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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 2, 2014

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Gina Boaz, Melissa Voegel, Nick Hall, Brent Schmitt, Denise Johnson, Doug Boom, Thomas Witt, Tracee Matthews, Shawn Will, John Stoll, Howard Loxhoj, Shane Spears (via teleconference)

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stoll: The first item on the agenda is approval of minutes from the last meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Ms. Johnson.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

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Covert Avenue Road Diet

Ms. Lamb: The BPW approved the preliminary engineering contract with the consultant on September 25th and it has been sent to INDOT for processing.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet

Ms. Lamb: INDOT has issued authorization to proceed with the preliminary engineering contract.

Washington Avenue-Second Street-Parrett Street Area

Ms. Lamb: A kickoff meeting was held September 23rd with all interested city departments to discuss the scope of services.

Tekoppel Safe Routes to School

Ms. Lamb: At the last quarterly tracking meeting in August, all parties agreed that the project letting date would move from March 4th to February 4, 2015.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Green River Road Widening: Millersburg Road to Kansas Road

Ms. Lamb: The project is 24% complete with the contractor working on storm sewers and fill for the new roadbed.

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek

Ms. Lamb: The project was posted for bids again starting September 26th and the bids will be opened on October 4th.

Mr. Stoll: The bids for the Maryland St. Bridge will be opened the 14th, not the 4th which is a Saturday.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Safe Routes to School

Ms. Lamb: A preconstruction meeting was held September 3^{rd} and construction was expected to begin September 29^{th} .

Newburgh Rivertown Trail

Ms. Lamb: Property appraisals are expected this month.

Newburgh Sign Replacement

Ms. Lamb: INDOT has approved the scoring of the RFP and negotiations have begun with Beam, Longest & Neff.

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WARRICK COUNTY

Oak Grove Road, Section 1 (County line at I-164 to Libbert Road)

Ms. Lamb: This project was scheduled to open to traffic on or before Friday, September 26th.

Bridge 371 (Old Highway 66 over Little Pigeon Creek

Ms. Lamb: This project is now complete.

INDOT

US 41 – Lloyd Expressway Interchange

Ms. Lamb: This project was let for construction to Ragle, Inc. of Newburgh for a low bid of \$19,182,806.14. The engineer's estimate was \$21,010,000. That's all the updates that I have.

Mr. Stoll: Does anyone have any questions for Laura? (None.) Thanks Laura.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2013-2016 TIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. Luebke: These modifications were processed on September 11th and these are for information only and no motion or action is needed.

No Des#: The UPWP was revised to reflect a minor change to the METS Comprehensive Operational Analysis, a small adjustment from \$1,000,000 to \$1,015,000 for some additional work there. That project is funded 80% with STP funds and a 20% local match.

Item# 02-2087: The second request was by KYTC which Audubon Parkway for pavement preventative maintenance from the Pennyrile Parkway to just east of Eutopia Road. Add grouped project on the grouped projects list for construction in FY 2015 and that project is \$12,400,000 and that is going to be 100% NHS funded with a match of Kentucky toll credit.

Mr. Stoll: Any questions? (None.)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stoll: Are there any public comments?

Ms. Drach: We've got the pavement management van. The van is going to be parked out front and available to tour after the meeting. We will let Howard from TransMAP talk a little bit about what he is here for.

Mr. Loxhoj: My name is Howard Loxhoj. I'm the president and CEO of TransMAP. We are working with the MPO to collect a bunch of data here in the region in the counties and the cities, so we've got this van with some cameras and some lasers and some pavement scanners on it and we are driving every road in both directions. We will collect a whole mass of data and we take it back to the office and process it

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and we measure all the cracks and we pull out all the information that is in the data and we deliver it back in GIS data and reports and analysis in a software program called MicroPaver that helps us determine the best places to put funding and do any preventative maintenance versus looking at scenarios and authorizations and budgets and all that kind of stuff. So the van is here and our crew is here. We enjoy Evansville. It is a nice place to be. Good weather. We are enjoying it so far. We will be here probably for a month and a half to two months, something like that.

Mr. Stoll: Any questions?

Mr. Witt: Are you looking at all the road plans for that area or just the city roads or all the roads including the county and state roads?

Mr. Loxhoj: All roads except State and Private. We are driving anything that is not gravel but obviously if there is no pavement, we won't measure the grass.

Mr. Boom: Will you be evaluating the pavement?

Mr. Loxhoj: Yes, we have sensors that measures certain things like rutting and IRI which measures texture and then we actually have software that measures cracks and puts it into Micropaver. Micropaver is an American Public Works Association, Corps of Engineers product that says, when you are in this region, this is how pavement deteriorates when it has these cracks and it gives you a score from zero to 100 with 100 being perfect and zero being failed. And it helps you prioritize and track where things are. It will also do a forward projection, say, in five years if you pave this, this is what you will have. So it's a real good tool for budgeting and network analysis.

Ms. Matthews: Will you be collecting any curb or sidewalk information?

Mr. Loxhoj: We are collecting curb and sidewalk data and signage and in some areas like drainage inlets. Everything is in the database. All that needs to be done is pulled out. If there are additional things down the road like we did this whole project in Tampa and nobody wanted fire hydrants and a year later they came back to us and asked if they could get fire hydrants. All that data is there. You just have to extract that portion of it and put it in. So that's the neat thing. About 60 feet in from the centerline of the road on both sides, we have a full 360 degree coverage. So you can really get a lot of data. And you guys will get all the visual imagery data similar to Google Street View and you know when it was taken and it's a lot higher resolution.

Mr. Stoll: Thanks for the information. Is there anything else? (None.)

Meeting adjourned.