



## EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 318  
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building  
Evansville, Indiana

February 2, 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:

Angie Higgins, Thomas Witt, Shawn Will, Shawn Hayden, Jeff Whitaker, Nick Hall, Carol Hagedorn, Cinda Phillips, Dan Farvardin, Susan Weber

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Brent Schmitt directed the meeting.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS – CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

*Brent Schmitt made a motion to nominate John Stoll as Chairman; Angie Higgins seconded the motion; motion carried.*

*Brent Schmitt made a motion to nominate Ron London as Vice Chairman; Shawn Will seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Angie Higgins 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: The CE-4 document was revised to address comments received and the document was resubmitted to INDOT on January 30, 2017.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: The contractor has mobilized and begun sign replacement.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Work on the environmental document is proceeding.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

Lincoln Avenue: A preconstruction meeting was held on January 12, 2017.

Oak Grove Road – Phase 3: Right-of-way activities are continuing with 42 properties secured; pavement design was submitted to INDOT on December 14, 2016.

Warrick Trails SRTS: The consultant contract has been executed.

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

### **B. ITS Architecture – presented by Vishu Lingala**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of an amendment to the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture. The Architecture was amended with the cooperation of regional ITS Stakeholders to meet federal requirements and serve as a planning tool for future ITS projects.

A regional architecture is required for areas implementing ITS projects in order for those projects to receive federal funding. INDOT's Fix for 41 from I-69 in Vanderburgh County to the Ohio River Bridges is such a project. This project will be eligible for funding pending the Architecture's final approval.

*Angie Higgins made a motion for approval and Thomas Witt seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FY 2016-2019 TIP Administrative Modifications – presented by Craig Luebke**

Administrative modifications to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were processed on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The changes include:

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

Des# 1592407: US 41: From I-69 to I-64, Planning/Feasibility/Corridor Study Project. Revise project cost for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2017. PE costs of \$285,000 are programmed with 80% federal STP funds (\$228,000) and 20% state match (\$57,000).

Warrick County requested the following modification:

Des# 0500641: Oak Grove Road, Section 3: Bell Road to SR 261. Road widening project. Revise Right-of-Way (ROW) estimate and funding. Fiscal year 2017 ROW costs of \$1,045,000 are programmed with \$836,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, and \$209,000 local funds.

The City of Evansville requested the following modification:

Des# 1383064: Covert Avenue: US 41 to I-69. Revise Right-of-Way (ROW) schedule. Fiscal year 2018 ROW costs of \$700,000 are programmed with \$300,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and \$400,000 local funds.

The Town of Newburgh requested the following modification:

Des# 0710850: Rivertown Trail Ph. 3A: Trail construction from Yorkshire Drive to Pollack Ave/Old SR 662W. Revise CN schedule. CN costs of \$980,000 in fiscal year 2018 are programmed with \$601,000 in federal TAP funds, and \$379,000 local funds.

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

## **B. MPO FY 2017 FTA Section 5310 (FFY15-17) Grant Application – presented by Matt Schriefer**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval to electronically submit the METS FY 2017 Program of Projects for FTA Section 5310 (FFY15-17) funds. These funds will be used for two non-profit vehicle acquisitions and MPO administration of the Section 5310 program. The total amount being requested is \$96,083. Approval designates MPO staff to apply for 5310 funding.

FTA Section 5310 funds will be used to purchase a low-floor minivan for The Arc of Evansville and a large transit vehicle for Easterseals Rehabilitation Center. The federal share of funding is a maximum of 80% for vehicle purchase. Section 5310 planning funds will be used for FY 2018 administration of the Section 5310 program. These funds are 100% federal share.

The MPO announced the call for projects for Section 5310 funds on August 19, 2016. Four applications were received and approved by the MPO Policy Committee on December 1, 2016. In addition to The Arc of Evansville and Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, METS and HART were also approved for Section 5310 funding. Approval for their applications will come before the Policy Committee in a later meeting.

A Public Notice of this application was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press and Henderson Gleaner on December 22, 2016. The Notice included public notification of the Public Hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee Meetings on January 5, 2017. It also provided a summary of the application, the location of hard copies of the Program of Projects for review and contact information for the MPO for public comments and questions. There were no public comments or questions during the review period or at the Public Hearing.

*Carol Hagedorn made a motion for approval and Nick Hall seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **C. METS FY 2017 FTA Section 5339 (FFY15) and CMAQ (FFY 16-17) Grant Application – presented by Matt Schriefer**

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval to electronically submit the METS FY 2017 Program of Projects for FTA Section 5339 (FFY15) and CMAQ (FFY16-17) funds. The total amount being requested is \$2,214,077. Approval designates MPO staff to submit for Section 5339 and CMAQ funding on behalf of METS.

FTA Section 5339 and CMAQ funds will be used to purchase five fixed route transit buses and operating assistance for Sunday Service and Lynch/Walnut Evening Service for 2017. The federal share of funding is 80% for the purchase of new buses, 80% for operation of new Sunday Service and 50% for operation expanded Lynch/Walnut Service.

A Public Notice of the application for Section 5339 and CMAQ funding was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press on December 22, 2016. The Notice included public notification of the Public Hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee Meetings on January 5, 2017. It also provided a summary of the application, the location of hard copies of the Program of Projects for review and contact information for the MPO for public comments and questions. There were no public comments or questions during the review period or at the Public Hearing. At a Board of Public Works meeting on January 12, 2017, the Board authorized by resolution the submittal of the grant application.

*Angie Higgins made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### **D. National Highway System (NHS) Revisions – presented by Vishu Lingala**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has requested the Evansville MPO to review and approve the proposed revisions to the NHS within the Indiana portion of the MPA. The MPO consulted with INDOT and reviewed FHWA’s primary and secondary criteria for the NHS network to make necessary changes. Edits include:

Street	From	To	County	Comments
SR 57	Boonville-New Harmony Rd	I-69	Vanderburgh	Add
SR 66 (Diamond Ave)	SR 65	US 41	Vanderburgh	Remove
SR 62 (Morgan Ave)	US 41	I-69	Vanderburgh	Remove
St Joseph Ave	SR 66 (Diamond Ave)	SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway)	Vanderburgh	Remove
Ohio St	St Joseph Ave	Fulton Ave	Vanderburgh	Remove
Riverside Dr/Veterans Memorial Parkway	Lloyd Expressway	I-69	Vanderburgh	Remove

Maps that show these changes have been sent to the engineer’s office in the City of Evansville and Warrick and Vanderburgh counties.

The proposed NHS network can be viewed at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com)

*This item was informational and did not require a committee action. Action will be taken at the March meeting.*

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

Seyed Shokouhzadeh informed the Technical Committee that the day before (Wednesday, February 1) the MPO was visited by FHWA Indiana and Kentucky Divisions and FTA for Certification Review. The Certification Review assessed compliance with Federal regulations pertaining to the transportation planning process conducted by the Evansville MPO, INDOT, KYTC, public transit operators (METS, HART, WATS), and local units of government in the Evansville region. He also informed the Technical Committee that a Preliminary Finding was going to be presented by the FHWA Indiana Division that afternoon at 4:00 pm in Room 301 and everyone was welcome to attend.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Angie Higgins thanked Matt Schriefer and the MPO for working with Easterseals Rehabilitation Center on the purchase of the bus they recently received.

Cinda Phillips from The Arc of Evansville also thanked Matt Schriefer and the MPO for working with them on the purchase of their new minivan they received a few weeks ago.

Meeting adjourned.