



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 3, 2017

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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Dr. H. Dan Adams, Bruce Ungethiem, Joe Kiefer II, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, John Rudd

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Angela Koehler Lindsey

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Antonio Johnson, Susan Weber, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, John Moore, Leslie Poff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Thomas Witt, Bobby Howard, Austin Maxheimer

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: The Public Hearing was held July 25, 2017. All comments received by August 8, 2017 will be evaluated and addressed in the final environmental document.

Pam Drach mentioned that she has the Public Hearing documentation and comment forms for those interested.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Offers have been made for all 37 parcels.

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: Right-of-way engineering is complete.

Dr. H. Dan Adams asked for clarification on what is meant by the term "parcel" in this case. Pam Drach explained that it is whatever portion of the property that is needed for the project; in this case, it is just the front strip.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project

- Hi Rail Corridor: Stage 3 plans were submitted to INDOT on July 31, 2017.
- Mid Levee Connection (Cardinal Drive between Stringtown Road and Heidelbach Avenue): Utility coordination is ongoing.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Twenty-seven (27) parcels have been cleared. The consultant is preparing the appropriate forms for permitting applications.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: The consultant is working on a master encroachment agreement with Vectren. The geotechnical report has been approved.

Newburgh Sign Replacement: Project is complete.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, Highpoint Drive to Telephone Road: The draft environmental document was submitted to INDOT on July 7, 2017 for review and comment.

Oak Grove Road, Phase 3: Fifty-two (52) parcels have been acquired and two parcels are in condemnation. Project is currently scheduled for letting on November 15, 2017.

Warrick Trails SRTS: Preliminary design plans are in development.

KYTC

KY 2183-KY 1539: Anticipate a design team meeting to be held in August or September.

US Highway 41 & KY 812/Airline Road: Utility coordination underway.

US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge: A right-of-way informational meeting is planned for late September.

I-69

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: Open House format meetings were held on July 31 and August 1, 2017. Following a presentation that reviewed the short list of corridors, members of the public were encouraged to visit information stations and ask questions or make comments. Comment cards were available as well.

The handouts and comment cards that were available at the Open Houses have been included in your packets.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public review and comment period was publicized from July 20th to August 2nd.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following amendments:

Des# 1601700/Item# 02-1088.1: PR-69: I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX). Evansville, IN to I-69 south of Henderson, KY. Revise Indiana Preliminary Engineering (PE) costs in fiscal year 2018 and 2019. 2018 PE costs of \$3,466,000 and FY 2019 PE costs of \$3,092,000 will be with 80% federal NHPP funds and a 20% State match.

Des# 1600161: I-69: 8.35 mi. N of Lynch Road. Small structure pipe lining. Remove project.

Des# 1600162: I-69: .33 mi. N of SR 57. Small structure pipe lining. Remove project.

Des# 1500515: I-64: 0.24 mi. E of SR 161 Overpass. Small structure replacement. Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2018. CN costs of \$452,000 will be funded with 90% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and a 10% State match.

Des# 1400003: SR 65: Near Weiss Road, 5.02 mi. N of SR 66. Pavement, other. Add PE in FY 2018. PE costs of \$165,000 will be funded with 80% federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and 20% State match. Move CN phase to FY 2018. Unchanged CN costs of \$127,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and 20% State match.

William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Dr. H. Dan Adams seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke

Administrative modifications to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were processed on July 13th and July 26th 2017.

The Evansville MPO requested the following modification:

Des# 1600643: Unified Planning Work Program Planning Activities: Revise STP budget in fiscal year 2018 to reflect current UPWP budget. STP UPWP costs of \$196,000 is programmed with \$157,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STP) funding and a \$39,000 local match.

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) requested the following modifications:

Des# 1700614: FTA Section 5307 Operating Assistance: Add Des# for FY 2018 program.

Des# 1700612: FTA Section 5307 Capital Assistance: Add Des# for FY 2018 program.

Des# 1700613: FTA Section 5307 Planning Assistance: Add Des# for FY 2018 program.

Des# 1700393: Fixed route bus purchase. Update Des# for bus purchase in FY 2019.

