



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

August 4, 2016

The foregoing 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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Dr. H. Dan Adams, Todd Robertson, Stephen Melcher, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, Bill Hubiak, Buzzy Newman, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Thomas Witt

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Barry Russell, Richard Reid

Members Absent (non-voting):

Brandye Hendrickson, Jermaine Hannon, Michelle Allen, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Susan Orona, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, John Moore, Leslie Poff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Laura Lamb, Erin Schriefer, Craig Luebke, Matt Schriefer, Kari Akin

Others Present:

Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Stephen Melcher seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: A public hearing was held on July 14, 2016 and the consultant has requested the Public Hearing Certification from INDOT. At the Technical Committee meeting, City Engineer Brent Schmitt announced that the project received Hearing Certification and they have submitted the Environmental document to INDOT for approval.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage:

- Mid Levee Connection (Cardinal Dr, between Stringtown Rd and Heidelbach Ave) – Survey is complete and preliminary alignment and profile has been established.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek: The bridge deck has been poured and sealed. The installation of the gas main is underway and anticipated to be complete by early August. Estimated completion of the project is beginning of September.

Columbia – Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The consultant was given notice to proceed on July 18, 2016.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Additional APAs (Appraisal Problem Analysis) are in development and the mitigation permit process is underway.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, Highpoint Dr to Telephone Rd: The topographic survey and the preliminary pavement investigation were completed in July. Environmental and preliminary design work are underway.

Lincoln Avenue: Right-of-way activities continue with 97 of the estimated 99 parcels secured. Stage 3 plans are complete.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: A Request for Proposals (RFP) notice for the NEPA document preparation has been added to the INDOT advance notice list.

The Project Update was informational and did not require a committee action.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updated Transit Application for Section 5310 & Section 5339 Funds – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO has developed an updated Transit Application for FTA Section 5310 and Section 5339 funds. This application replaces the Section 5310 Application that had been provided to eligible recipients (METS, HART, and non-profits) in the past. The new application is in Excel format and more straightforward for applicants and helps the MPO staff apply for grants on their behalf through FTA's TrAMS system. Section 5310 funds can be used for Paratransit Services and non-profits serving seniors and individuals with a disability.

Section 5339 funding is also included in this new application. This funding is eligible for METS and HART for acquisition of buses and related bus facilities. Previously, METS and HART requested 5339 funds via email. This application helps the MPO staff keep track of requests and provides the necessary answers to complete applications in TrAMS.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dr. H. Dan Adams seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke

Item# 02-2091: US 41 Vietnam Gold Star Bridge over Ohio River: Bridge deck overlay, southbound. Revise project programming to reflect Kentucky portion of construction funding (\$6,000,000) as a component of the funding for INDOT Des# 1298275. The total project construction estimate in fiscal year 2017 remains \$12,000,000.

Des# 1298275: US 41 Vietnam Gold Star Bridge over Ohio River: Bridge deck overlay, southbound. Revise project programming to reflect Kentucky payment of \$6,000,000 towards construction. The total project construction estimate in fiscal year 2017 remains \$12,000,000. The project is funded with \$6,000,000 in KY National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, \$4,800,000 in IN NHPP funds and a \$1,200,000 state match.

Administrative Modifications to the TIP were informational items and did not require committee action.

C. 2016 Call for Projects – presented by Erin Schriefer

The Evansville MPO announced a Call for Projects on July 19, 2016, with applications and a Letter of Financial Commitment due to the EMPO office on August 17, 2016. This call differs from previous calls in that any project, regardless of anticipated funding source, is eligible for submission (excluding FTA's Section 5307, Section 5310, and Section 5339). Projects previously eligible for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds remain eligible for consideration during this call. The application and a Letter of Financial Agreement template is available on the EMPO's website – www.evansvillempo.com.

The 2016 Call for Projects announcement was informational and did not require committee action.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler-Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.