



## 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 7, 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](http://www.evansvillempo.com).

### ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Bruce Ungethiem, William Hubiak, Doug Boom, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Wade Clements

Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Joe Kiefer II, Angela Koehler Lindsey

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, Matt Schriefer, Kari Akin, Vishu Lingala, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke, Erin Schriefer

Others Present:

Robert Howard, Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

*Jack Corn introduced and welcomed Doug Boom. Doug is now serving as the proxy for Russell Sights.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*William Hubiak made a motion for approval and Bruce Ungethiem seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Washington Avenue-2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Parrett Street Area: An additional public meeting was held on August 28, 2017. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A design exception regarding the sidewalks was approved. A supplemental agreement has been submitted to the county for right-of-way engineering, right-of-way services, and for design changes associated with phased construction.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Twenty-eight parcels have been cleared. A supplemental agreement was signed on August 22, 2017 for the design, permitting, environmental study, and three years of monitoring on the mitigation site.

#### **TOWN OF NEWBURGH**

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Stage 3 plans were submitted to INDOT.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

Bell Road, Highpoint Drive to Telephone Road: After addressing comments received, the updated draft environmental document was resubmitted to INDOT.

#### **INDOT**

SR 66 and Casey Road: Pavement design is complete.

#### **KYTC**

KY 2183-KY 1539: The Preliminary Line and Grade meeting was held August 31, 2017.

US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge: A right-of-way informational meeting is planned for mid-October.

#### **I-69**

Section 6: INDOT will host three public meetings to discuss the refinements to the preferred route of SR 37. The meeting times and locations include:

- Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray Street, Martinsville, 46151 on Tuesday, September 12, 2017
- Perry Meridian High School, 401 W. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis 46217 on Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road in Greenwood 46143 on Thursday, September 14, 2017

*The MPO also has copies of the Ohio River Crossing Screening Report for those interested in viewing it.*

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

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment – presented by Kari Akin**

The Evansville MPO seeks approval to amend the FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include a new State Planning and Research (SPR) traffic count contract.

The Evansville MPO has received an agreement with INDOT to conduct approximately 539 traffic counts in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties beginning July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. INDOT will pay the EMPO \$200 per count taken. A buffer of 13% has been added into the agreement for recounts.

This amendment will add this project, plus three years of funding, to Task 600 Special Studies – “INDOT 4-county Traffic Count Program” for a total of \$124,000, with \$99,200 Federal SPR funds and \$24,800 in INDOT State funds. No local match is needed from LPAs for the EMPO to perform this work for INDOT.

*Rusty Fowler made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **B. FY 2018 Budget Amendment – presented by Kari Akin**

The Evansville MPO seeks approval to amend the current FY 2018 budget to include the revenues and expenses reflected in two FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) amendments.

The first UPWP amendment was approved on July 6, 2017 to add FY 2018 funding for the Alta Planning + Design Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan Technical Assistance. This amendment added \$18,000 to the Special Projects Federal Funds account 18-4521 and \$4,500 to Local Match account 18-4541. A total of \$22,500 will be added on the expense side to account 18-7534 to pay Alta Planning + Design.

The second UPWP amendment was brought to the Policy Committee for approval on September 7, 2017. This amendment adds \$27,200 in Federal SPR funds to account 18-4520 and \$6,800 in State funds to account 18-4540. A total of \$34,000 will be added on the expense side to account 18-9830 to purchase equipment. The total UPWP amendment was for \$124,000 over a three-year period; only the amount estimated for FY 2018 is being added to the budget. The agreement requires the EMPO to have specialized equipment to conduct the traffic counts. MioVision camera units cost \$4,000 each and several are needed to carry out this agreement. In addition, the 2009 Ford Escape has exceeded its useful life and needs pricy repairs to correct major safety issues with the ABS braking system and will be replaced.

*Christy Powell made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **C. FY 2017 Annual Performance and Expenditures Completion Report – presented by Kari Akin**

The Annual Unified Planning Work Program Performance and Expenditures Completion Report for FY 2017 presents a summary of the activities and products completed by the Evansville MPO during FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). Described in the report is the progress attained in completing each of the work elements contained in the approved FY 2017 & FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program. This report is submitted to FHWA by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Each work element includes a purpose, finished projects, and funds expended. The document also includes budget and expenditure summary tables for each funding source. Various tasks completed in FY 2017 include:

- 564 traffic counts and railroad crossings
- 81 turning movements
- 42 TIP amendments and 13 TIP modifications
- 5 Traffic Impact Studies
- 8 right-of-way vacations
- 40 rezoning petitions

- 10 site development review and petitions
- 52 subdivision review
- 5 sidewalk waivers
- 47 specific transportation facility review
- Work on various plans and corridor studies

The Annual Performance and Expenditures Completion Report is available on the MPO website at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com) under the “Publications and Links” and “Finance” tabs.

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

#### **D. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment – presented by Craig Luebke**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public review and comment period was publicized from August 23, 2017 to September 6, 2017.

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

Item# 02-9008: US 41: Intersection with KY 2097. Preliminary design and study to determine low cost improvements at this and various other locations in KYTC District 2. Project also includes for additional District 2 intersections outside the MPO Planning Area. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2018. PE costs of \$150,000 will be funded with 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and a soft match provided by Kentucky Toll Credits.

*Wade Clements made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **E. FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke**

Administrative modifications to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were processed on August 10, 2017 and August 29, 2017.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following modification:

Des# 1700832: I-69: Various Locations (Grouped Project: Bridge culvert and small structure preservation): Bridge thin deck overlay projects at various locations along existing I-69 in Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. Contract also includes Des# 1700937, a bridge thin deck overlay on SR 57 over Schlensker Ditch, 0.44 mi. N of US 41. Grouped project includes Des#s 1700859, 1700878, 1700880, 1700882, 1700884, 1700886, 1700888, 1700890, 1700892-93, 1700898, 1700908-14, 1700916, 1700918-20, 1700922, 1700924, 1700927, 1700930, and 1700932. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2018 and Construction (CN) in FY 2019. PE costs of \$2,173,000 will be funded with \$1,901,000 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, \$49,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and \$223,000 State match. CN costs of \$8,248,000 will be funded with \$7,240,000 in federal NHPP funds, \$163,000 in federal STP funds and \$845,000 State match (federal/state funding split will be 90/10 on interstates and 80/20 on state routes).

The City of Henderson requested the following modifications:

Item# TBD: North Green River Road: From Bend Gate Road to Osage Drive, sidewalk construction project: Add PE funding in fiscal year 2018. Total FY 2018 PE costs of \$87,500 to be funded with \$70,000 in federal TAP funds (80%) and \$17,500 (20%) local match.

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

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval of Bills**

*Christy Powell made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.