



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

October 6, 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:

Bill Harty, Shawn Will, John Petkovsek, Nick Hall, Jason Orange, Carol Hagedorn, Brent Schmitt, Ron London, Melissa Voegel, Shane Spears, Doug Boom, Brian Aldridge

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Brent Schmitt directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melissa Voegel made a motion for approval and Ron London seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: The environmental document has been approved.

Washington Avenue-2nd Street-Parrett Street Area: The final Section 4(f) document has been submitted to FHWA.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage:

- Hi Rail Corridor: A draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) document has been submitted for review and comment.
- Mid Levee Connection: A preliminary field check was held on September 23, 2016.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: The project was let for bid on October 5, 2016.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Maryland Street Bridge over Pigeon Creek: The bridge was opened to traffic on September 14, 2016.

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A preliminary field check was held on September 8, 2016.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Phase 2, between Shoreham Drive and Pebble Stone Drive, was opened to traffic on September 26, 2016. Phase 3 construction, between Pebble Stone Drive and Oak Hill Road, is underway.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Right-of-way activities are ongoing.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Sign Replacement: Project is on the November 16, 2016 letting.

WARRICK COUNTY

Lincoln Avenue-Phase 3: American Structurepoint has been awarded the CE contract. Project is on the November 16, 2016 letting.

INDOT

US Highway 41, I-69 to Boonville-New Harmony Road: Paving is complete from Virginia Street south to I-69. The outside lanes from Lynch Road to Virginia Street will be completed this week and the contractor will go to nighttime operations starting next week to complete patching in the center lane. Ramps at Diamond Avenue are complete. The section from Lynch Road north will be completed next construction season.

SR 61 Connector, Boonville-Phase 2: Bridge work is nearly complete. The contractor is laying asphalt and preparing to pour curb from the roundabout to Millersburg Road south to the bridge and is installing structures from Millersburg Road north to Boonville-New Harmony Road. Utility relocations are nearing completion.

KYTC

US 60, KY 425/Henderson Bypass to Waverly: Henderson Community College to KY 425: The project is scheduled for letting in November 2016.

US Highway 41 and KY 812/Airline Road: Final design has started.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Indiana: INDOT hosted open house meetings on August 15th and 16th in Indianapolis and Martinsville. INDOT real estate and Section 6 staff were available to provide information on the project.

I-69 Ohio River Crossing: Five Letters of Interest were received and the first round of a two round scoring process is complete. Four firms have been short listed for further evaluation. Final selection is expected the week of November 7th.

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

B. Call for Projects for FY 2019 and later- presented by Erin Schriefe

On July 19, 2016, the Evansville MPO announced a Call for Projects for funding for Fiscal Year 2019 and later. Six applications for proposed projects were received and reviewed using the adopted Evansville MPO prioritization process. The federal participation level for these projects is 80% with a 20% local match. The approval of these projects designates them for MPO funding. The next step following approval will be scheduling scoping meetings to begin work on details.

The proposed projects include:

Indiana Projects:		
Sponsor	Project	Federal funding requested
City of Evansville	3 rd Street Complete Street	\$9,216,000
Reconstruction project on 3 rd Street between Court Street and Parrett Street, including complete reconstruction of the roadway, installation of green infrastructure, construction of a protected bike facility on one side of the corridor and replacement and upgrades to pedestrian facilities.		
City of Evansville (METS)	Purchase of Diesel Transit Buses	\$800,000
Purchase of diesel transit buses to replace vehicles that are beyond their useful life.		
City of Evansville (METS)	Purchase of Paratransit Buses	\$296,000
Purchase of paratransit buses to replace vehicles that are beyond their useful life.		
City of Evansville	Retroreflectivity Sign Upgrade	\$828,800
Replacement of regulatory signs with posts and attached signs that do not meet the minimum retroreflectivity standards in zip code areas 47712 and northern 47715.		

Kentucky Projects:		
Project	Sponsor	Federal funding requested
City of Henderson	Watson Lane Upgrade	\$3,953,600
Upgrade of pavement on Watson Lane between Brinson Avenue and US 60 E, installation of curb and gutter with sidewalks, installation of bicycle facilities as recommended in the Greater Henderson Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.		
City of Henderson	North Elm Street Upgrade	\$4,758,560
Upgrade of pavement on North Elm Street between HI-Y Drive and Watson Lane, installation of curb and gutter with sidewalk, installation of bicycle facilities as recommended in the Greater Henderson Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.		

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Bill Harty seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Grouped Project (2) – Pavement Preservation

Des# 1601137: Various Routes: Various locations throughout the Vincennes District, District Pavement Project, Patch and Rehab Pavement. Add project for construction (CN) in FY 2017. CN costs of \$1,000,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP and 20% state match. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2017. PE costs of \$60,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and 20% state match.

Des# 1592580: SR 68: From 0.13 miles E of SR 57 to 0.02 miles W of SR 61, District Pavement Project, HMA Overlay, PM. Add project for CN in FY 2017. CN costs of \$2,957,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and 20% state match.

Grouped Project – Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation

Des# 1601705: Various routes: Various locations throughout the Vincennes District, District Bridge Project Rehabilitation, Bridge Maintenance and Repair. Add project for CN in FY 2017. CN costs of \$1,000,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and 20% state match. Add project for PE in FY 2017. PE costs of \$60,000 will be funded with 80% federal STP funds and 20% state match.

Additional Administrative Modification

Des# 1298522: I-69: From US 41 intersection to 2.3 miles E of US 41 intersection, District Pavement Project, HMA Overlay, Structural. Move FY 2018 CN phase (\$3,385,000) to FY 2017 and increase to \$3,510,000. CN costs of \$3,510,000 will be funded with 90% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and 10% state match.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Harty commented on the overall traffic flow on the west side of Evansville, noting that the Rosenberger Avenue and Lloyd Expressway intersection has seen more traffic because of the new St. Mary's Westside Crossing. He also noted that because of an accident on the Lloyd Expressway a week or so ago, side streets experienced gridlock.

Meeting adjourned.