



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 6, 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, Todd Robertson, Bruce Ungethiem, Joe Kiefer II, Angela Koehler Lindsey, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Wade Clements

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, William Hubiak, Russell Sights

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, Erin Schriefer, Matt Schriefer, Kari Akin, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Bobby Howard, Richard Tutt, Kevin McClearn

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dr. H. Dan Adams 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 has been tentatively set for July 25, 2017.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Twenty-four parcels have been secured.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Preliminary plans were submitted to INDOT on June 27, 2017.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Project is finished and open to traffic.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Twenty-four parcels have been cleared.

WARRICK COUNTY

Lincoln Avenue: Road reconstruction work has begun.

INDOT

SR 61 Connector, Boonville (Phase 2): SR 61 was closed to thru traffic on April 3, 2017 and will remain closed for 3-4 weeks while three small structures are being installed. The intersection of New Harmony Road and SR 61 was closed June 12, 2017 for a maximum of 60 days.

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I-69 Ohio River Crossing: The ORX project offices officially opened in Evansville and Henderson on June 27, 2017.

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

B. Final Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

A draft of the 2018-2021 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan was made available for public comment from May 24 through June 23. The draft was also presented to the Technical and Policy Committees at the June meetings. An Open House was conducted on June 13, 2017 at the Evansville Central Library to gather additional feedback from the public (there were no attendees at the Open House).

The Plan identifies the transit needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Henderson counties. A general public survey, questionnaire, and discussions with the region's transit agencies and non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities all helped develop the draft Plan and recommendations.

During the public comment period, the MPO received comments from one individual that included a suggestion for additional resources of data and comments regarding the eligibility of projects for Section 5310 funding. At this time, no changes will be made based on these comments. The MPO will review the resources suggested to see if the data can help supplement U.S. Census Bureau data in the future. The full comments and responses can be found in Appendix C of the Plan. The final version of the Plan can be found on the MPO website at www.evansvillempo.com.

Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Final Transit Asset Management Targets – presented by Matt Schriefer

In July 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a final rule requiring recipients of FTA funds to maintain – and document – minimum Transit Asset Management (TAM) standards. The new standards will help agencies keep their systems operating smoothly and efficiently.

At the June Technical and Policy Committee meetings, the 2017 TAM Targets shown in the table below were introduced as a draft. The MPO did not receive any comments or suggestions regarding these Targets and are asking the Committees to approve these 2017 TAM Targets.

From this point forward, TAM Targets will be updated at the beginning of each calendar year. The 2018 Targets will be brought before both committees in January or February 2018, pending the gathering of data from METS, HART and the non-profits.

2017 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Asset Class	Definition		Beginning 2017 Measure	End 2017 Target
Rolling Stock All revenue vehicles	% of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) (METS fixed route bus: 14 years; All other buses: 10 years; Non-Profit van: 8 years) ¹	Non-Profits:	39%	33%
		METS/HART:	15%	7%
Equipment Maintenance equipment or non-revenue vehicles	% of equipment with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA’s Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) Scale	METS/HART:	0%	0%
Facilities All buildings or structures	% of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA’s Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) Scale	METS/HART:	0%	0%

¹ Based on FTA’s default Useful Life Benchmarks

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2017 – FY 2018 UPWP Amendment – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO seeks approval of the following amendment of the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program.

Due to additional improvements and intersections requested, the amendment will extend the time period of the project through the end of FY 2018 to June 30, 2018 and increase the current contract for the project “Alta Planning + Design Technical Assistance and Implementation Activities for the City of Evansville’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan”. The additional increase in funds includes a total \$22,500, Federal STBGP funds of \$18,000, and a local match of \$4,500.

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

B. Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Development and Access Management of University Parkway – presented by Pam Drach

Jack Corn made the following statement before Pam Drach presented this item:

“Before you start, I think my comments last month stand. I had no intention of signing this Memorandum of Understanding after last month since we were all insulted by the County Commissioner. Therefore, it is on the agenda today for you to approve, all of you, since you were all insulted as far as I’m concerned. I will sign it once it is approved by this body.”

(Pam Drach) On June 27, 2016, the Evansville – Vanderburgh County Plan Commission published their new Comprehensive Plan 2015-2035. Public comments received during the Comprehensive Plan public involvement process included a desire for the county to develop a plan for the University Parkway corridor. In particular, because the sewer had been approved for funding and it was going to be extended out into that area. The general public and elected officials all recognized that the corridor was going to develop and that we needed to have a plan in place so that we could maintain the integrity of the corridor. In the Comprehensive Plan, under the General Land Use Action Plan, it identified the pursuit of a sub-area/corridor plan for the University Parkway corridor as a policy to be accomplished within 5-years.

After the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the MPO was asked by the County to consider financially participating in the development of the corridor plan by providing federal funding for the transportation portion of the development of that plan. Not knowing what the cost would be for either us or the county, a scope of work was developed along with cost estimates for both the land use and transportation portions of the plan. From this information, both the county and the MPO had a better understanding of the financial commitment that was going to be involved.

During this process, it was very clear that the Plan Commission, the County Commissioners, and the MPO all were in agreement that a corridor plan is needed, that the plan needed to be developed with an extensive public involvement process, and the results of the plan needed to be implemented and that it shouldn’t be something that just sits on a shelf. We should be able to move forward with the results of that plan. To that point, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drafted for execution by the Plan Commission, the MPO, and the County Commissioners.

On July 12, 2016, the MPO sent an email to the County Commissioners outlining the steps involved with securing federal funding, should they want to use federal funding for the transportation portion of the plan. It did involve a local match. The email also included a discussion of the MOU. The email stated that included in the MOU would be a commitment for the county to pass an ordinance requiring development along the corridor to follow the transportation elements of the plan. If an ordinance is not passed, the MOU would commit the county to pay back the federal funding.

The University Parkway Corridor Study was an agenda item at the August 9, 2016 County Commissioners meeting. The scope of the corridor study, the use of federal funding as part of the transportation portion, and the MOU were all items discussed at the meeting. The Commissioners voted to move forward with the study.

On January 16, 2017, APC reached out to the County Commissioners to set up a meeting to review the purpose and need for the corridor study and the terms of the MOU. The January 24th Department Head meeting was set for that discussion.

At the February 28, 2017 County Commissioners meeting, the INDOT/LPA contract was signed. That contract is between INDOT in terms of the federal funding and the local match, and the county committed to the local match to the federal funds.

The MOU was an agenda item at the May 9, 2017 County Commissioners meeting. After a presentation from a Commissioner and discussion that included opposition to refunding the federal dollars should an ordinance not be adopted, the Commissioners opted to take the MOU under advisement and requested additional discussions take place to work on the language in the MOU.

Those discussions did take place, and a revised MOU was an agenda item at the June 6, 2017 County Commissioners meeting. The MOU was approved at that meeting. The provisions for the federal funding to be paid back remains in the MOU, and this is the MOU that was provided to you in your packets.

Dr. H. Dan Adams made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

Todd Robertson made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.