



## 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

March 3, 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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Jr., Brent Schmitt, Todd Robertson, Stephen Melcher, Barry Russell, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler

#### Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, Richard Reid, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Present (non-voting):

Thomas Nelson, Jr.

#### Members Absent (non-voting):

Brandye Hendrickson, Rick Marquis, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Susan Orona, Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, John Moore, Leslie Poff, Michelle Allen

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Ted Miller, Don Gibbs, Steve McDevitt

Chairman Jack Corn administered the meeting.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Barry Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach**

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: INDOT reviewed the selection documents and gave approval to begin contract negotiations with the consultant for design.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Blankenberger Bros. provided the low bid of \$3,782,000. The contract was approved at the March 1, 2016 Commissioner's meeting and construction is expected to begin the end of March.

**KYTC**

US 60, KY 425/Henderson Bypass to Waverly: Henderson Community College to KY 425: Utility coordination is underway.

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

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FAST Act Presentation by US DOT FHWA KY Division Thomas Nelson, Jr., Region Administrator.**

Thomas Nelson, Jr. presented an overview of the federal transportation bill that was signed into law on December 4, 2015 – the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act. The FAST Act authorizes \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for the Department's highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology and statistics programs.

To hear the entire presentation, please refer to the Evansville MPO website and select the "Meetings" tab:  
<http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html>

*The FAST Act presentation was informational and did not require a committee action.*

## **B. FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program – presented by Kari Akin**

The draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes all sources of funding the MPO will use in the next fiscal year, in addition to the scope of work that staff will complete. Because this is a two-year document, a tentative budget for FY 2018 is also noted based on an estimate of Indiana Planning funds to be received in FY 2018. Final FY 2018 sources of funding will be amended into the UPWP in 2017 as they become available.

The UPWP has a new structure and appearance. Indiana has issued guidance to make all UPWP's in the state more uniform by using the same project numbers and codes.

Also included in the work elements are the 2017 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEA's). These are issued by the Indiana and Kentucky Division Offices of FHWA to focus on implementing the FAST Act. They include:

- Title VI Program Management
- Performance Based Planning Measures and Targets
- Ladders of Opportunity
- Program Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for safety planning activities
- Regional Modes of Cooperation
- Implementation of the FAST Act

The draft UPWP can be found on the Evansville MPO website under the "Publications & Links" tab, in the "Finance" section. It has also been sent to the EMPO's Federal and State partners for review.

The Evansville MPO is seeking comments and asks that they be submitted by March 23.

*The FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program was informational and did not require a committee action. Approval will be requested at the April meeting.*

## **C. FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke**

- i. No Item#: US 41: SB weigh station north of Henderson. Update over height equipment. Add project for fiscal year 2016 construction at a cost of \$17,200. Construction costs will be funded with 100% federal STP funds utilizing Kentucky Toll Credits as match.

*William Hubiak made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments and Stephen Melcher seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Craig Luebke also announced that the Evansville MPO has been working on an update to the 2012 Participation Plan. The draft, now called the Public Participation Plan (PPP), is available for review for 45 days beginning March 9, 2016 and lasting through April 22, 2016. The PPP is available for review at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com), in the EMPO office, and at Evansville Central, Ohio Township (Bell Road, Newburgh), Boonville-Warrick County, and Henderson County Libraries.

The Evansville MPO is seeking comments on the draft Public Participation Plan. Comments may be submitted to the MPO by April 22, 2016.

*The draft Public Participation Plan was informational and did not require a committee action. The PPP will be formally presented as a draft during the April meeting and approval will be requested at the May meeting.*

#### **4. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

*William Hubiak made a motion to approve the bills and Barry Russell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several public comments were made, including:

- *Kari Akin presented the July 2014 through June 2015 audit by the State Board of Accounts.*
- *Jack Corn, Jr. commented on an article that appeared in the Courier & Press on Friday, February 26, 2016 regarding the Indiana State Legislature and decisions that were made that effected road funding.*
- *Russell Sights asked about a memo regarding the purchase of a new vehicle that was included in the packets but was not discussed during the meeting. Jack Corn, Jr. informed everyone that because the MPO saved money by switching health insurances, a new vehicle was being purchased.*
- *Seyed Shokouhzadeh introduced Matt Schriefer. Matt is the new transit planner for the MPO.*

Meeting Adjourned.