



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

September 1, 2016

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, Stephen Melcher, Barry Russell, Russell Sights, Richard Reid, Rusty Fowler, Wade Clements

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Angela Koehler-Lindsey, William Hubiak, Christy Powell

Members Present (non-voting):

Antonio Johnson, Sam Sarvis, Thomas Witt

Members Absent (non-voting):

Brandye Hendrickson, Jermaine Hannon, 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, Kari Akin, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Kate Francis, Gary Valentine, Don Gibbs, Steve Sherwood

Jack Corn directed the meeting and introduced INDOT, KYTC, and FHWA members that were in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stephen Melcher 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

A new format for the Project update was introduced. Only projects with a status update since the previous meeting was included in the memo rather than listing every project. After discussions between board members, it was decided that the MPO will go back to the old format of including every project, even those that did not have a recent update.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Maryland Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Upcoming work includes street light and guardrail installation, approach milling and paving.

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A preliminary field check has been scheduled for September 8, 2016.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Construction on Phase 2, between Shoreham Drive and Pebble Stone Drive, is expected to be open by late September, weather permitting.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Twenty-eight parcels are currently being appraised. Right-of-way engineering is being done on 14 parcels. Approval of appraisal fees for 12 parcels will be requested at the September 6 Commissioner's meeting.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the NEPA document preparation was posted on 8/25/16 with a response due date of 9/13/16.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. "Fix For 41" presentation – presented by Kate Francis, INDOT

Kate Francis (INDOT) gave a presentation on the upcoming "Fix For 41" project. "Fix For 41" is a collaborative construction project between INDOT and KYTC that will rehabilitate seven US 41 bridges and the highway pavement between the bridges from near the US 41 interchange with I-69 in Evansville south to the Ohio River. The project, costing \$25 million, will begin in the spring of 2017 and continue through the summer of 2019. Work will be done as a part of one ongoing project that will lessen the impact to the motoring public.

The design of the 3.8 mile construction zone (1.4 miles in Indiana and 2.3 miles in Kentucky) will enable two lanes of traffic in each direction to remain open at all times. By doing this, emergency services, law enforcement and the general public will be minimally impacted. Once the project is finished, the lifespan of the bridges and roadway will be extended by 25 years.

For more information on "Fix For 41", go to www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html to listen to the full presentation, or go to the project website at www.in.gov/indot/3459.html

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

B. FY 2016 Performance and Expenditures Completion Report – presented by Kari Akin

The Fiscal Year 2016 Performance and Expenditures Completion Report presents a summary of the activities and products completed by the Evansville MPO during FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Described in the report is the progress attained in completing each of the work elements contained in the approved FY 2015 & FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program. This report is submitted to FHWA by September 30th of each year.

Notable projects include: 51 TIP Amendments and 58 TIP modifications; 802 Traffic Counts; 24 Turning Movements; FY 2016 Indiana, Kentucky reviews: Rezonings-43, 1; Subdivisions-66, 0; Sidewalk waivers-13,0; Site Development-2,1; Requests for Review-41, 1; Right-of-way vacations-30, 0; Traffic Impact Studies-7,0; and close-out and completion of several multi-year projects including: METS COA; Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan; Regional Pavement Management System; and the Safety Education and Public Awareness Campaign. A total of \$1,214,701.35 was expended on operations and projects managed by the EMPO in FY 2016.

To see the full report, go to www.evansvillempo.com under “Publications and Links” and “Finance”.

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

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

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

Des# 1601220: Sunday Service: Add operating assistance for new Sunday service in fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Costs of \$411,000 in each fiscal year will be funded with \$329,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding and an \$82,000 local match.

Des# 1601223: Lynch/Walnut Evening Service: Add operating assistance for new evening service in fiscal years 2017. Costs of \$144,000 will be funded with \$72,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding and a \$72,000 local match.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requested the following amendments:

Item# 02-79.30: US 60: Widen and improve from west of Henderson Community College to KY 425. Revise construction (CN) schedule from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017. CN costs of \$5,500,000 will be funded with \$5,500,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

Item# 02-1080: US 60: Bridge replacement over Green River. Revise utility schedule from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017. Revise CN schedule from fiscal year 2016 to 2017 and costs from \$10,000,000 to \$14,000,000. All project costs will be funded with Federal Bridge Program (BRO) funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

Item# 02-1080.01: US 60: Bridge replacement over Green River. Revise CN schedule from fiscal year 2017 to 2018 and costs from \$15,000,000 to \$6,000,000. All project costs will be funded with Federal Bridge Program (BRO) funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

