan – presented by Brian Aldridge**

Brian Aldridge of Stantec Inc. provided an overview of the INDOT/EMPO Multimodal Connectivity Plan. Stantec was selected as the consultant to study SR 66 from US 41 to Epworth Rd for multimodal connections across SR 66. To hear the full presentation, go to <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html> and select the audio/video button for 9/12/2024 in the Policy Committee section.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**7. UPCOMING DATES**

- CY 2024 EMPO Technical Meetings:
  - November 14

Meeting adjourned.