



**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**

January 9, 2025

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	Indiana Department of Transportation			X
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council		X	
Deneatra Henderson	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet			X
Nick Stallings	Henderson County Appointment			X
William “Buzzy” Newman	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Chris Cooke	Town of Newburgh Appointment		X	
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment			X
Sarah Seaton	Warrick County Commission		X	
Amy Canterbury	Vanderburgh County Commission			X
John Stoll	Vice Chairman, 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
Dawn Kelsey			X	
Bobby Howard			X	
Ted Miller		X		
Chai Mamidala		X		

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
City of Evansville		
Walnut Street Ph 3: MLK Jr Blvd to US 41	Road Diet with bike and pedestrian accommodations, green infrastructure, and a multiuse path.	Much of the construction from US 41 to Canal St is complete. Utility relocations and storm sewer installation continue from Heidelberg Ave to Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Vanderburgh County		
Oak Hill Rd: Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	The watermain installation is completed in phase 2 up through William Brooks Drive. The contractor will begin work on completing hydrants and services after testing and chlorination are complete.
Oak Hill Rd: Lynch Rd to St George Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	39 parcels had been acquired as of mid-December; offers have been approved for all parcels.
Warrick County		
Epworth Rd Phase 2: SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Design consultant has been selected and the contract is in negotiations.
City of Henderson/Henderson County		
Green River Rd: Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr	Sidewalk extension with ADA improvements and markings	Waiting on approval of the additional funding for construction.

INDOT Updates – presented by Pam Drach

Contract	Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
INDOT			
R-39921	SR 66 At Epworth Road, 0.16 mile E I-69	Intersection improvement project	Working on Reflectivity of pavement markings.
R-39421	SR 66 At New Harmony Road (WB), W. Mill Road (EB), N Happe Road (EB & WB), and Detroy Road (EB & WB)	Auxiliary Lanes, Accel & Decel or Turn Lanes	Work is completed on this project.
B-42876	US 41 Pedestrian walk at US41 & Washington Ave	Pedestrian Bridge	Pedestrian Bridge is open to Pedestrian traffic. Work on Median U-turn is ongoing.
	US 41 0.87 mi S of SR62/66 (Washington Ave)	Intersection Improvement, Median U-Turn	
B-42187	I 64 Over Abandoned N & S RR, EBL, 0.82 mi E SR-65	Bridge Deck Replacement	Project is completed.
	I 64 Over Abandoned N & S RR, WBL, 0.82 mi E SR-65	Bridge Deck Replacement	
R-41410	US 41 From N of SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expwy) to 0.74 mi N of SR 66 (Diamond Ave)	Pavement replacement	Moving into Phase 3 to work on median and southbound lanes soon: several left turns will be restricted.
R-44898	SR 66 At 1.79 mi E of US-41 (Vann Ave)	Intersection Improvement	In Phase 2 at Stockwell, work in the median is ongoing.
	SR 66 At 1.20 mi W of I-69 (Burkhardt Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 66 At 0.58 mi W of I-69 (Cross Pointe Blvd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 66 At 2.25 mi E of US 41 (Stockwell Rd)	Intersection Improvement	