Item# 02-1080.02: US 60: Bridge replacement over Green River. Add project phase for CN in fiscal year 2019 at a cost of \$5,000,000. All project costs will be funded with Federal Bridge Program (BRO) funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

Item# 02-711.00: US 41: Intersection update at KY 812. Add dedicated right and left turn lanes and signal updates. Revise ROW and Utility (U) schedule from fiscal year 2016 to 2017. Revise ROW costs from \$250,000 to \$50,000. Revise U costs from \$250,000 to \$100,000. Revise CN schedule from fiscal year 2017 to 2018. CN cost remains \$950,000. All project costs will be funded with Federal STP funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

Item# 02-715.00: US 41: Intersection with Wolf Hills Road. Intersection project to improve safety. Revise ROW and U schedule from fiscal year 2016 to 2017. Revise ROW costs from \$100,000 to \$50,000. U cost remains \$100,000. All project costs will be funded with Federal STP funds and a soft match provided with Kentucky toll credits.

The City of Henderson requested the following amendments:

No Item#: Wathen Lane: upgrade with widened lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalk from US 60 to city limits. Revise Preliminary Engineering (PE) schedule from fiscal year 2016 to 2017. PE costs of \$380,000 will be funded with \$304,000 in Federal STP funds and a \$76,000 local match.

Item# 02-713.00: Wathen Lane: Bridge replacement. Replace existing bridge with box culvert and guardrails. Revise U schedule from fiscal year 2016 to 2017. U costs of \$15,000 will be funded with \$12,000 in Federal STP funds and a \$3,000 local match.

Warrick County requested the following amendment:

Des# 1593023: Warrick County Bridge Inspections: Countywide bridge inspections and inventory program. Add PE funding in fiscal year 2018 and 2019. 2018 costs of \$149,760 will be funded with \$119,808 in Federal Bridge Program funds, and \$29,952 funded locally. 2019 costs of \$22,560 will be funded with \$18,048 in Federal Bridge Program funds, and \$4,512 funded locally.

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

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

Item# 02-991: US 41: Installation of high friction surface on northbound US 41 from MP 20.090 to MP 20.290. Add project for construction in fiscal year 2016 under grouped projects “Pavement resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation projects”. The project is funded with \$140,000 in Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. A soft match will be provided with Kentucky toll credits.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

E. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2017 – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO announced the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2017 on Friday, August 19, 2016. The announcement was made to METS, HART, and non-profit organizations that provide transportation to seniors and/or individuals with a disability. The announcement and application have also been added to the front page of the MPO website. This call is only for Section 5310 projects. A section 5339 call will be announced later using the same application process. Applications for Section 5310 are due to the MPO on Friday, September 30, 2016.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

F. Updated Functional Classification System and Metropolitan Planning Area – presented by Vishu Lingala

The Evansville MPO, in consultation with its LPAs and INDOT, finalized the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and the Functional Classification System for Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. The MPA boundary was adjusted to include the entire 2010 Census Evansville Urbanized Area which includes a small portion of Posey County along SR 62. The Functional Classification System (seven classifications) was adjusted to be consistent with FHWA guidelines. The previous Functional Classification System classified the Urban and Rural roadways into two separate

systems. The new FHWA classification system guidelines combined the Urban and Rural classification systems into one seven-class classification system.

The Evansville MPO added the following roadways to the new Functional Classification System:

Street	From	To	FC
Heckle Rd	Green River Rd	Oak Hill Rd	Major Collector
Kansas Rd	Green River Rd	Petersburg Rd	Major Collector
Virginia St	Green River Rd	Cross Pointe Blvd	Major Collector
Vogel Rd	Green River Rd	Burkhardt Rd	Major Collector
Columbia St	Burkhardt Rd	Cross Pointe Blvd	Major Collector
Cross Pointe BLVD	Lloyd Expressway	Morgan Ave	Major Collector
Division St	East of Stockwell Rd	West of Vann Ave	Major Collector
Main St	MLK Blvd	Riverside Dr	Major Collector

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Drach announced that southern Indiana received \$49,000,000 from the statewide Community Crossings matching grant program. Of the \$49,000,000 received by southern Indiana, nearly \$3,500,000 went to local agencies within the Evansville MPO Planning Area. The Community Crossings program is a partnership between INDOT and communities across the state, both urban and rural, to invest in infrastructure projects that catalyze economic development, create jobs, and strengthen local transportation networks.

Rusty Fowler (INDOT) also mentioned that the Community Crossings program has been a positive process.

Meeting adjourned.