



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

April 11, 2019

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, Jr., Marianne Cox, Brent Schmitt, Angela Koehler Lindsey, Dan Saylor, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler

Members Absent (voting):

Dr. H. Dan Adams, Jeff Hatfield, Michael Lockard, William “Bill” Hubiak, William “Buzzy” Newman, Deneatra Henderson

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Robert Dirks, Krishina Green, Thomas L. Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, Amanda Spencer, Melissa Duff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Erin Schriefer, Matt Schriefer, Laura Lamb, Amir Varshochi, Xinbo Mi, Kari Akin

Others Present:

Steve Sherwood, Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Angela Koehler Lindsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Federal funding has been authorized for the right-of-way acquisition.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: Final Tracings were submitted to INDOT for review and comment.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Columbia-Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: A constructability review was completed by INDOT, the consultant and the county on April 5, 2019. The revisions requested as a result of that review have been resubmitted to INDOT.

Green River Road – Kansas Rd to Boonville New Harmony Rd: The gas main relocation and the electric relocations are finished. WOW and AT&T relocations are continuing. The contractor has started on the ditch work.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road – Highpoint Dr to Telephone Rd: Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing with 51 of 67 parcels secured.

Oak Grove Road: The corridor is expected to be open to traffic in October 2019.

CITY OF HENDERSON

Green River Road Sidewalk Extension – Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr: Integrated Engineering has been selected to perform the design work.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing: METS, HART and MPO 2019 Grant Applications – presented by Matt Schriefer

Public Notices of the METS, HART and MPO (for non-profits) grant applications for FTA funding was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press and Henderson Gleaner on March 27, 2019. The Notices provided an opportunity for the public to review, comment, ask questions, and be notified of the public hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee meetings on April 11, 2019 and at the City of Henderson Board of Commissioners meeting on April 9, 2019 for HART.

After this public hearing, the MPO will ask the City of Evansville's Board of Public Works for approval to submit the grant on behalf of METS and the City of Henderson's Board of Public Commissioners to submit the grant on behalf of HART.

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

b. FY 2018 EMPO Audit Report – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO FY 2018 Audit covering the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 is complete. Fourteen grants were administered in FY 2018 totaling \$965,087 in Federal expenditures. The required CFDA letters and copies of the

audit have been sent to the State pass-through agencies and the Federal direct agencies relating to these grants. Included in the report is the schedule of findings and questioned costs in which no matters were reportable.

Contact the MPO office with questions or to see the report.

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

c. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

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 for March 27, 2019 to April 10, 2019.

The Indiana Department of Transportation requested the following amendments:

Des# 1900554: Statewide HELPERS program performed by LTAP. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2020 at a total of \$1,156,000. PE costs will be funded with 90% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and a 10% State match. Cost to complete outside the TIP period is \$577,000.

Des# Various: Operating Assistance for SIDC (1802828 & 1802829): Add cost estimates in FY 2020 and 2021. Annual costs of \$3,585,000 are programmed with \$1,405,000 in FTA 5311 funding and a \$2,180,000 Local match.

Angela Koehler Lindsey made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification – presented by Pam Drach

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) requested the following modifications:

Des# 1802812: Operating Assistance: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$0 in FTA 5307, \$2,239,000 in PMTF, and \$3,161,000 in local match for a total of \$5,400,000.

Des# 1802811: Capital Assistance: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$1,823,000 in FTA 5307, \$205,000 in FTA 5339, and \$507,000 in local match for a total of \$2,535,000.

Des# 1802799: Fixed Route Bus Purchase: Revise the FY2019 funding to reflect \$22,000 in FTA 5307, \$242,000 in FTA 5339, and \$66,000 in local match for a total of \$330,000.

Des# 1802806: Paratransit Bus Purchase: Revise the FY 2019 funding to reflect \$183,000 in FTA 5310 and \$46,000 in local match for a total of \$229,000.

The City of Henderson requested the following modification:

ID# 02-713.00: Wathen Lane Bridge: Bridge Replacement project. Move Construction (CN) from FY 2018 to FY 2019 and revise the cost to the actual let amount of \$317,875.22. Costs will be 80% federal, a combination of SHN and TA funding, with a 20% local match.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dan Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seyed Shokouhzadeh announced that the University of Louisville is conducting a research study regarding automated vehicles and has prepared a survey to gather thoughts. The survey is available through April 30th and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kyav>.

Meeting adjourned.