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R-42748	SR 61 From 0.14 mi S of I-64 to 0.88 mi N of SR-68 (Lynnville)	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Sidewalk work continued.
B-44549	I 69 05.53 S I-64	Bridge Deck Overlay	Construction completed.
R-42736	I 69 I-69, 0.07 miles west to .42 miles west of US 41/I-69 jct (5 Structures)	Small Structures & Drains Construction	Construction completed.
B-42728	SR 62 Over Caney Creek, 6.34 mi W of SR 261, EBL	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	Construction completed.
	SR 62 Over Caney Creek, 6.34 mi W of SR 261, WBL	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
	SR 62 Over Stollberg Ditch, 5.35 mi W of SR 261, EBL	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
	SR 62 Over Stollberg Ditch, 5.35 mi W of SR 261, WBL	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
R-44971	SR 66 From 2.76 miles West of US 41 Jct	Slide Correction	Project was awarded, waiting on Pre-Construction meeting to be held on 1/8/2025.
R-42287	SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement	Traffic is shifted into the Eastbound lanes, Demolition work has started for Pavement and Bridges. T-Wall construction at bridges is ongoing.
	SR 62 At 6.62 mi W of US-41 (Schutte Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 62 At 4.58 mi W of US-41 (Rosenberger Ave)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 62 From Rosenberger Rd (4.59 mi W of S Jct US-41) to 3.92 mi W of S Jct US-41 (Ingle Ave)	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	
	SR 62 From 8.56 mi W US 41 to 4.59 mi W of US 41 (East of Posey/Vanderburgh Count Line to Rosenberger Rd	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay	
	SR 62 At McDowell Road, 7.75 mi W of US41	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement	
	SR 62 At 6.62 mi W of US-41 (Schutte Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
B-43235	SR 68 over MILL CREEK, 00.26 E SR 61	Bridge Replacement	STG 3 submitted 12/6/2024. Review is complete by Central Office. Final Tracings are due 3/17/2025.
R-43248	I 64 From 0.5 mi E of US 41 to 0.41 mi E of I-69	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	All documents have been sent for RFC. Letting is slated for next week- 1/15/2025
R-44695	SR 68 From 1.2 mi E. US 41 to 4.0 mi W. of SR 61 intersection on SR 68 (RPs 23.2, 31.59 and 31.79)	Small Structures & Drains Construction	Working with Centerpoint to relocate.
R-40551	SR 62, various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR-161	Small structure replacements	Awaiting utility documents for completion. Moving to the March letting for more time.
	SR 161 10.46 miles N Jct SR-66	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 62 04.79 mile E SR-61	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 62 3.88 mile E, W Jct SR-161	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 261 over UNT, 3+70 N JCT SR 66	Small Structure Replacement with Bridge	
	SR 161 Over Coles Creek, 0.69 mi N SR-62	Replace Superstructure	
B-39418	SR 68 Over Simpson Branch, 2.33 miles E of SR-61	Bridge Replacement	Final Tracing documents turned into central office for review.
B-44147	SR 62 over HARPER DITCH, 01.78 E US 41	Substructure Repair And Rehabilitation	Working on Final Tracing Documents.
R-45152	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	Working on Stage 3 plans, revising utility agreements, and finalizing utility conflicts.
	SR 62 At 3.09 mi W of US-41 (St. Joseph Ave.)	SR 62 At 3.09 mi W of US-41 (St. Joseph Ave.)	
	SR 62 2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave)	SR 62 2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave)	
	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	
B-43972	SR 61 over CARTER-TRAYLOR DITCH, 00.08 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	17 Stage 3 files have been transitioned to Central Office review status 12/31/24
	SR 61 over CYPRESS CREEK, 00.19 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	

B-43986	SR 66 over UNT, 1.45mi E JCT SR 65	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Environmental Permits submitted 9/26/2024. STG3 - due February of 2025
R-39923	US 41 At Lynch Road, 1.0 mi N of SR-66	Intersection Improvement. Added left turn lane on SB US 41. No improvements on Lynch other than resurface.	Project got moved back to a November 2027 letting, due to lack of funds. Added right turn lane being added back in the design after getting approved from central office.
R-43982	SR 57 From 1.32 N. US 41(End of Concrete) to S. Jct. of I 69 (end of Asphalt)	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Pavement Design received 12/13/2024. Stg 3 Due in March 2025.
B-43969	I 64 EBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	Change management request submitted due to lack of funds. Waters of the US report completed.
	I 64 WBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
	I 64 EBL over TRIB. OF COLES CREEK, 06.74 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
	I 64 WBL over TRIB. OF COLES CREEK, 06.74 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
R-44013	SR 62 (Morgan Ave.) At Boeke Road, 1.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	Reviewing Stage 2 Design comments and a Traffic Management Plan meeting is in process of getting scheduled.
	SR 62 At Stockwell Road, 2.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	
B-44512	SR 61 00.21 miles S of SR 68	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	Project got eliminated and will be removed from the EMPO sheet after meeting.
	I 64 EB over Indiana Southern RR 03.00 miles W of SR 61	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
	I 64 WB over Indiana Southern RR 03.00 miles W of SR 61	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
B-44508	US 41 NB over Pond Flat Ditch 02.01 miles S of I-64	Bridge Replacement	Environmental and Permitting meeting to be held in the next couple of weeks due to elevated environmental document and bundling.
	US 41 SB over Pond Flat Ditch 02.01 miles S of I-64	Bridge Replacement	
R-44501	SR 61 From SR 66 to E Jct with SR 62	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	Project is currently suspended. Will be removed from EMPO sheet after meeting.
R-44499	US 41 0.66 miles S. of SR 57 at St. Petersburg Rd	Intersection Improvement	Environmental Investigation and utility coordination are on-going. Preliminary Field Check was held on 11/25/24.
	US 41 At SR 57 Intersection	Intersection Improvement	Project letting was moved to 1/16/2030. Stage 1 design plans are currently getting developed and will be submitted soon.
	US 41 1.57 miles S of SR 57 At St. George Road	Intersection Improvement	Due to the results of the Displaced Left Turn Review, multiple alternatives are getting designed. Continued work on environmental and utility investigations.
R-44505	I 64 From 3.32 miles E of SR 65 interchange to 1.69 miles W of SR 37 interchange	Small Structures & Drains Construction	Archaeological investigation is on-going as well as the Red Flag Investigation.
R-44506	I 64 From 0.82 miles E of SR 65 to 0.96 miles E of SR 65	Slide Correction	Meeting will be held on 1/10/25 to discuss geotechnical report and cost estimate.
B-44509	SR 57 01.08 miles S of I-69	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	Stage 2 review completed 10/4/24. Waters report submitted 10/9/24. Continue working on Utility coordination and the environmental document.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2024 EMPO Audit and Compliance Examination – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO FY 2024 audit covering the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 was conducted by Crowe LLP through a contract with the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Copies of the audit have been sent to the state passthrough agencies, federal agencies, and the KY and IN state clearinghouses.

Pages 14 and 15 of the audit show the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Fifteen federal grants were administered in FY 2024 totaling \$1,465,884 in federal expenditures. Of this total, \$544,317 were passed through to not-for-profits utilizing the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds.

Page 22 lists the schedule of findings and questioned costs in which no matters were reportable. A compliance examination also resulted in no findings.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

b. 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	43231	2002024	I-69	1.55 mi S SR 66	Vanderburgh	Bridge Painting	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2025	PE	\$355	\$330	\$264	\$66
										2025	CN	\$5,171	\$2,100	\$1,680	\$420
INDOT	46029	2002135	I-69	SB/NB over SR 66 EB/WB Lloyd Exp, 1.55 mi S SR 62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Painting	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$401	\$361	\$40
													\$0	\$0	\$0
INDOT	45285	2300807	SR 62	SR 62 Bridge over Harper Ditch, 1.78 mi E of US 41	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	BR	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$200	\$160	\$40
										2028	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200
INDOT	44499	2200044	US 41	1.57 mi. S of SR 57 at St George Rd	Vanderburgh	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	HSIP	90/10	Revise Funding and Fiscal Years	2025	PE	\$0	\$700	\$630	\$70
										2025	RW	\$285	\$165	\$149	\$17
										2026	CN	\$765	\$115	\$104	\$12
										2027	CN	\$8,153	\$0	\$0	\$0
INDOT	45753	2200037	US 41	0.66 mi. S of SR 57 at Petersburg Rd	Vanderburgh	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2025	RW	\$0	\$45	\$41	\$5
										2026	CN	\$0	\$650	\$585	\$65
										2027	CN	\$0	\$944	\$850	\$94

