



EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana

June 1, 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:

Jason Orange, Nick Hall, Carol Hagedorn, Jeff Whitaker, Bill Harty, Rick Wilson, Shawn Will, Joseph Weller, Chris Gentry, Valerie Cockrum, Doug Boom

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Seyed Shokouhzadeh directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joseph Weller made a motion for approval and Carol Hagedorn seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Right-of-way engineering is underway. The Public Hearing is planned for late June.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Offers made for 36 of the 37 parcels; 19 offers accepted.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: The paving work on Phase 4 is complete.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Eighteen parcels have been cleared.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, High Pointe Drive to Telephone Road: The Preliminary Field Check was held on May 17, 2017.

INDOT

SR 66 and Casey Road: The District held a Preliminary Field Check for the project.

KYTC

KY 2183 – KY 1539: Anticipate a design team meeting to be held in June.

US Highway 41& KY 812/Airline Road: A joint inspection meeting is scheduled for June 6th after which the project will move into the right-of-way phase.

US Highway 60 Spottsville Bridge: Right-of-way plans have been submitted. Appraisals are underway.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

Informational:

The Evansville MPO has completed a draft of the 2018-2021 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. The Plan identifies the transit needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Henderson counties.

Comment Period and Open House:

The MPO has a 30-day public comment period that began May 24 and runs through June 23. The Coordinated Plan is available for public review at the MPO office, METS office, HART office, Henderson City Hall, Newburgh Town Hall, and Boonville City Hall. It is also available online at www.evansvillempo.com. Comments can be sent to Matt Schriefer at the MPO via email, mail, phone, or fax.

An Open House will also be held to gather public input about the draft Coordinated Plan. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, June 13 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at the Evansville Central Library, Browning Room B (200 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Evansville).

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

B. Draft Transit Asset Management Targets – presented by Matt Schriefer

Informational:

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.

The MPO is working with METS, HART, WATS, and area non-profits that receive FTA funds to develop TAM Performance Measures and Targets. MPOs are required to establish TAM Targets by July 1, 2017. The MPO will work with each agency to develop a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, which is required to be completed by October 2018.

For more information about Transit Asset Management guidelines, visit <http://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM>.

2017 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets:

Below are draft TAM Targets for 2017 that the MPO has developed in cooperation with regional transit agencies and non-profits. The MPO is asking the Technical and Policy Committees to review these Targets. Pending and additional feedback from the agencies, a final version of the TAM Targets will be an agenda item for the July Technical and Policy committee meetings. TAM Targets will be updated at the beginning of each calendar year.

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

This item was informational and did not require a committee action

C. FY 2016-2019 & 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to both the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2018-2021 TIP. A public review and comment period was publicized from May 19 to May 31.

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

Des# 1601718: SR 62, over Pigeon Creek/CSX Railroad, 2.45 mi. W of US 41: Bridge rehabilitation or repair. Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2018. CN costs of \$1,938,000 will be funded with 80% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1400191: SR 68, US 41, bridge rehabilitation/repair on US 41 over Pigeon Creek, 0.37 mi. N of SR 66, and on SR 68 over Upper Pigeon Creek, 1.87 mi. E of SR 161: (Includes Des# 1500335). Add project for right-of-way (RW) FY 2018. RW costs of \$15,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% State match.

Jason Orange made a motion for approval and Bill Harty seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. INDOT Project Call: Requests, Comments and Discussion – presented by Valerie Cockrum, INDOT

Valerie Cockrum, the Technical Services Director for the INDOT Vincennes District, followed up on her previous month's presentation on how a project becomes a project. She provided an opportunity for the public to voice projects that they would like to see happen on state routes. She also reminded everyone that it does take time for projects to work through development phases to actually become a project.

Bill Harty commented that the Lloyd Expressway needs to have the speed limit raised by 10 mph. He also mentioned the Lloyd on the west side, especially the intersections at Rosenberger Avenue and Red Bank Road. He stated that when there are accidents on the Lloyd, the whole west side road network gets clogged. He thinks the State needs to make plans to open the Lloyd up to three lanes because there are no good local alternatives.

Valerie Cockrum reminded everyone that INDOT and the MPO are collaborating on two corridor studies; one study will focus on the Lloyd Expressway and the consultants will be looking at the intersections that Bill Harty mentioned.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Whitaker offered his congratulations to the MPO, staff and their coordinating agencies for the positive report received from the Certification Review in May from Antonio Johnson with the Indiana Division of FHWA.

Meeting adjourned.