Des# 1601220: Sunday Service Operating Assistance: Add Des# for FY 2018 and FY 2019 operating assistance with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following amendments:

Des# 1600097: I-69: Various Locations (Grouped Project: Bridge culvert and small structure preservation): Small structure pipe lining at various locations along I-69. Eliminate Des# 1600096, 1600103-04, 1600131-33, 1600160. Includes Des# 1600102, and Des#s 1600106 and 1600155 for work on SR 66. Revise Construction (CN) funding in FY 2019. CN costs of \$1,877,000 will be funded with \$1,613,000 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and \$264,000 State match (federal/state funding split will be 90/10 on interstates and 80/20 on state routes).

Des# 1500041: SR 62: Over CSX RR, 4.19 mi. W of US 41 and over Tekoppel Ave., 4.09 mi. W of US 41. Combine with Des# 1600060 & 1602258 (1500041 is lead Des#). Bridge deck replacement. Revise CN to \$10,651,000 in FY 2020. CN costs will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1592802: Various locations: Grouped Projects (Bridge, culvert and small structure preservation). Modify to include Des# 1701456: I-69, 1.27 mi. E (NB) to 4.65 mi. E (NB) of US 41 intersection. Rehabilitate the noise wall along SB and NB I-69 from RP 1.55 to RP 4.92 (clean and paint front face of noise walls). Total FY 2018 CN costs of \$2,057,000 will be funded with \$1,851,300 in federal NHPP funds (90%) and \$205,700 State match (10%). Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to FY 2018. PE costs of \$130,000 will be funded with \$117,000 in federal NHPP funds (90%) and \$13,000 State match (10%).

Des# 1600463: Various locations: Grouped Project (Pavement preservation). Add statewide PE funding in FY 2018 for on-call pavement designs. Total FY 2018 PE costs of \$1,401,000 will be funded with \$1,121,000 in federal STP funds (80%) and \$280,000 State match (20%). Interstate projects will be funded 90% to 10%.

Des# 1600479: Various locations: Grouped Project (Pavement preservation). Add statewide PE funding in FY 2018 for on-call geotechnical investigations. Total FY 2018 PE costs of \$2,328,000 will be funded with \$1,862,000 in federal STP funds (80%) and \$466,000 State match (20%). Interstate projects will be funded 90% to 10%.

Des# 1701469: Various Locations: Grouped Project (Pavement preservation). Add statewide PE funding in FY 2018 for on-call pavement designs. Total FY 2018 PE costs of \$1,600,000 will be funded with \$1,280,000 in federal STP funds (80%) and \$320,000 State match (20%). Interstate projects will be funded 90% to 10%.

Des# 1600108: I-64, SR 61: Various Locations (Grouped Project): Bridge culvert and small structure preservation): eliminate Des# 1600130, small structure project 0.89 mi. E of SR 57 from group. Revised Construction (CN) funding in FY 2019 is \$912,000. CN costs will be funded with \$279,000 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, \$482,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and \$151,000 State match. (Federal/state funding split will be 90/10 on interstates and 80/20 on state routes).

Craig Luebke also mentioned that hard copies of the new TIP are available for those that wish to use them instead of using the electronic version that is available on the MPO website. Contact him if you would like a hard copy.

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

C. KYTC Regional “Boost” Project Selection – presented by Laura Lamb

As part of the SHIFT Kentucky Ahead statewide prioritization process for roadway projects, the Evansville MPO, working in coordination with the City of Henderson and Henderson County, has reached the final step in prioritizing local projects. All of the projects listed were “sponsored” by the City of Henderson and Henderson County and are currently included on the Kentucky Unfunded Projects List. Of these projects, two “Boost” projects were selected and will receive 15 additional points towards the KYTC Quantitative Score to increase the potential ranking going into the final statewide selection of projects vying for funding by the Kentucky Legislature.

The selected “Boost” projects are:

- Watson Lane (Sunset Lane to Green River Road)
- KY 2183/Holloway-Rucker Road (Shady Hollow Drive to US 60)

These projects were released for public comment beginning July 11th through July 25th. No comments were received. The deadline for submitting these projects was Thursday, July 27th. The MPO is seeking approval of the selected projects without amendment.

William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

Russell Sights made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.