



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 5, 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, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Bruce Ungethiem, Barry Russell, Russell Sights, Dan Saylor, Shane Spears, Wade Clements

Members Absent (voting):

Todd Robertson, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William Hubiak, Christy Powell

Members Absent (non-voting):

Brandye Hendrickson, Jermaine Hannon, Antonio Johnson, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Susan Weber, 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, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Robert Howard

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

Jack Corn welcomed Dan Saylor and Bruce Ungethiem as new members to the Policy Committee.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barry Russell made a motion for approval and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: A preliminary field check is scheduled for January 11, 2017.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Utility coordination work is underway.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill road: Phase 3, between Pebble Stone Drive and Oak Hill Road, was opened to traffic in December 2016. Waterline and storm sewer work is continuing on Oak Hill Road.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Two right-of-way offers have been accepted. Twenty-nine parcels are in appraising. Mitigation site locations are being evaluated.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Per the request of the Town of Newburgh, the letting date has changed from 1/19/17 to 1/18/18. The Town is preparing the request for proposals for the construction inspection contract.

WARRICK COUNTY

Warrick Trails SRTS: The INDOT-LPA contract has been fully executed.

INDOT

SR 66 and Casey Road: The intersection improvement project is in the early stages of project development. The project proposes to lengthen the eastbound left turn lane to provide more storage and deceleration length. The lengthening will require removing a portion of the curbed median, with two drain inlets, and paving the area. No new right-of-way will be required. The early coordination packets have been distributed.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Electronic submittal of FY 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certifications and Assurances – presented by Matt Schriefer

The FY 2017 FTA Certifications and Assurances were made available on Tuesday, December 20th. The MPO is requesting approval to sign off on these Certifications and Assurances. This confirms to the FTA that the MPO will follow the 23 application provisions when applying for and receiving FTA grants during FY 2017.

In addition to the annual Certifications and Assurances, the MPO must also follow the FY 2017 FTA Master Agreement. The Master Agreement spells out requirements for applying for and receiving FTA grants during FY 2017. The MPO agrees to follow these requirements by signing each grant application.

Russell Sights made a motion for approval and Dr. H. Dan Adams seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

A public review and comment period was publicized from December 22nd to January 4th. Local fiscal constraint for the proposed amendments has been confirmed. Fiscal constraint for state projects is established with each state's STIP. The changes are summarized below.

The Evansville MPO requested the following amendments:

Des# 1601925: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program: Add The Arc of Evansville project to purchase a minivan in fiscal year 2017. The total vehicle cost of \$34,500 is programmed 80% with federal transit funds (\$27,600), and a 20% agency match (\$6,900).

Des# 1601924: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program: Add Easterseals Rehabilitation Center project to purchase a large transit vehicle in fiscal year 2017. The total vehicle cost of \$58,104 is programmed 80% with federal transit funds (\$46,483), and a 20% agency match (\$11,621).

Des# 1601698: University Parkway Corridor Management Plan: Add project for preliminary engineering (PE) in fiscal year 2017 at a cost of \$50,000. Project costs are programmed with 80% federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds (\$40,000), and a 20% local match (\$10,000).

INDOT requested the following amendments:

Des# 1601444: SR 66: 0.6 miles E of SR 261 at Casey Road. Intersection improvement project, auxiliary lanes, accel & decel or turn lanes. Add project for construction phase (CN) during fiscal year 2018. CN costs of \$220,000 are programmed with 80% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and a 20% state match.

Des# 1600033; Des# 1601748; Des# 1601790: SR 61: 2.41 miles S of SR 62. District Small Structure Project, Small Structure – New; Add project for CN phase in fiscal year 2018. CN costs of \$300,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP and a 20% state match.

Des# 1400195: SR 66: At Epworth Road, 0.16 mile E of I-69, District Intersection Improvement Project, Other Intersection Improvement; Add project for PE phase in fiscal year 2017. PE costs of \$300,000 will be funded with 80% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and a 20% state match.

Des# 1601011: US 41: At Lynch Road, 1.0 mile N of SR 66, District Intersection Improvement Project, Construct Turn Lanes; Add project for PE phase in fiscal year 2017. PE costs of \$125,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP and a 20% state match.

Des# 1601009: SR 66: At the intersection of Green River Road, 2.2 miles W of I-69, WB off ramp, Interchange Modification Project, Interchange Modification; Add project for PE phase in fiscal year 2017. PE costs of \$30,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP and a 20% state match.

Des# 1600463: Statewide on-call pavement design: Add project for PE in fiscal year 2017. PE costs of \$2,130,218 will be funded with 80% federal STP and 20% state match.

Des# 1600479: Statewide on-call geotechnical investigation: Add project for PE in fiscal year 2017. PE costs of \$2,327,909 will be funded with 80% federal STP and 20% state match.

Barry Russell made a motion for approval and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

An administrative modification to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was processed on December 22nd 2016.

The Evansville MPO requested the following amendments:

Des# 1382029: Transit Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities & Program Administration: Revise to include fiscal year 2018 program administration. Administration costs of \$22,000 are funded with 100% FTA Section 5310 funding.

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

D. Draft Evansville Regional ITS Architecture Amendment – presented by Vishu Lingala

The Evansville MPO is amending the Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture to add the Fix for 41 project. With the cooperation of regional ITS stakeholders, the Architecture is being amended to meet federal requirements and to serve as a planning tool for ITS projects within the region.

A regional architecture is required for areas implementing ITS projects in order for those projects to receive federal funding. INDOT's Fix for 41 project from I-69 in Vanderburgh County to the Ohio River Bridges is such a project and will be eligible for funding pending the Architecture's final approval.

This item was informational and did not require a committee action; action will be taken at the February meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Public Notice: Community Survey Regarding the Transportation Needs of Individuals with Disabilities, Seniors, Youth and Individuals with Limited Incomes – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO has made available a community survey that will help in the development of the *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan*. As required by the FTA, the Plan must be periodically updated in order for the MPO to continue to receive funding from the Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. The results of the survey will help develop a list of transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, youth and individuals with limited incomes that will be included within the Plan. The survey is open to anyone living in Vanderburgh, Warrick or Henderson counties and can be found on the front page of the MPO website (www.evansvillempo.com). The MPO is asking that all surveys be complete by January 31, 2017.

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

B. Public Hearing: Evansville MPO FY 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Application (The Arc of Evansville, Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, FY 2018 Admin) – presented by Matt Schriefer

On December 22, 2016 a Public Hearing notice was placed in the Legal Ads of the Evansville Courier & Press and the Henderson Gleaner regarding the MPO FY 2017 FTA Section 5310 Grant Application. The Public Hearing took place at the MPO Technical Committee and Policy Committee meetings on January 5, 2017. The Public Hearing provided the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects within the grant application.

There were no public comments made during the Technical or Policy Committee meetings.

C. Public Hearing: City of Evansville (METS) FY 2017 FTA Section 5339 and CMAQ Grant Application (5 Transit Buses, Sunday Service, Lynch/Walnut Evening Service) – presented by Matt Schriefer

On December 22, 2016 a Public Hearing notice was placed in the Legal Ads of the Evansville Courier & Press regarding the City of Evansville (METS) FY 2017 FTA Section 5339 and CMAQ Grant Application. The application will be for the purchase of five transit buses and operational assistance for Sunday Service and Lynch/Walnut Evening Service in CY 2017. The Public Hearing took place at the MPO Technical Committee and Policy Committee meetings on January 5, 2017. The Public Hearing provided the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects within the grant application.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke showed appreciation for the MPO in assisting the city and METS in implementing these changes. He stated that the Lynch Road route was identified in the COA as one of the most utilized routes that stopped service at a peak time, adding that extending service into the evening on this route is imperative in creating a more efficient enterprise. Sunday service has been the most often requested addition to METS service and it will start this Sunday (01/08/17) with five routes. The city has great hopes that this will be successful.

Russell Sights asked what the Lynch Road hours will be. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke stated that the Lynch route will run 6:15 PM until 12:15 AM. Sunday service will run 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

D. Approval of Bills

Barry Russell made a motion for approval and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.