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. 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																
25-Nov-24	INDOT	43204	2002343	SR 62	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Drainage Ditch Correction	NHPP		Move FY	2024	CN	\$1,135	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2025	CN	\$0	\$1,135	\$908	\$227
3-Dec-24	INDOT	43248	2001914	I-69	Various locations in Vanderburgh and Pike Counties	Vanderburgh	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	NHPP		Add Funding	2025	CN	\$15,342	\$16,842	\$13,474	\$3,368
	Evansville	45921	2401671	Various	Improve and/or upgrade the pavement markings to thermoplastic and multi-	Vanderburgh	Line, Thermoplastic	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$1,104	\$994	\$110
	Evansville	45893	2401669	Various	Install Radar Speed Limit Feedback systems at various locations on Diamond Ave, Covert Ave, and Lynch Rd	Vanderburgh	Other Intersection Improvement	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$92	\$83	\$9
	Evansville	45997	2401668	John St	Installation of pavement markings, LED Stop signs, Stop Ahead markings, and	Vanderburgh	Other Intersection Improvement	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$212	\$191	\$21
															\$0	\$0
Evansville	45901	2401666	Various	Install signal backplates at various signalized intersections throughout the City.	Vanderburgh	Traffic Signal Visibility Improvements	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$921	\$829	\$92	
Evansville	45919	2401664	Franklin St	Road reconfiguration to reposition travel lanes, parking, and multiuse path from Fulton Ave to First Ave.	Vanderburgh	Line, Thermoplastic	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$166	\$149	\$17	
Warrick	45920	2401529	Various	Installation of conflict management system at various intersections in Warrick County	Warrick	Un-Signalized Intersection Sign & Marking Visibility Imp	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$120	\$108	\$12	
INDOT	40551	1700170	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Warrick	Small structure replacement	STBG	80/20	Increase Funding	2025	CN	\$5,932	\$6,532	\$5,226	\$1,306	

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

d. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 Modification – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO has modified the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 to include:

- Moving the Third St project and the Epworth Rd Phase 2 project from the 2024-2030 project listing to the 2031-2040 project listing;
- Updating cost estimates in the 2024-2030 project listing to reflect costs from lettings or current updates from quarterly project reviews as appropriate;
- Revising the Federal Fiscal Constraint table to reflect the above modifications.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

e. 2025 Title VI Goals and Accomplishments Report – presented by Pam Drach

At the beginning of each year, the Evansville MPO develops a list of Title VI accomplishments from the prior year and Title VI goals for the upcoming year. These goals and accomplishments include completed and upcoming trainings and workshops, updates to Title VI documents and surveys, and the total number of Title VI complaints from the previous year.

The complete list forms the annual Title VI Goals and Accomplishments Report. The 2025 report will be added to the appendices of the *Title VI Implementation & Limited English Proficiency Plan*.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

f. Draft 2026-2030 TIP Program of Projects – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO is developing the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP provides a five-year funding and implementation schedule for projects based on the expected available federal funds. A draft program of projects was developed for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), the Local Public Agencies (LPA), and transit agencies. The draft program was developed based on the expected FY 2026-2030 TIP funding program amounts, the current and anticipated phased of project development, and through consultation with local officials, transit providers, INDOT, and KYTC.

The draft program of projects does include information for the Ohio River Crossing ORX project for Phase 1 (Sections 1 and 3) which is currently under construction and Phase 2 (Section 2) which includes the actual bridge. The current project listing for Phase 1 does not show funding, but that does not mean that the project is not moving forward with construction. This just means that no additional funding is anticipated to be applied to the phase between 2026 and 2030. The numbers shown in the draft program of projects for Phase 2 are for planning and cost to complete, and they are reflected in a financial plan for ORX. That plan can be found on the ORX website: <https://i69ohiorivercrossing.com/>

The draft program of projects is ready for review. The current schedule is to present the full Draft 2026-2030 TIP document at the March 13, 2025 meetings, with the final document scheduled for May 8, 2025 approval.

You can contact the office with any questions on the draft program of projects.

Chris Cooke asked where this information can be found because he didn't see it in the packets. Pam Drach responded that it was being finalized up until the day of the meeting and can now be reviewed on the Evansville MPO's website - <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html>

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

g. EMPO Certification Review – presented by Erin Schriefer

The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration will be conducting a Certification Review of the transportation planning process for the Evansville MPO on January 22nd and 23rd.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act continues the requirement for certification once every four years. These reviews are conducted with the objective of evaluating the transportation planning process, and to highlight good practices, exchange information, and identify opportunities for improvements.

The certification review will involve an opportunity for the public, as well as key MPO committee members and special interest groups, to provide comments to the FHWA and FTA on the transportation planning process.

Two public meetings will be held to provide the opportunity to speak directly to the FHWA and FTA. These meetings will be held:

- In Evansville at the C K Newsome Center on Tuesday, January 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- And in Henderson at the Henderson County Public Library on Wednesday, January 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

There is also a comment form on the MPOs website for you to share your opinions.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

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

Jack Corn reminded everyone that the election of Chair and Vice Chair will be held during the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned.