



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

July 7, 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, Stephen Melcher, Barry Russell, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Richard Reid, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler

Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, Kenny Potts

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, Vishu Lingala, Kari Akin

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Dawn Kelsey, Steve Sherwood

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barry Russell made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement:

- Phase 1 – Construction is underway.
- Phase 2 – The Final Tracings were submitted on June 24, 2016.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek: Concrete for the westernmost span of the bridge deck and guardrails will be poured in early July. The installation of the gas main is planned to begin July 11 and anticipated to take a month to complete. Estimated completion of the project is mid-September.

Columbia – Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The funding request was submitted to INDOT for processing.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Phase 1 was opened to traffic on July 1. Construction on Phase 2, between Shoreham Drive and Pebble Stone Drive, is expected to continue until early September.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Appraisal fees have been approved for 15 parcels. The appraisals on these parcels will begin soon.

WARRICK COUNTY

Lincoln Avenue: INDOT reviewed the Construction Inspection consultant selection documents and gave the County approval to begin contract negotiations.

INDOT

US Highway 41, I-69 to Boonville-New Harmony Road: Construction began on the south end, between Virginia Street and I-69; the contractor is currently working on patching.

SR 61 Connector, Boonville:

- Phase 2 – Work continues on the bridge over Carter-Traylor Ditch; deck pour is planned for mid-July. The contractor is working on building up the subbase on either side of Eskew Road, just north of Millersburg Road.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Indiana:

- Section 5 – Estimated completion of Section 5 construction is late June 2017.
- Section 6 – In March 2016, INDOT announced that the route following State Road 37 between Martinsville and Indianapolis best meets the I-69 performance measures while minimizing cost and impacts to the human and natural environment.

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: On June 30, 2016, Indiana Gov. Pence and Kentucky Gov. Bevin signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to take the next steps in the advancement of the project development. The MOA authorizes INDOT to publish a request for proposals (RFP) seeking a firm to begin the environmental review.

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

B. Draft Access Management Manual and Development Guide – presented by Laura Lamb

Since August of 2015, the MPO has been working to update the Access Management Manual that was last adopted in June of 2002. This document is used by the LPAs and the MPO to guide decisions on appropriate access. A steering committee consisting of a majority of our local LPAs, a representative of the Southern Indiana Builders Association, as well as INDOT and KYTC representatives, was the guiding body. The document has been published on the Evansville MPO website as a draft since May 26, 2016.

The draft was presented at last month's meeting. Only one comment, regarding the acknowledgements sections, was made and has since been corrected.

William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2017 & FY 2018 UPWP Amendment for Technical Assistance and Implementation Activities for Evansville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan

The Evansville MPO seeks approval to amend the FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program to include Technical Assistance and Implementation Activities from Alta Planning + Design for Evansville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan as a new work element. The total estimated project cost is \$35,678. Federal STP funds in the amount of \$28,542 will provide 80% of the cost. The City of Evansville will provide the 20% local match in the amount of \$7,136.

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

B. Updated Call for Projects Application and Scoring System – presented by Erin Schriefer

The Evansville MPO updated the Call for Projects application with the intent of streamlining the application process for LPAs. An updated scoring system was also developed that better reflects the Goals and Objectives of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Features of the new application include:

- New format – application is now in Excel and separated into tabs;
- Drop-down boxes with pre-filled answer options; and
- An interactive finance table that automatically calculates federal/state/local shares when estimated costs are entered.

Barry Russell made a motion for approval and Stephen Melcher seconded the motion; motion carried

C. Fiscal Year 2017 Transit Agreements – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following Fiscal Year 2017 Agreements:

- Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS).
- Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART).

The Agreements identify activities the EMPO will perform in Fiscal Year 2017 for both METS and HART in exchange for compensation by both.

William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

Stephen Melcher made a motion for approval and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Russell Sights recognized MPO staff Kari Akin and Matt Schriefer for their assistance during HART's Triennial Review with the FTA.

Meeting adjourned.