



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

January 11, 2018

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 (voting):

Jack Corn, Michael Lockard, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Wade Clements

Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Todd Robertson, Bruce Ungethiem, 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, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke, Erin Schriefer

Others Present:

Don Gibbs, Nick Stallings, Kevin McClearn, Bobby Howard

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: The final CE document was submitted January 5, 2018.

Walnut Street: The project extends from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Vann Ave. and includes the construction of a multi-use path along the north side of the corridor, green infrastructure facilities, major rehabilitation of the pavement and the reallocation of existing roadway width to improve safety and capacity. The Request for Proposals for the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases is posted with a response due date of January 24, 2018.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Thirty-four parcels have been secured. The construction in section contract has been executed.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:

- Hi Rail Corridor: The construction inspection contract has been executed.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Fifty parcels are secured.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, Highpoint Drive to Telephone Road: The environmental document received approval and a request for funds for right-of-way activities was submitted to INDOT for processing.

KYTC

US Highway 60, Spottsville Bridge: The project has moved into the right-of-way and utility coordination phases of development.

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

B. 2018 Safety Target Setting Recommendation – presented by Laura Lamb

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The measures are number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets to each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. This has been done by both INDOT and KYTC. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas by February 27, 2018. At the December 7, 2017 meeting, the EMPO staff recommended the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both state DOTs. The EMPO accepted comments through January 3, 2018 on this recommendation. No comments were received; therefore, the MPO seeks approval of adopting and supporting the statewide targets for both DOTs.

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

C. Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

A draft of the *Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan* update was made available for public comment from November 27, 2017 through December 27, 2017. A public notice was posted in the Evansville Courier & Press and the Henderson Gleaner regarding the public comment period. The draft was also presented to the Technical and Policy Committees at the December meetings.

The Plan identifies the actions of the MPO to ensure that the organization conducts all programs, policies and activities without regard to race, color or national origin. The Plan also identifies the procedures for filing a complaint in the case an individual feels they have been subjected to discrimination due to the actions of the MPO. This update adds required information that has been updated through new Federal regulations and updated demographic data and maps.

During the public comment period, the MPO received suggestions from the KYTC Office for Civil Rights & Small Business Development. These suggestions included additional information in a few sections of the plan for clarification. The MPO has updated the plan to reflect these suggestions. No other comments were received.

Michael Lockard made a motion for approval and Wade Clements seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Title VI Goals & Accomplishments Report – presented by Matt Schriefer

At the beginning of each year, the Evansville MPO develops a list of Title VI accomplishments from the prior year and Title VI goals for the upcoming year. These goals and accomplishments include completed and upcoming trainings and workshops, updates to the Title VI documents and surveys, and the total number of Title VI complaints from the previous year.

The complete list forms the annual Title VI Goals & Accomplishments Report. The 2018 report will be added to the appendices of the *Title VI Implementation Plan & Limited English Proficiency Plan*.

Russell Sights made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Draft Section 5310 Program Management Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO has completed a draft of an update to the *Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Management Plan* (PMP). The PMP identifies the policies and procedures the MPO follows to administer the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program. It also identifies the requirements the subrecipients must follow in order to be eligible for Section 5310 funding.

A 30-day public comment period for the draft Section 5310 Program Management Plan began January 2, 2018 and runs through February 1, 2018. The PMP is available for public review at the MPO office and online at www.evansvillempo.com. Comments can be sent to:

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A request for adoption of the updated *Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Management Plan* will be requested at the February 8th Technical and Policy Committee meetings.

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

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

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public review and comment period was publicized from December 27, 2017 to January 10, 2018.

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

No Item#: Grouped Projects: Expand Kentucky grouped projects listing to include bridge maintenance projects. Illustrative costs of \$100,000 each TIP fiscal year will be listed for such projects. Individual projects from grouped project categories may be incorporated into the TIP by Administrative Modification as they are defined (in terms of project description, scope, and cost) and approved. Revise Kentucky grouped projects list (Table 10) to include bridge maintenance activities.

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

Des# 1702658: US 41: Inspection of Ohio River Bridge, northbound and southbound Vietnam Gold Star Bridge, state bridge inspection. Project also includes Des# 1702659. Add project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in fiscal year 2021 at a cost of \$150,000. PE costs will be funded with \$120,000 in federal NHPP funds and a \$30,000 State match.

The City of Evansville requested the following amendment:

Des# 1700400: Walnut Street: Road diet reconstruction and multimodal corridor from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Vann Avenue. Add project for PE in fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and Construction (CN) in fiscal year 2021. PE costs of \$500,000 in FY 2018 will be funded with \$400,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and a \$100,000 local match. FY 2019 PE costs of \$800,000 will be funded with \$640,000 in federal STP-U/CMAQ funds and a \$160,000 local match. CN costs of \$7,607,000 will be funded with \$6,085,000 in federal STP-U/CMAQ funds and a \$1,521,000 local match.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Russell Sights seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn reminded board members that officers will be elected at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned.